

e-News

Sept 2025

Editor's Note

Dear PGNS members,

Welcome back to PGNS. Hope you had a great summer and are ready for another exciting season of competitions, webinars and field trips.

September is a busy month starting with the PGNS season opener at the Viewpoint Gallery on Sept 3rd (also available online). PGNS will host two webinars: Photographer of the Year Night/Post Processing Mini Seminar on Sept 13th and Still Life on Sept 15th. Two field trips have been organized: Outdoor Portraiture on Sept 6th at Sir Sandford Fleming Park and Macro on Sept 13th at the beautiful gardens of Laszlo and Maria Podor. An email will be sent out closer to these dates for more detailed information. We hope you can join us for these events.

There are many more webinars, workshops, and exhibits this month shown in the 'Events News'.

Additionally, the upload deadline for our first competition of the season, the CAPA Fall Round, is on Sept 21st, so start gathering your photos together. For more information on the CAPA competition check the website under 'COMPETITIONS'.

Until next month,

Kathy Gartner-Kepkay
PGNS Newsletter Editor





CAPA News

Where did the summer go? Hopefully you have been able to get out and do some photography before the wildfire smoke got too bad.

September 21 will be the PGNS upload Fall CAPA Interclub competition where we will be selecting images to go away to represent our club in 3 broad categories: a) Nature (enter images in the following subthemes- Insects, Reptiles & Amphibians; Landscape; General Nature; Wildlife) b) Nature – Botany c) traditional **Black & White** with the following subthemes (Candid Person(s); Natural Surroundings; Dramatic Contrast and Shadows; Nostalgia) and d) Fine Art (Abstract; Landscape; Creative Vision; Still Life).

CAPA – Fall Round Upload Deadline September 21, 2025

Nature: (Insects, Reptiles & Amphibians; Landscape; General Nature; Wildlife)

Nature Botany

Black & White: (Candid Person(s); Natural Surroundings; Dramatic Contrast & Shadows; Nostalgia)

Fine Art: (Abstract; Landscape; Creative Vision; Still Life)

Image evaluation: Sunday Oct 5, 7:30-9:00pm

1 image per category for a total of 4 images

New for this season! **Image titles for CAPA must be 32 characters or less.**

It is important to note that **CAPA's definitions and eligibility criteria can be different from PSA so please take note of the following differences.**

For all CAPA competition Categories:

The **minimum size** for Horizontal images is **exactly 1400 pixels wide.**

The **minimum size** for Vertical images is **exactly 1050 pixels high.**

Otherwise, the image **will not load on CAPA's upload page.**

CAPA requires that **all portions of the image must be captured by the maker**. This includes any textures or filters that you use for brushes. Artificial Intelligence renderings generated via text prompt may not be used in whole or part in the creation of a submitted image.

Use of AI features contained within a post processing application are permitted provided they meet the competition's editing criteria and do not contain any elements which were not captured by the entrant (e.g. element, texture, sky, etc.). Permitted AI features are limited to: clear, de-noise, masking, sharpening, subject selection, tone adjustments, and/or upsizing. AI sky replacement is permitted provided that the new sky was captured by the entrant. Stay tuned to the CAPA competition email which will give more details on categories and file requirements.

On September 20, we will have the first annual CAPA Photowalk, which will take place every year on the third Saturday of September. If you are not an individual member of CAPA yet, you will have to opportunity to join CAPA with a 20% discount.



To participate, please register at: <https://capacanada.link/2025-photo-walk>

Hope to see you there!

Joyce S. K. Chew
PGNS CAPA Club Rep



PSA News

Hello Everyone

Just like all of you I am asking the question about the last few months and how fast they flew by!

This summer has been a time for us all to think long and hard about the dryness and the wildfires that we have experienced. Being from the Valley I know only too well the hazards regarding allergies, and illness, caused from the smoke.

