

April 2013

Spring 2013



ST. CATHARINES PHOTOGRAPHIC CLUB

TRIPOD TOPICS



President's Message

Well, we are near our annual banquet and that means that we are close to the completion of another year. While writing this report, I still see a few flakes falling but we are all hoping for some warm and sunny days coming soon.

I believe this has been a very successful year again. I am very excited and happy to see new members competing and winning many ribbons through submitting their images in clinics and competitions and also competitions outside our club.

Thank you to those that have dedicated many years as officers and co-ordinators in various positions. Thank you to those that have said yes to a new position. It is because of you and your hard work that makes this club the success it is.

A new member emailed me on a different topic but added the following, "You folks run a very polished or pro club, hope you get a fair share of thanks, as I know how much work it can be". We are still looking for two people to

fill the position of digital image co-ordinator, perhaps one to compile the clinic images and another to compile the competitions. Please think about it.

I was reading an article and it asked "What is the best camera I have?" The answer just happens to be "the one I have with me". Without any camera you can not take any images. I have taken many courses, I have read many magazines, I have purchased many books, I have attended many seminars, but the book that I have learned the most from is my owner's manual. That's right, my owner's manual and I refer to on an ongoing basis as it has valuable information as to how your camera will respond under various conditions. Your owners' manual is the most important book in knowing your camera.

Like I stated in the second paragraph, this has been a very successful year but it was a year filled with loss. This year we had four club members pass away; Dave Unruh, our life time member Bob Layton and new members this

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Bob Layton and new members this year Rob Meunier and Kim Scanlon. As a club, we made donations to the charities of the families wishes.

As I end this report, please remember to go out and shoot as often as you can so you can submit them in clinics and competitions.

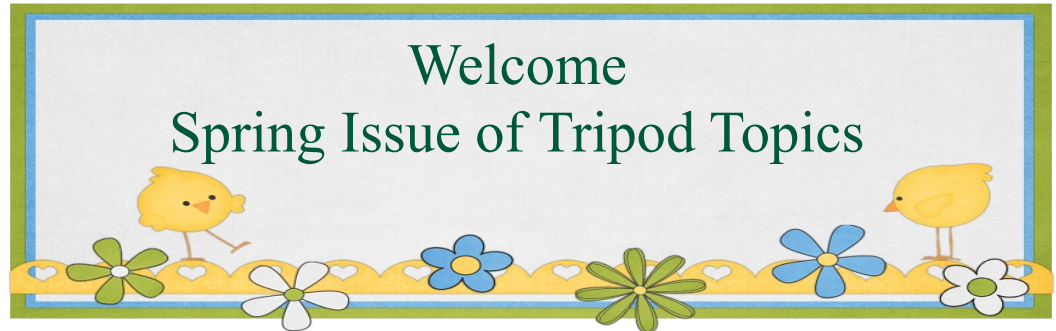
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Special points of interest:

Members Gallery

- [Ginny Cobley](#)
- [Dave Reimer](#)
- [Club Library Links](#)

Editors Commentary



Adopted Quotes

Life is like a camera

*Focus on What's
Important*

*Capture the Good
Times*

*Develop From the
Negatives*

... and

*If Things Don't Work
Out*

Take Another Shot :)

*Contributed by
Chester
Murawski*

I can't believe it is spring already!

I am sure liking the fact days are getting longer and looking forward to sunny warm days ahead; and while we tend to gripe about the fluctuating temperatures and the precipitation we are experiencing, remember....

April Showers Bring May Flowers :)

As we come to the end of another season I would like to thank those of you who have submitted photos, items of interest, links and more. In doing I strongly believe we have a comprehensive, informative and favorable newsletter that is enjoyed by all.

I welcome any new ideas that would make our newsletter even better. So feel free to contact me anytime here at this link below.

[Tripod Topics Editor](#)

In this issue....

[Speakers Corner-Paul Sparrow](#)

[NFRCC High Lights](#)

[Members Gallery](#)

Since the last Issue of the Tripod Topics we as a club have been busy with the last of digital clinics, print & Swan competitions, and inter-club competitions.

Congratulations again to all winners!

I would like to acknowledge that the amount of time put into these venues by our board and coordinators has been extensive and I like to extend to you all a thank you for making our programs and competitions run smoothly and successful.

