

e-News

June 2026

Editor's Note

Hello PGNS members

Another successful PGNS season has ended. We celebrated with a delicious dinner at Il Mercato and the Awards Presentation afterwards at ViewPoint Gallery. Thank you to all those who attended and congratulations to all the award winners!

There will be a field trip to Atlantic Motorsport Park on June 7th. Details will be sent via email closer to that time.

We will be back next season with another exciting program of webinars, in-person events, field trips and competitions.

Enjoy your summer and have fun creating some great photography.

Until next September,

Kathy Gartner-Kepkay
PGNS Newsletter Editor



CAPA News

It seems we've slipped back into winter with the chilly mornings recently, but by mid-week we should be warming back up in time for summer.

Congratulations go out to Andrzej Kajetanowicz who earned the 1st Merit -Atlantic award for his image "Rib Fest" in the Canada: My Country interclub Competition! For the final CAPA competition of the year, PGNS placed 4th out of 48 clubs and earned an Honour Award Certificate.

Canada My Country- Hosted by CAPA

Entry		Score	Awards
No.	Image Title-Photographer Name		
1	Emerald Lake Alberta Rockies - France Boutilier	23.0	
2	All in for the Win 9685- Laszlo Podor	22.0	
3	Autumn Daybreak First South NS – David Feindel	21.5	
4	Lake Louise - Lynn Fergusson	22.0	
5	Salt and Stone – Stephan Martin	23.0	
6	Rib Fest - Andrzej Kajetanowicz	25.0	1st Merit -Atlantic
	Total Score	136.5	
	Club Standing	4th/48	Honour Award

It's not too late to sign up for the CAPA Conference in Calgary. For more information see the article in the newsletter.

Happy Shooting and hope to see you in Calgary!

Joyce S. K. Chew
PGNS CAPA Rep

CANADIAN PHOTOGRAPHY CONFERENCE – July 13- 16, 2026

An Unparalleled Photography Masterclass in Visual Storytelling & Craft

Fuel Your Passion. Elevate Your Photography.

For an all-inclusive registration fee of just \$475, the Canadian Photography Conference delivers an extraordinary, high-value opportunity to study alongside some of the nation's most acclaimed visual artists. This immersive experience grants you direct, in-person access to 12 exceptional masters of the craft presenting a collective total of 18 comprehensive, technical, and conceptual sessions over three intense days.

To break down the mathematical value: you are securing world-class mentorship for less than \$27 per session. From iconic wildlife conservationists and Olympic sports documentarians to pioneering Indigenous laureates, nightscape masters, and storm chasers, this caliber of live education, networking, and direct portfolio inspiration is completely unmatched at this price point. This is not merely an event; it is a foundational investment that will permanently elevate your technical proficiency, refine your personal artistic vision, and unlock your potential in photography.

Your conference experience extends well beyond the closing session. Every attendee will receive full access to a complete digital recording of all presentations for one full year following the event, creating an enduring professional resource that allows you to revisit technical sessions, reviews, and keynote addresses whenever inspiration or practical application calls.

If you are unable to attend in person Virtual All Access for \$200 provides you with:

- Live Online Access to 6 Plenary Sessions and 12 Concurrent Sessions
- Interactive Commenting & Questions VIA Text Messaging During Live Sessions
- 12 Month All Access to Recorded Plenary & Concurrent Sessions

Conference Details at: <https://www.canadianphotographyconference.ca/>

PS: Registration includes admission to the Meet & Greet Social, where you'll have the opportunity to connect with speakers and fellow photographers.



PSA News

Every year PGNS pays a club membership to the Photographic Society of America. Why, you ask? The main reason is to be able to participate with other clubs from all over the world in the PSA Interclub competitions. We share the top 6 images from each of the 5 categories in 3 rounds to get feedback from other clubs who judge the rounds.

All 3 rounds of Interclub Competitions are now complete for the 2025-26 season. I have prepared our End of Year standings for this edition of our e-News and after it is released, I will send the award certificates to the individuals.

