

e-News

October 2025

Editor's Note

Dear PGNS members,

Competition season is well underway with the CAPA Fall Round Evaluation on Sunday, Oct 5th and the PSA Competition Upload Deadline on Sunday, Oct 19th.

Please be reminded that the Guild Creative and Assignment categories will not be included in the PSA competitions. These images will be evaluated in a separate competition held in March. See the 'President's Message' below for details.

PGNS will host a webinar on Oct 19th and a field trip to Polly's Cove on Oct 25th. Please see 'Events News' for other interesting happenings taking place during October.

I met someone who used the term 'Leaf Peeping' which means to view and/or photograph the autumn foliage. So, Happy Leaf Peeping, everyone!

Until next month,

Kathy Gartner-Kepkay
PGNS Newsletter Editor



President's Message

This summer was most likely the fastest and probably one of the hottest and the driest since we live in Nova Scotia. I hope you managed to stay safe from the wildfires and managed to capture some nice images since we met last time.

Our last season was another successful Guild year with many some interesting presentations and field trips. Thanks to all of you who helped making it possible. Without your help, the Guild would not be able to operate. Thanks to Joyce, Viki, Darryl, Dean, Pam, Antonio, Kathy, Rosemary, Cheryl, Terry Boswell, Terry Carroll, and Pat. And thanks to all of you who competed with your images through the competition season.

I am hoping that this coming season will be even better than the last one. Our program team was working hard during the summer to have yet another season with many webinars and field trips. Naturally, the usual competitions are scheduled as well. The program is posted on our website - <https://www.photoguild.ns.ca/schedule/>. You can download the schedule to your calendar, or you can print it out.

There is a change in the competition schedule. To lighten the workload for the Guild/PSA competition judges, we moved the three creative competitions and the two Guild Assignments to a new competition night – March 1st. All three creative images will need to be new images and as usual, the Assignment images will need to be new as well.

There is a new category introduced this year – the Guild AI competition category. The images submitted to this category will be scored but will not be counted towards the Photographer of the Year trophy and no awards will be presented to the top scoring images either. This is the only category where the generative AI tools can be used. We will have a mini seminar on this coming Sunday (September 7), when we will go through the AI related tools.

We do have several field trips scheduled for this season, but if you'd like to lead one to an area you know, please contact Dean or any of the Executive team – we'd like to hear from you. Three field trips were scheduled for September, and more to come.

Most of our meetings are still held online, as per our Executive team's decision earlier this year, but we will have a few mixed meetings planned for this season.

The themes for the 2025-26 season are the followings:

Assignment #1: Paths – Must be shot after May 1, 2025

Assignment #2: Monochrome (not true B&W) - Must be shot after September 1, 2025

RK Mann: "Keep your face always toward the sunshine—and shadows will fall behind you." - Walt Whitman

HRM: Coastal HRM

NSNT: Forests

CAPA Theme: Triptych

If you would like to get involved and want to help our team, please contact me or another executive member. Your help will be appreciated and while doing it, you'll have a more enjoyable Guild experience with us.

As you probably know, the membership fees for the 2025/2026 are due. The fees can be paid via PayPal, and you can pay with a credit card through PayPal without having a PayPal account if you wish. If you are not comfortable with using PayPal, you can mail a cheque to our Treasurer, Dean Hirtle. Send an e-mail to treasurer@photoguild.ns.ca and Dean will provide the address you can mail the cheque to.

I trust we will see you at most of our meetings and field trips this coming year.

Have a wonderful photographic season.

Laszlo Podor, PGNS President



CAPA News

There is a definite chill in the air in the mornings. With the fluctuating temperatures, soon we will be able to get some wonderful fall images.

On September 20, the inaugural CAPA Photowalk took place. The Halifax walk had a small group which also included some members from the Sackville Photography Club. We enjoyed the Public Gardens as well as the downtown Halifax architecture and finished off the walk capturing images of the Halifax Mosaic Music Festival. Participants of the walk were eligible to join CAPA as individual members at a discount.



Members with a CAPA Individual Membership not only have access to exclusive discounts, CAPA Individual competitions, but also the monthly CAPA Speaker Series, Image Critique Nights as well as Image Editing Demos. If you join as an individual CAPA member, you will be able to attend Larry Vogel's presentation *"Shooting and Processing Award Winning Landscape Photographs – What*

Would Ansel Do? on October 15 at 8pm. For a limited time, CAPA is offering 20% off New Individual and Family One-year Memberships. This is a great opportunity for club members to take advantage of everything CAPA offers beyond club affiliation. Until October 31, 2025 you can use the promo code CapaClub25 to receive 20% off.

<https://capacanada.ca/product-category/individuals/>

One big change is CAPA's evolving AI policy to keep pace with the rapidly developing changes in photography editing software. **Starting on January 1, 2026**, CAPA will be implementing a new AI authentication standard. Sheldon Boles, CAPA's Director of Competitions has created documents outlining the new AI Authentication Standard as well as helpful guidelines for your favourite Photo-editing software to clarify which tools are accepted in CAPA competitions. All these documents are available for you to read in the members only section of the PGNS website.

As a reminder, for all CAPA competitions you must preserve the original metadata of your images.

Looking forward to seeing everyone's images at the CAPA evaluation on Sunday!

Joyce Chew
PGNS CAPA Club Rep



PSA News

Dear PGNS Members,

The 2025-26 season is off to a great start. We now have the CAPA Competition Review to look forward to and then by October the 19th we will upload our images for the 1st of 3 PSA Competitions. From these images we choose the set of six that will 'go away' to represent us at PSA Interclub competitions. For those of you that are new PSA stands for the Photographic Society of America. PGNS is a club member.

