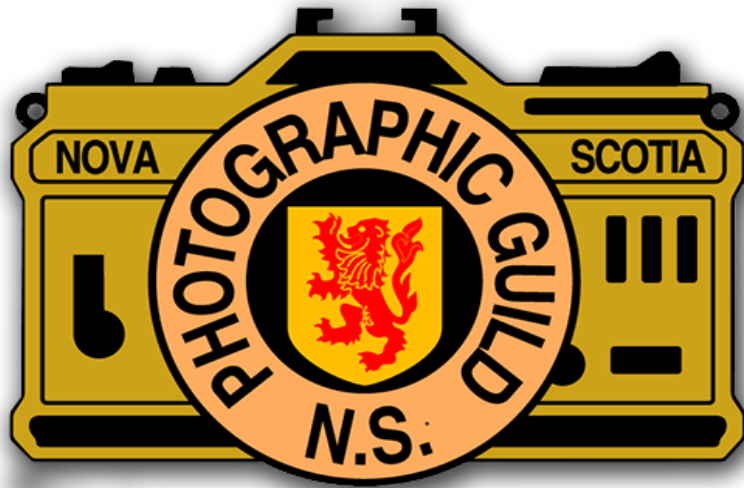




e-News

September 2026

Editor's Note

Hello PGNS members

Welcome back! Hope you had a great summer and many opportunities to create some wonderful photos.

We have another exciting season for you, so buckle up because September starts off with a bang.

We begin with our 'Season Opener' on September 2nd. Two excellent webinars are scheduled for September 6th and 14th, and a field trip is planned for September 12th. To top that off, September 20th is the upload deadline for the CAPA Fall Round. Please see the details of all these events in 'Events News'. You may also check the PGNS website and/or your email closer to the date of the event.

This month ViewPoint Gallery is featuring an exhibition entitled 'River Valley Mist' by our own, Dean Hirtle. Please pay a visit to see this and other exhibits at ViewPoint.

The Guild hopes you will participate in the CAPA, PSA and/or Guild competitions this year. These are great learning experiences where feedback is provided from qualified judges to help you improve your photography.

We sincerely hope you will join us for some or all these events.

Until next month,

Kathy Gartner-Kepkay
PGNS Newsletter Editor

President's Message

Dear fellow Photo Guild members,

The meteorological summer is now officially over; fall is already here. Maria has been sensing fall since early August. I hope you had time this summer to capture some amazing images in or away from Nova Scotia.

Our last season was another successful Guild year with many great presentations and field trips. Thanks to all of you who helped make it possible. Without your help, the Guild would not be able to operate. Thanks to Joyce, Viki, Darryl, Dean, Pam, Antonio, Kathy, Rosemary, Terry Boswell, France Boutilier, 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 a season with many interesting webinars and field trips, along the usual competitions. There is one change from last year. We will not have Generative AI competition category this year. Instead of competition, we will have an AI Show & Tell session after one of the Guild-only presentations. 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.

We do have some field trips scheduled for the upcoming season, but if you'd like to lead one to an area you know, please contact Dean or me – we'd like to hear from you. The first field trip will be an outdoor portrait field trip on Saturday, September 12.

Most of our meetings are still held online. There will be a couple of mixed meetings planned for this season including the one today.

The rules around using Generative AI in competition images has not changed. As the Generative AI solutions are using images created by other photographers, these AI generated images are being disqualified in the Guild, PSA and CAPA competitions. The latest Photoshop version 27.10 introduced a couple of new buttons: "AI Assisted" and "Pro Editor". These buttons can be seen in the left top corner of the Photoshop window once you open an image. The default is the "Pro Editor". If you use the "AI Assisted" button, the image will not qualify for Guild, CAPA or PSA competitions. You can read the AI related documents on our Members Only page and if you have any questions, you can ask me, Joyce or Viki. Note, the documents on the webpage have not yet been updated to include the "AI Assisted" button related actions.

The themes for the 2026-27 season are the followings:

Assignment #1: Flowers – Must be shot after May 1, 2026

Assignment #2: Small in the frame - Must be shot after September 1, 2026

RK Mann: "In the right light, at the right time, everything is extraordinary." – Aaron Rose

HRM: Bridges in HRM

NSNT: Native Plants, Wildflowers, Fungi, Lichens and all Mosses

CAPA Theme: Inspirational Colour.

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.

I trust we will see you on most (or all) of our meetings and field trips this coming year.

Wishing you a wonderful photographic season,
Laszlo Podor
President



CAPA News

It's hard to believe that summer is over and a new season has begun.

In July, the Foothills Camera club hosted CAPA's Canadian Photography Conference. It was a wonderful learning experience and the East Coast was represented by Michael Winsor, Henry and Arlene Winkleman as well as myself.