- Nature we were 17 /24 in Group A. 85 clubs overall.
- PID Colour Open 20 /24 in Group A. 126 clubs overall.
- PID Monochrome 13 /23 in Group A. 102 clubs overall.
- Photojournalism 11 /21 in Group A. 41clubs overall.
- Photo Travel 9 /23 in Group A. 56 clubs overall.

The six awards were distributed as follows. 3 were in Nature, 2 were in PJ and one was in Travel. See the collage of the 6 awards included.



Thank you to all club competitors this season. Each image is appreciated and makes the task enjoyable for our judges. The 3 rounds were judged by 9 competent judges selected for their ability, and experience. Now would be a good time to mention that for our 10 competitions we had 28 judges. They have been thanked via email and many of them have responded with positive comments and praise. The 'thank you' is included below.



And, I would like to thank the members of the competition team...To say 'it takes a village' would be an understatement when it comes to the number of people and the variety of jobs it takes to pull off each competition.

Have a wonderful summer and remember to take images that fill the theme categories for 2026-27 season. Remember to take photos to share with us for the Guild Opener in September, 'What I did last summer'.

Viki Gaul
PGNS PSA Rep

Events News

ViewPoint Gallery Exhibit

Greetings from
HERE & THERE
Dean Hirtle




VIEWPOINT GALLERY
PHOTOGRAPHIC ART COOPERATIVE

JUNE 4-28
Opening Reception / June 4, 6-8pm
Artist Talk / June 14, 2-3pm

1475 Bedford Hwy
Hrs: Thurs-Sun 12-5

Organic Forms - Natural Colours - Textured Worlds



FEATURED MEMBER Sandy Macintosh

June 4 -28 / Opening Reception June 4, 6-8pm

Hours: Thurs-Sun 12-5pm / 1475 Bedford Hwy, Bedford, NS

VIEWPOINT GALLERY
PHOTOGRAPHIC ART COOPERATIVE

ViewPoint
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STILL LIVES WITH CAMERA
JUNE 4-28
GRAEME COXON

VIEWPOINT GALLERY
PHOTOGRAPHIC ART COOPERATIVE

Hours: Thurs-Sun, 12-5pm / 1475 Bedford Hwy, Bedford, NS

How to create photographic still lifes with everyday objects
- even fish!

JULY 2 - AUGUST 2



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+ INVITED FRIENDS**

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June 27-28, 2026

Extra Early Bird Price \$39USD until April 8

<https://meredithimages.com/creative-photography-conference/>

Attend In-person or Online

**Canadian Photography
Conference**
Calgary, Alberta, Canada
July 13-16, 2026

www.canadianphotographyconference.ca

International Fototechnik Webinar Free Participation **21 June 2026 07:00 pm IST**

Glassware and Rim Lighting Photography Guest Speaker

Highlights of the Webinar

- What is Glassware Photography?
- Applications.
- Key optical concepts – a. Reflection b. Refraction.
- Lighting Techniques.
- Rim Lighting:
 - a) What is Rim Lighting.
 - b) Why use Rim Lighting.
 - c) Science behind Rim Lighting.
 - d) Uses of Rim Lighting.

Guest Speaker: Desh Bhushan Jain, EFIAP, EFIP, Hon FTPAS
Photographic Society of India, Mumbai

Host: Tirtha Dasgupta
Founder, Director, School of Fototechnik, India
Country Representative, Director, India, Photographic Society of America

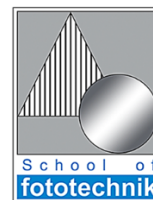
“Glassware and Rim Lighting Photography”

Date & Time Jun 21, 2026 10:30 AM in [Halifax](#)

Description “Glassware and Rim Lighting Photography”

67th International Fototechnik Webinar

Organized by:
School of Fototechnik, India
21 June 2026 07:00 pm IST



Guest Speaker
Desh Bhushan Jain, EFIAP, EFIP, Hon FTPAS
Ex. Vice President
Photographic Society of India, Mumbai

Guild Program for June: A Reminder

Sunday, June 7th, 9:30am-12:30pm

Field Trip: Atlantic Motorsport Park

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

Awards Night Winners

Best Pictorial (Reid Sweet Trophy)