But here we are, about to embark on another PGNS season, with a full schedule of activities. We are a 'club member' of the Photographic Society of America (PSA Worldwide), and we participate in three rounds of club competitions with other clubs from around the globe. Three of the PGNS competitions listed are called Guild/PSA. In each of these you will be able to use Nature, Open Colour, Open Mono, PJ and Travel images. (The definition for each will be provided.) The images will be judged by outside judges and then the top 6 scoring images (from each section) will represent us as a club. We upload them to the PSA server along with hundreds of other clubs and then we wait to see how we fared in the INTERCLUB Competitions. The deadline for the first of the three Guild/PSA rounds will be October 19th. The images used in this round do not have to be new to the club but cannot have gone away to represent the club before. (Round 2 and Round 3 must be 'new' images, meaning they cannot have been used before in club competitions, other than in an essay.)

There will be more details sent out before the deadline, so don't panic....and if you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to any of us that have done this before. Watch for the October Newsletter and an email from me early in October with a graphic and details. If you have any questions regarding individual membership in PSA, let me know and I will be happy to assist you.



The Photographic Society of America's (PSA) International Annual Photo Festival offers you the opportunity to improve your photographic skills by participating in a myriad of activities. During Photo Festival, registrants participate in classes, workshops, instructional photo shoots and photo tours.

For more details:

<https://www.psnwa.org/ns/events/psa-photo-festival-2025/>

See you at the Season Opener on Wednesday, either in person or online.

Viki Gaul
PGNS PSA Club Rep

Events News

PGNS Events

Photographer of the Year

Laszlo Podor



Laszlo Will be Presenting:

Mini Seminar -

AI Rules for Competition Images

Masking in Lightroom and Photoshop

Sunday, September 7 · 7:30 – 9:00pm

Members only Page Webex



Photographic Guild of Nova Scotia

Fred & Edie Greene Speaker Series

Still Life Photography with Cindy Lynch

Monday, September 15, 2025 · 7:30 – 9 pm ADT



To register, click on the link:

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/still-life-photography-with-cindy-lynch-tickets-1481557902569>

PGNS FIELD TRIP OUTDOOR PORTRAITURE



When: Saturday, Sept 6 – 1:30-3:30

Where: Dingle Tower
260 Dingle Rd, Halifax

Leader: Mervyn Kumar-Misir

Recommendations:

- Polarizing Filter
- Portrait Lenses – e.g. 50 mm
- Tripod
- Fill Flash

PGNS Field Trip Waiver – Mandatory

See the Main Page of the PGNS site for a Link to the Form

PGNS SEASON OPENER

Wed. Sept 3rd – 2025

7:30 pm

“Guild Goodies”

Member Show and Tell*

“What I did last summer”!

In person at Viewpoint Gallery

(1475 Bedford Hwy, Bedford, NS B4A 3Z5)

And also on-line.



*Send up to 10 images showing us what you did this summer.

laszlopodor@hotmail.com – (see email dated Aug 26th)

ArtQuest Photo Workshops



October 22nd to 26th 2025
Step Into the Pulse of the City – Street Photography in Montreal

Join us in the heart of Montréal for The Art of Street Photography workshop – an immersive, hands-on experience designed to awaken your instincts, refine your timing, and deepen your connection with the world around you.

Montreal's vibrant streets, rich culture, and striking contrasts offer the perfect canvas for compelling street photography. From candid portraits to fleeting urban moments, we'll explore how to see with curiosity, shoot with purpose, and tell powerful stories through your lens.

This workshop goes beyond technique – it's about presence, trust, and the courage to engage with the city's rhythm.

If you're ready to elevate your street photography in one of the most photogenic cities in North America, we would love to have you with us.

Spots are limited. Montreal Unscripted: Moments in Motion



September 11 to 14, 2025
Join Us on Grand Manan Island! Discover the Magic of Seeing

Join us for The Photographer's Eye workshop on splendid Grand Manan Island, where nature, light, and creativity meet.

This immersive experience is designed to help you sharpen your visual awareness, deepen your creative intuition, and learn how to see as a photographer, beyond the technical aspects. Whether you're a seasoned artist or a passionate beginner, this workshop offers the space to slow down, observe with intention, and reconnect with your photographic voice.

With coastal landscapes, fishing villages, dramatic skies, and quiet solitude as our backdrop, Grand Manan offers the perfect setting to explore and refine your photographer's eye.