Team Canada is looking for entries to represent our country in the World Photographic Cup. The **submission deadline is September 11**. Full details on the categories and submission conditions can be found at:

<https://wpcteamcanada.com>

September 20 will be the PGNS upload Fall CAPA Interclub competition where we will be selecting images to go away to represent our club in 4 broad categories: a) **Nature** (enter images in the following subthemes- Insects, Reptiles & Amphibians; Landscape; General Nature; Wildlife) b) **Nature – Botany** c) **Monochrome** with the following subthemes (Texture & Detail);

Motion & Stillness; Isolation & Solitude ; Hands at Work) and d) **Fine Art** (Abstract & Creative Vision; Human Form & Expression; Landscape; Time & Motion; Still Life).

Your images should fit the listed subthemes and please remember 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. As well due to the increasing presence of AI you should keep track of how you generated (edited) your entry. CAPA's guidance on approved AI tools as well as how to organize your competition images will be posted in the PGNS members only section of our website.

Last, but not least, CAPA is once again having a nationwide Photowalk on the third Saturday in September. This year's CAPA Photowalk will take place on September 19. We will meet at 8:30 am at Fisherman's Cove in Eastern Passage to stroll the boardwalk before exploring nearby MacCormacks Beach.

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

Happy Shooting and hope you can join us on Sept 19 for the CAPA PhotoWalk!

Joyce S. K. Chew
PGNS CAPA Rep



PSA News

Hope your summer was filled with family, friends, lots of great memories and a file full of photos ready to share.

As the PGNS Club Rep for the Photographic Society of America I will take this opportunity to explain what PSA competitions are, and how you can participate in PSA Interclub.

PGNS is a 'club member' of the Photographic Society of America (PSA Worldwide). Each year the club participates in three rounds of club competitions (Interclub), with other clubs from around the globe.

Three of the PGNS competitions listed in the 25/26 schedule 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.

See you at the Season Opener on Wednesday the 2nd, either in person or online.

Viki Gaul
PGNS PSA Club Rep

Events News

PGNS Events



The graphic is set against a light beige background with a torn paper edge. On the left, the text 'PGNS' is in large, bold, yellow-outlined letters. Below it, 'Season Opener' and 'September 2nd' are in black, followed by '7:30' in a larger black font. To the right is a yellow camera with 'NOVA' and 'SCOTIA' on its top. A circular orange logo with a red lion is centered over the camera, with the text 'PHOTOGRAPHIC GUILD' and 'N.S.' around it. Below the camera, the program title 'Program "What I did last summer"' is in black, with 'see details in email dated August 13th from Laszlo' in a smaller font. At the bottom, the location 'In Person - ViewPoint Gallery, 1475 Bedford Hwy' and the online option 'Online, using the Webex link on the Members Page' are listed in black.

PGNS

Season Opener
September 2nd
7:30

PHOTOGRAPHIC GUILD
N.S.

Program "What I did last summer"
see details in email dated August 13th from Laszlo

In Person - ViewPoint Gallery, 1475 Bedford Hwy
Online, using the Webex link on the Members Page



Photographic Guild of Nova Scotia

Fred & Edie Greene Speaker Series

Refining the Vision: Creating the Wow Factor Through Editing with Heidi Gauthreaux

Sunday, September 6 from 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm ADT



About Heidi Gauthreaux:

Heidi is an award-winning photographer and digital artist whose work has been featured in galleries, exhibitions, magazines, and private collections. Her images have received numerous honors, including Best of Show, People's Choice, and Judges' Choice awards, along with recognition from the Photographic Society of America and NANPA.

Originally from Southern California, Heidi now lives in Port Townsend, Washington, with her husband, Rick, and their cat, Jake. Together, they enjoy exploring the Pacific Northwest in search of new photographic inspiration.



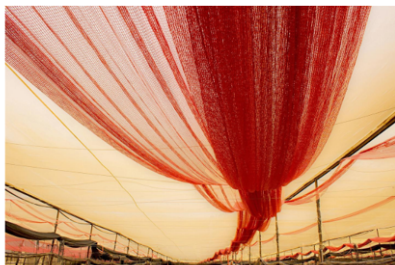
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Fred & Edie Greene Speaker Series

The Distinction Between Craft and Art and Why It Matters to Photographers

by Freeman Patterson

Monday, September 14 • 7:30 PM - 9 PM ADT



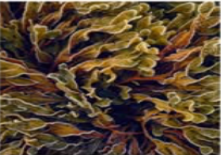
About Freeman Patterson:

FREEMAN PATTERSON of Shampers Bluff, New Brunswick, Canada, has had a career in photography and visual design that spans more than 60 years. He has taught innumerable workshops in many countries, but especially in Canada, South Africa, and New Zealand. He has authored 15 books, five of them on photography and visual design. Freeman is an elected member of the Royal Canadian Academy of Art and a recipient of PSA's highest award, the Progress Medal.