1. Antonio Solis 26.5 – Golden Crowned Kinglet
2. Michael Winsor 26.5 – Wisdom in Her Smile

Best Seascape/Landscape Trophy (Peter Herschorn Trophy)

1. Lynn Fergusson 25.5 – Iluissat Icefjord

Best Nature (Camera Shop Trophy)

1. Antonio Solis 26.5 – Busy Bumble Bee
2. Antonio Solis 26 – Common Eastern Bumble Bee

Best Botanical (Robert Thorpe Memorial Trophy)

1. Dean Hirtle 22 – Turkey Tail Fungi in Winter

Best Wildflower (Mary Primrose Trophy)

– no wildflowers submitted this year

Best Creative (Abbotts Trophy)

1. Kathy Kepkay 28.5 – The Faces of Africa
2. Kathy Kepkay 26.5 – Mirrored Eagles

Best Photo Travel (Michael Walsh Trophy)

1. Michael Winsor 25.5 – Path to St. Paul's
2. Antonio Solis 25.5 – Nyhavn Tourists - Copenhagen

Best Photojournalism Trophy (Atlantic Photo Trophy)

1. Antonio Solis 27.0 – Up in the Sky Maneuver
2. Viki Gaul 26.5 – Not Letting Go 2959

Best Sports Action Trophy (George Ghiz Sports Action Trophy)

1. Antonio Solis 27.0 – Up in the Sky Maneuver
2. Antonio Solis 25.5 – Falling Down

Silent Essay Trophy (Markus Stasiulis Trophy)

1. Darryl Robertson 28.5
2. France Boutilier 28

Sight & Sound Essay Trophy (Fred Greene Trophy)

1. Stephan Martin 280
2. Katherine Kepkay 271

Portrait Trophy (Frederick Joyce Trophy)

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| 1.Viki Gaul | 27(Serious Beauty 6349) |
| 2.Andrzej Kajetanowicz | 26.5 (Ravi) |

Humour Trophy (Sam Yanofsky Trophy)

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| 1.Darryl Robertson | 24.5 (The Opera Singer) |
| 2.Viki Gaul | 24 (Croc Hunting NS Style) |

R.K. Mann Trophy

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| 1.Andrzej Kajetanowicz | 25 (Toward Kilimanjaro Summit) |
| 2. Lynn Fergusson | 24.5 (Golden Glow) |

Atlantic Geoscience Trophy

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| 1.Michael Winsor | 25 (Stromatolites at Sunrise) |
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Last Billion Years Trophy

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| 1.Viki Gaul | 24.5 (Gaff Point Colour 4274) |
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NS Bird Society Trophy

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| 1.France Boutilier | 26.5 (Black Duck in Morning Light) |
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NSNT Trophy (Reta Cook Trophy)

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| 1.Andrzej Kajetanowicz | 25.5 (Cutting through Forrest) |
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Mayor of Halifax (HRM) Trophy

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| 1.Darryl Robertson | 25 (Milky Way at Prospect) |
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Gordon Lay Trophy (External PSA/CAPA Cumulative)

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| 1.Laszlo Podor | |
| 2.Lynn Fergusson | |

CAPA Theme / Guild Assignment cumulative (Mervyn Kumar-Misir Trophy)

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| 1. Lynn Fergusson/Laszlo Podor – tied | 180.0 |
| 2. Kathy Kepkey | 171.5 |

Schooner Cove Trophy

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| 1. Viki Gaul | 452.8 |
| 2. Laszlo Podor | 448.1 |

CAPA cumulative (CAPA Excellence in Photography)

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| 1. Laszlo Podor | 203.0 |
| 2. Stephan Martin | 198.5 |

Pictorial cumulative (Tim Randall Trophy)

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| 1. Laszlo Podor | 370.0 |
| 2. Darryl Robertson | 333.0 |

Nature cumulative (Cyril Smith Trophy)

- 1. Viki Gaul 201.0
- 2. Darryl Robertson 199.0

Photojournalism cumulative (Keith Vaughan Trophy)