Spots are limited. Come for the views, leave with vision.

For information about workshops: artquest@rogers.com

ViewPoint Gallery Exhibit

ViewPoint Gallery Exhibition

ViewPoint Gallery
Presents
Silver Threads
25TH
ANNIVERSARY EXHIBITION
SEPTEMBER 4-28 / 2025
A celebratory collection by
our Gallery members and alumni.
Join us for the Opening Reception
Thursday September 4 6-8pm

VIEWPOINT
GALLERY
PHOTOGRAPHIC ART COOPERATIVE
1475 Bedford Highway, Bedford Thursday-Sunday Noon to 5pm

Silver Threads – A 25th Anniversary Exhibition

September 4 -28

Special opening:

Thursday, September 4, 6-8 pm

ViewPoint Gallery is turning 25 and will host a special exhibit featuring the work of past and current members. Silver Threads, A 25th Anniversary Exhibition will highlight the diversity, creativity, and vision that have defined us for a quarter-century. Join us in honouring our community and our commitment to photographic excellence.

CAPA Speaker Series



CAPA Speaker Series

Speaker: Chad Tobin

When: September 17, 2025, 8:00 pm ADT

Topic: Did You Just Take My Photo?
(Rethinking The Rules of Street Photography)



If you are an individual member of CAPA, you are invited to attend the free online presentation.

To access the link, go to the CAPA website <https://capacanada.ca>, log in and go to Member>Zoom Invitation

Maryland Photographic Alliance

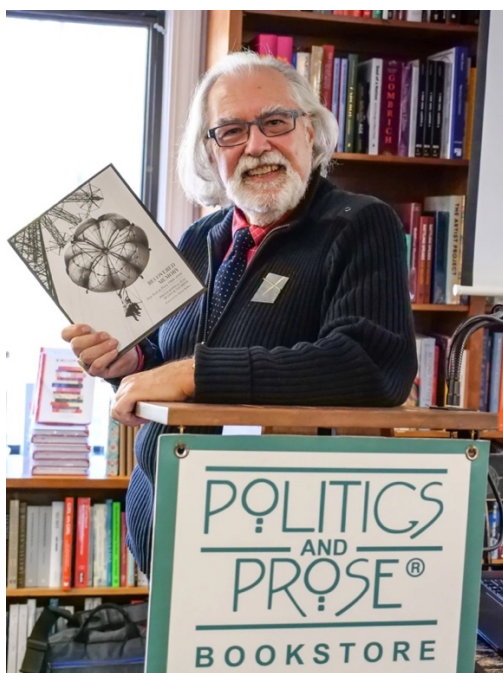


Photo Books A through Z

AND

**Improving Your Shooting
on the Street and in the Studio**

with Frank Van Riper

September 08, 2025

Frank Van Riper will discuss what it takes to produce a bestselling book and how anyone hoping to succeed in the field should be prepared to take on what amounts to a second full-time job. Frank will also share his decades of experience in documentary street photography and off camera lighting.

To register, click on the link:

<https://www.mdphotoalliance.org/frank-van-riper-artist-spotlight>

More events...



Layers, Selections, & Masking Made Simple

September 9, 2025, 5:00 PM ADT

Unlock the power of these core Photoshop tools for precision editing and control. We'll cover the 'why' of using layers; various ways to make selections easily; the advantages of layer masks and clipping masks.

To register, click on the link: [Webinar Registration - Zoom](#)



International Fototechnik Webinar

September 21, 2025 10:30 AM ADT



“Double Fisheye Stereo Images”