It is with such dedication of each and everyone involved, that we enjoy as a club all the benefits that a photography club has to offer in a fun positive manner while enjoying friendships that develop as well.

Kudos to all of you !

In closing I like to say I am enjoying being the editor of the Tripod Topics and look forward to serving you all as Editor in the 2013-2014 season.

Until then keep in Frame & Keep Shooting

Linda Casement
Tripod Topics
Editor

Upcoming Outings

St. Marks Anglican Church

St. Mark's Anglican Church, founded 1792. Located in Niagara-on-the-lake, St. Mark's remains the oldest continuous use Anglican Church in Ontario. .



April 27 – Saturday 9 – 11 St. Marks Church, NOTL

We will have an opportunity to photograph the Church, the Rectory and Addison Hall. The Church was completed in 1809 and is the oldest Anglican Church in continuous use in Ontario today. The Rectory, which stands west of the Addison Hall, was erected in 1858. It was constructed of bricks that arrived from Britain as ballast in the sailing vessels. The grandiose style chosen was the Tuscan Villa. Most of the priests since that time have made their home in this Rectory. Addison Hall houses the oldest library west of Quebec, a collection that would have been typical of an English clergyman's library in the eighteenth century. It consists of 1500 volumes, which were brought to Niagara-on-the-Lake by the Reverend Robert Addison in 1792.

Annual Club Banquet

87 Hanover Drive, St. Catharines



May 11, 2013

Henry's Lens Outing & Pot Luck @ Courchaine's

2810 Effingham Street., St. Catharines



June 22, 2013



Photography takes an instant out of time, altering life by holding it still.

Paul Sparrow

Paul has been professionally involved as a photographer and audio-visual producer for over 30 years, conducting comprehensive one day workshops on ProShow Gold & Producer as well as Nature, Portrait and Close-up photographic techniques. He has been a presenter at numerous photographers' organizations including; The La-tow Photographers Guild, Canada Camera Conference, The New England Camera Club Council Convention, The Niagara Frontier Regional Camera Clubs Convention, Professional Photographers of Ontario and many other photography organizations across Canada.

Paul gave an extensive talk about suggested camera equipment and spoke of various camera settings that allow you to take control of motion and how to focus on moving subjects using select shutter speeds. He continued to talk about exposing for indoor lighting that aided in the story telling of an event.

Paul is know for his AV multimedia shows and various other projects. If you like to learn more hop on over to his web site. <http://home.cogeco.ca/~psparrow/>



Members Theme Gallery

By Larry Zibroski

Spring into Action

by Robert Casment



Larry Zibroski



Ginny Cobley

Dave Bauer



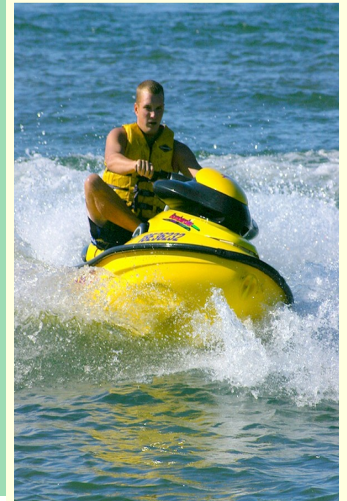
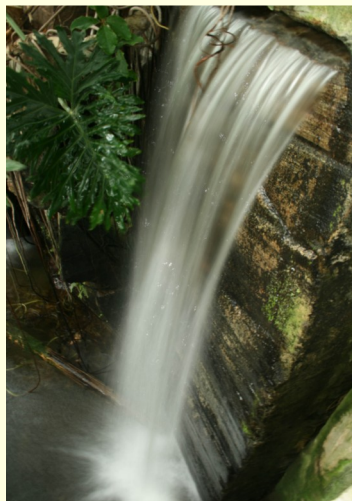
Dave Bauer