ViewPoint Gallery Exhibit

September
@ViewPoint

FORESHORE & BACK
ONE COASTLINE, PHOTOGRAPHED MANY TIMES


CRAIG BENJAMIN 3-27 SEPTEMBER
RECEPTION 6-8 PM THURS SEPT 3
ARTIST TALK 2-3 PM SUN SEPT 13
REGULAR HOURS 12-5 PM THURS-SUN

GALLERY B

Jane Oram	Sandy Macintosh
Colin Chase	Kim Ottenbrite
Laszlo Podor	Graeme Coxon
Heather Rose	Lorraine Field
Roxanne Smith	Allan Neilsen

VIEWPOINT GALLERY
PHOTOGRAPHIC ART COOPERATIVE



Evyeneia Dexter

FUSED IN BLUE

FRESH EYES
ViewPoint's Guest Artist
September 3 - 27 / 2026

VIEWPOINT GALLERY
PHOTOGRAPHIC ART COOPERATIVE

DEAN HIRTLE

River Valley



VIEWPOINT FEATURED MEMBER
September 3-27

VIEWPOINT GALLERY
PHOTOGRAPHIC ART COOPERATIVE

Thursday-Sunday 12-5pm 1475 Bedford Hwy, Bedford Viewpointgallery.ca 902 420 0854

CAPA Speaker Series



Canadian Association for Photographic Art
L'Association canadienne d'art photographique

MICHAEL TARDIOLI



SPEAKER SERIES

LIVE STREAM 

Sept 16, 2026

***"Lineages of Seeing:
The Evolution of Critical
Photography"***

- Pacific - 4:00 pm
- Mountain - 5:00 pm
- Central - 6:00 pm
- Eastern - 7:00 pm
- Atlantic - 8:00 pm
- Newfoundland - 8:30 pm

More Events



Maryland
Photography Alliance

Guest Presenter
with David Akoubian



**Creating Compelling Bird Photographs:
From Vision to Final Image**

Monday, September 14, 8:00 PM ADT



Free Registration:

[David Akoubian Artist Spotlight — Maryland Photography Alliance](#)



NEXT FREE WEBINAR!



How Do I Improve This Image?

September 15, 2026 05:00 PM ADT

Whether you are new to Photoshop and editing, or a seasoned pro, I'll show you some simple adjustments that will make your images "sing"! Easy adjustments for contrast, shadows, highlights, clarity, cropping and more, will improve your images.

Free Registration: <https://meredithimages.com/webinars/>



International Fototechnik Webinar

September 20, 2026, 10:30 AM ADT

"Processing Stereo Images with SPM"

The Guest Speakers:

Dr. VGM Nair, GMPA/g, EFIAP/g, GPU CR5, Salon Lead, Youth Photographic Society PSA Travel Interclub Director, 2nd Vice-Chair of PSA Photo Travel Division

Highlights of the Webinar:

- Essentials of a stereo processing software • Stereo Photo Maker (SPM)
- Opening JPG or MPO files in SPM
- Processing the opened images in SPM
- Stereo image formats – LR, RL, Universal view and Anaglyph
- Saving different stereo image formats in SPM

Register in advance for the Webinar: (FREE REGISTRATION)

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NECCC VIRTUAL CONFERENCE

October 3, 2026

An open invitation to photographers worldwide to attend this exceptional photo conference.
Three keynote presentations by three world renowned photographers.
An opportunity not to be missed.

ART WOLFE, CANON LEGEND
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"WILD LIVES" - 11:00 AM TO 12:30 PM

Featuring adventures, an exploration of creativity, and the amazing stories that accompany his images. Wild Lives is a celebration of the extraordinary diversity of species that inhabit the planet.



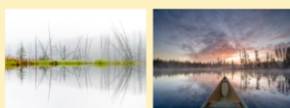
MIKE MEZEUL II, NIKON AMBASSADOR
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"EARTH, WIND, FIRE, WATER: DOCUMENTING OUR PLANET" - 1:00 PM TO 2:30 PM

A powerful visual and narrative exploration of the elemental forces that shape our world. Delving into the raw beauty and dynamic power of nature



PETER BAUMGARTEN, OM SYSTEMS
AMBASSADOR
SPONSORED BY NECCC
"INTO THE LANDSCAPE" - 3:00 PM TO 4:30 PM

Peter discusses the challenges and joys of landscape photography and the compositional strategies he employs "to get the shot".