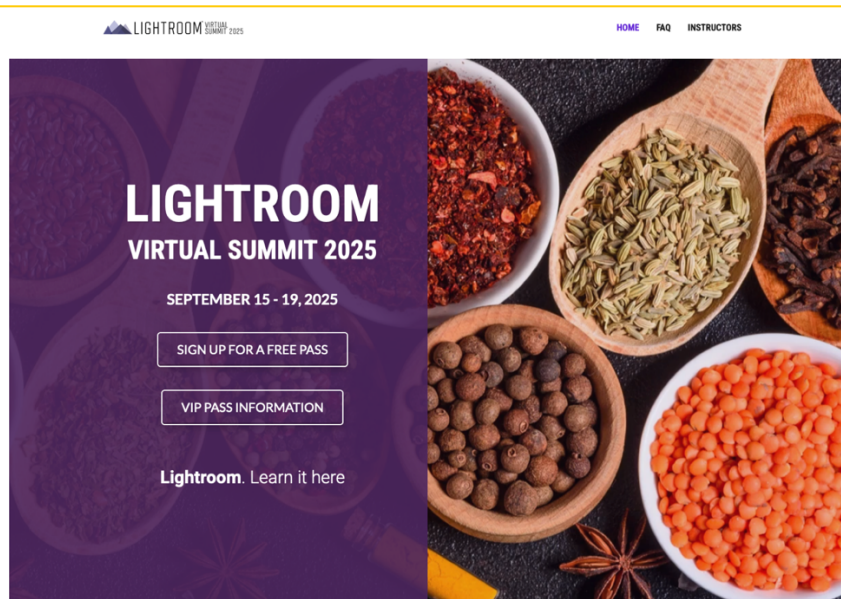
The Guest Speaker:

Dr. V.G. Mohanan Nair, APSA, QPSA, 4 Star in 3D, Hon FSoF
Assistant Web-Master PSA Digital Dialogue PSA
Assistant Country Membership Director for India.

Highlights of the Webinar:

1. 3D still photography using Canon Double Fisheye lens
2. Tips for Fisheye lens photography
3. Processing fisheye lens images and software
4. Presentation of images taken during East Asian tours

FREE REGISTRATION Click on the link: [Meeting Registration - Zoom](#)



<https://www.lightroomsummit.com>

Early bird pricing \$99USD for VIP pass ends 1pm Sept 15, 2025

Register at: <https://www.lightroomsummit.com>

Toronto

international contest of photography

132nd TORONTO INTERNATIONAL SALON of PHOTOGRAPHY

132nd International Salon Competition:

- Nature
- Pictorial Color
- Pictorial Mono
- Photojournalism
- Still Life
- Pets and Domestic Animals

Closing date is November 8, 2025!

For further information, please visit our salon page

<http://Salon.TorontoCameraClub.com>

Please, read Entry Rules! If you have any question or concern, do not hesitate to contact: Lily.Markovic@TorontoCameraClub.com

For more information: <http://Salon.TorontoCameraClub.com>

Guild Program for Sept: A Reminder

Wednesday, Sept 3rd 7:30 -9:00pm

Guild Season Opener: What we did over the summer. *

Mixed Meeting: Viewpoint Gallery and WebEx

Saturday, Sept 6th 1:30-3:00pm

Field Trip: Outdoor Portraiture at the Dingle Tower*

Leader: Mervyn Kumar-Misir

Sunday, Sept 7th 7:30-9:00pm

Webinar: Photographer of the Year: Post Processing *

Presenter: Laszlo Podor

Saturday, Sept 13th

Field Trip: MACRO at 57 Taylor Dr, Windsor Junction*

Leader: Laszlo Podor

Monday, Sept 15th 7:30-9:00pm

Webinar: STILL LIFE *

Presenter: Cindy Lynch

Saturday, Sept 20th

CAPA PHOTO WALK *

Sunday, Sept 21st 11:45pm

CAPA Fall Round Upload Deadline*

*Details to follow in an email closer to the event date and the PGNS website

I told a joke on a Zoom meeting
and nobody laughed.
Turns out I'm not remotely funny!



Photo of the Month

Oil and Water by Antonio Solis



When submitting your photos, please

- Size your image with competition dimensions (1920 x 1080).
- Make sure you **copyright** your image (put your name on the image).
- Send your photos to: newsletter@photoguild.ns.ca

An image will be chosen at random for the next newsletter. You may submit as many as 5 images to increase your chances. Please take this opportunity to showcase your beautiful photos. Your participation is very much appreciated.

If a photographer says, "Just one more shot.", cancel your plans for the next hour.

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