- 1. Antonio Solis 154.0
- 2. Laszlo Podor 153.0

Creative cumulative (Gilbert Van Ryckevorsel Trophy)

- 1. Viki Gaul 82.5
- 2. Rosemary Sampson 74.0

Photo Travel cumulative (Barb and Paul Bingham Trophy)

- 1. David Feindel 148.0
- 2. Dean Hirtle 130.0

Novice PoY(Gerald Shea Memorial Trophy)

- 1. Lynn Fergusson 1041.9
- 2. Giancarlo Cinnini 113.0

POY (Wamboldt-Waterfield Trophy)

- 1. Viki Gaul 1067.3
- 2. Laszlo Podor 1060.6
- 3. Lynn Fergusson 1041.9
- 4. Katherine Kepkay 1011.0
- 5. Stephan Martin 1009.2

E-News Marketplace

No items for sale this month.

If you have any camera equipment you would like to sell, you can send a list of items with your price point and contact information to newsletter@photoguild.ns.ca

In Memoriam

Keith Vaughan FPSA, GMPSA, HonFCAPA, EFIAP

It is with sadness that we announce that Keith Vaughan passed away on April 1, 2026 at the age of 82. Keith joined the Photographic Guild of Nova Scotia (PGNS) in 1973. During his time at the Guild, he served in many capacities including Program Chair, Judging Chair, NAPA representative, CPAC representative, and President (1985-1987). He was also involved nationally and internationally with the Canadian Association of Photographic Art (CAPA), Photographic Society of America (PSA) and the International Federation of Photographic Art (FIAP).

Keith served as Chairman of the PSA PJ Division from 1998-2002 and for many years was CAPA's FIAP liaison as well as Atlantic Zone Director. Keith was an accomplished photographer, well-known locally, nationally and internationally for his images. Keith was PGNS Photographer of the Year on 8 occasions and won numerous trophies including the Tim Randall trophy for Highest Cumulative Points in Pictorial (8 times), Atlantic Photo Best image in Photojournalism (11 times) and the Gordon R. Lay Trophy for the highest cumulative Points in CAPA and PSA external competitions (11 times).

Keith earned his 7th Galaxy in the PSA PID Division, was a Master-photojournalist in the PSA PJ Division and had 5 stars in both the PSA Nature and Photo Travel Divisions. PJ was always Keith's favourite Division and in 2013 he made a big effort to enter all 106 PSA-Recognized PJ exhibitions around the world. In those exhibitions, both projected image and small print, he earned 224 acceptances, which is an overall success rate of 53%. Among those acceptances, he won 13 medals, 2 FIAP HM ribbons and 39 HM's.

Keith received over 3000 total acceptances in all the PSA recognized International Exhibitions and has been awarded 476 international awards at the HM level and above, including 115 medal awards. Of these medal awards, 26 are for Best of Show. Always willing to share his passion and knowledge, he taught photography in the Continuation Education Program at SMU as well as photography workshops.

A celebration of life will be held on June 28th, 2026, from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM in the Saraguay House at the Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron in Halifax.

Contributors: Joyce Chew, Viki Gaul & Marion Sensen

<https://tjtracey.com/tribute/details/4109/Keith-Vaughan/obituary.html#tribute-start>

Photo of the Month

Mallard in Flight by France Boutilier



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

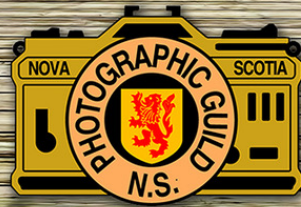
An image will be chosen at random for the next newsletter. You may submit as many as 5 images to increase your chances. Please take this opportunity to showcase your beautiful photos. Your participation is very much appreciated.

“Photography is easy. Just master light, timing, composition, editing, gear, colour, storytelling, posing and your own crushing self-doubt.”

— Anonymous



*Happy Summer
to all our Members & Friends*



*With Many THANKS to our sponsors,
and a Special Thank You to ViewPoint Gallery*

Viki Gaul Photo