REGISTRATION IS OPEN – Go to the NECCC home page at <https://www.neccc.org>

The 2026 Virtual Conference registration is a nominal \$15 to help defer our costs. Payment is via PayPal where you can use your Credit Card or PayPal account

For those who previously registered for our virtual conference that was cancelled and requested their registration to be carried over, you do not have to do anything. You are automatically registered for this event and the links you received will remain active for October 3, 2026.



New England Camera Club Council
www.neccc.org

A Very Generous Donation

Two weeks ago, PGNS member Ken Renton was approached by his friend, Mrs. Jean Gray (JCM, MD, FRCPC), the wife of the late Michael Gray. Both were former professors at Dalhousie University. Mrs. Gray asked that her late husband's Canon camera, case, and tripod be donated to an organization, including a photography school or individual in need.

A message was then sent to the PGNS membership asking whether anyone knew someone who could benefit from this generous donation.

After learning about the donation, PGNS member, Frank H. Scheme, thought of Alicia Power as a potential candidate, as he had previously mentored her in photography and knew she could use a good camera and related equipment to further develop her interest, particularly in action and sports photography.

Therefore, Alicia's name and a photograph were submitted for consideration. Shortly afterward, Jean Gray's family reviewed several options but finally decided to donate the gear to Alicia, so arrangements were made to collect the camera equipment at a convenient date and time.

On Friday, August 28, Alicia, her grandfather Jack Soucy, and Frank met at Jean Gray's home in Halifax to collect the equipment and thank her for her very generous donation.

Thank you to Frank Scheme for organizing this very generous donation to a deserving photographer.

Jack Soucy, Jean Gray and Alicia Power



Guild Program for September: A Reminder

Wednesday, September 2nd, 7:30am-9:00pm

Guild Season Opener-What we did last summer

Sunday, September 6th, 7:30am-9:00pm

Webinar: Refining the Vision: Creating the WOW Factor

Presenter: Heidi Gauthreaux

Saturday September 12th, 2:00-4:00pm

Field Trip: Outdoor Portraiture

Leader: Angela Granchelli

Monday, September 14th, 7:30am-9:00pm

Webinar: The Distinction between Art and Craft and Why It Matters to Photographers

Presenter: Freeman Patterson

Sunday, September 20th, by 11:45pm

Upload Deadline for CAPA Fall Round

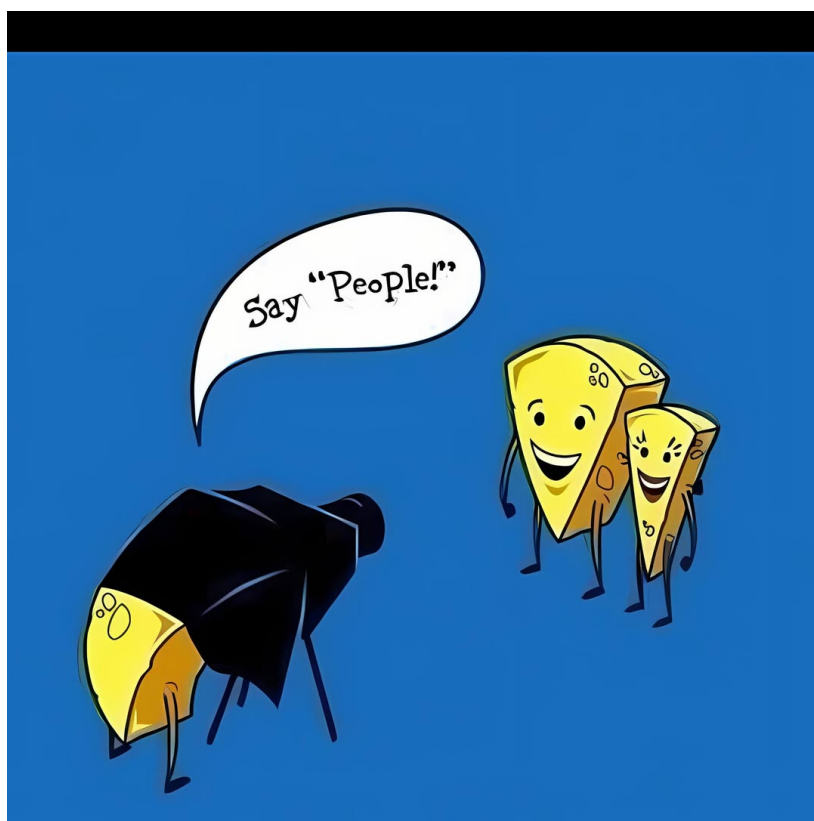


Photo of the Month

Erin at Peggy's Cove Village 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.

“A camera is a mousetrap for the here and now.”
-Veronique Vienne