The details of the competition will be sent out in an email to the membership soon. We look forward to seeing what you upload this season, but if you decide that you can't enter all categories that is fine too. Enter as many and as often as you please. The Guild offers the opportunity to attend the Competition Review nights with critiques by the judges 'live'. This is a wonderful learning experience for all of us. New and seasoned. I for one am still learning...Competition photography is a process through which we all learn to be better photographers, no matter what the genre.




So, your assignment is to watch for the email regarding the upcoming PSA competition. Get your images ready and upload before the 19th. Can't wait to see your entries!!!

Viki Gaul
PGNS PSA Club Rep


Events News

PGNS Events



Photographic Guild of Nova Scotia
Fred & Edie Greene Speaker Series

Through My Lens: The Colourful Soul of Vietnam
with Stella d'Entremont
Sunday, October 19 · 7:30 - 9pm ADT



Click on the Eventbrite Link:

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/through-my-lens-the-colourful-soul-of-vietnam-with-stella-dentremont-tickets-1481631944029>

Polly's Cove Trail Field Trip

Saturday, October 25 10:00am – 12:00pm

Where: Meet at Peggy's Cove Main Parking Lot

Leader: Dean Hirtle

Things to consider:

- Bring your snacks/water
- Wear waterproof, sturdy footwear
- There are no facilities on trail
(There are at the Lighthouse)
- Insect / tick repellent

PGNS Waiver is Mandatory



Photo by Dean Hirtle

ViewPoint Gallery Exhibit

ViewPoint Gallery Exhibition

COMING UP

October 2 - November 2, 2025

b&w

A Members' Group Exhibition

Doug van Hemessen	Ed Brisson
Sandy Macintosh	Chris Kelly
Terry Humphries	Tim Krochak
Craig Benjamin	Colin Chase
Heather Rose	Laszlo Podor
Kent Martin	Allan Neilsen
Dean Hirtle	Kim Ottenbrite
Kas Stone	Award Woolaver
Rae Tang	Kathleen Flanagan
Ron Pitts	

VIEWPOINT
GALLERY

Inspiring, Educating, & Promoting the Art of Print Photography

November 6th - 30th

THE HOLY SPIRIT

Evan
Purney
viewpoint gallery

Opening Reception
November 6th

OPEN PRINT REVIEWS

First Saturday of every month
10am to Noon

Print reviews are open to the public and free of charge! Bring your prints (any size, framed or not) for a friendly critique led by a Gallery member. If you've ever wondered what others think of your work but were too shy to ask or always received the dreaded "It's nice" response, this is your opportunity. We hope to see you there!

CAPA Speaker Series



Presenter: **Larry Vogel**

Topic: **Shooting and Processing Award Winning Landscape Photographs-What would Ansel do?**

Time: **8:00pm Atlantic Time**

We all know that it begins on location, in the camera and with a great capture. However, that is just the beginning. Vogel says, "It takes more than a camera to create a great photograph." It was true when we processed photographs in the darkroom and it is still true today with digital processing.

In this presentation, Vogel will guide the group through the "Visualization Process" with special guest Ansel Adams. In addition, Vogel will demonstrate creative, yet simple digital techniques that will help to raise your average landscape photographs to a higher, award winning level.

To access the link, go to the CAPA website <https://capacanada.ca>, Please login, go to Members > Zoom & YouTube Live Invitation > Speakers Series, copy and save the YouTube link before the presentation.

Maryland Photographic Alliance



Maryland
Photography Alliance

Marc Muench
Guest Presenter



Using Infrared, Drones, and Phones

Wednesday, October 15, 2025, 8:00 PM




Marc will share what photographic tools have inspired him to continue creating unique landscape photography images in locations worldwide. Marc is an internationally renowned landscape photographer with eleven book titles to his name, ESPN outdoor shows, and numerous magazine, calendar, and poster titles to his credit.

For free registration, click on the link below:

[Staying Inspired in Landscape Photography - Infrared, Drones, & Phones](#)

More Events....




International Fototechnik Webinar

Approaching Altered Reality


19 October 2025 07:30 pm IST


Participation Free

Guest Speaker




Poonam Shah,
photography artist, painter,
illustrator,
Shutter Bugs Creative Forum UAE








Highlights of the Webinar

- ★ Bringing to life your imagination
- ★ Surrealism
- ★ Creative expression
- ★ Tell a story
- ★ Using Photoshop tools creatively





Poonam Shah
Creative expression, digital art, illustration,
photography, painting, drawing, etc.

To register click on the link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/join?pwd=ZU9kdjRlTGdScEYyZW5ldDZlc0Nkdz09>

Toronto
international contest of photography

**132ndTORONTO 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: <https://salon.torontocameraclub.com>

Guild Program for October: A Reminder

Sunday, Oct 5th, 7:30 -9:00pm

CAPA FALL ROUND COMPETITION EVALUATION

Sunday, Oct 19th, 7:30-9:00pm

WEBINAR: Through my Lens: The Colourful Soul of Vietnam

Presenter: Stella d'Entremont

Sunday, Oct 19th, by 11:45pm

PSA 1 COMPETITION UPLOAD DEADLINE

Saturday, Oct 25th, 10:00am

FIELD TRIP: Polly's Cove Trail

Leader: Dean Hirtle

Details to follow in an email closer to the event date and/or on the PGNS website



Photo of the Month

Porcupine by Darryl Robertson



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.

*"Photograph: a picture painted by the sun without instruction in art."
- Ambrose Bierce*