Linda Casement

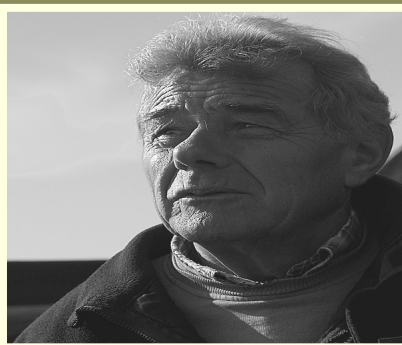


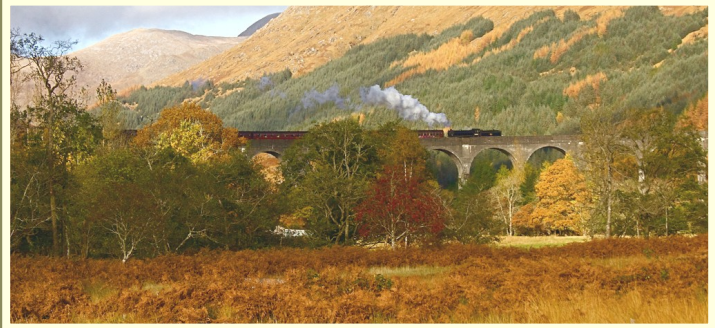
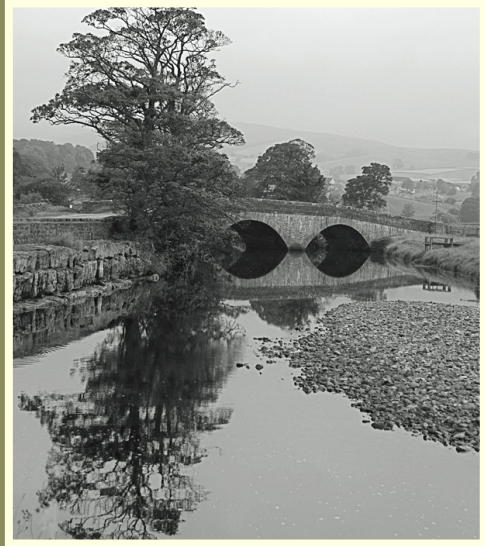
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Members Gallery

Ginny Coble





Ginny Cobley...

is an active, fun loving person who enjoys traveling and whose love for photography shows in her images as seen here.

She began taking pictures in her early teens but became serious about photography about seven or eight years ago when she wanted to take images that she could paint from.

Ginny tends to lean more towards landscape photography but enjoys anything that captures her eye like wildlife and or moving water.

Most of the pictures were taken in Britain, Italy or in the case of the mountain, Switzerland. All the animal images were taken here except for the Water Vole which is an endangered species in England.

Members Gallery

Dave Reimer



Dave's interest in Photography began in his pre-teen years with his dad's black box capturing family and scenery images.

Dave gained insight by experimenting with photography and reading many Photography books .

Later in his twenties and thirties he started picking up information and tips from others who had more knowledge about photography and who were quite willing to share their expertise .

Dave became serious about Photography after joining the St. Catharines Photographic Club in 1996.

As he became an active member he got involved with the clubs activities and put to use what he had learned by watching from others and began entering competitions where you find out how good or bad your images really are.

Next to having his images judged Dave feels strongly that it was through the help of senior members in sharing their knowledge and critiquing of his images along the way that was of great asset to him.

Dave enjoys many areas in Photography and likes to try anything new.

He enjoys nature and landscapes but likes to increase his knowledge by trying something creative and if that encompasses utilizing an application or skill to achieve it, then his curiosity encourages him to learn and want to do it. It is Dave's belief that—that is the way to expand your knowledge and increase your skills.

Keep in mind to watch and learn from others who know more and are consistently creating great images.

Always strive to get better!

Dave Reimer



52nd Annual Convention

Key Note Speakers

This years convention was a success,

There was much to offer everyone and something we could take back with us of what we learned.

Click on anyone of the speakers to learn more.

Friday Night Key Note Speaker Was [Rob Stimpson](#)— presentation of WILD ONTARIO

Saturday Night— [Nevada Wier](#)—presentation A NOMATIC VISION—just wonderful

Sunday—[Doug Kirkland](#)—**Celebrity Portraiture: from Marilyn to Angelina**“

The banquet dinner and fellowship with other photography club members was a wonderful and rewarding experience.

Congratulations to Robert Casement—Dorothy Sharp Award

Congratulations to Gary Slingerland

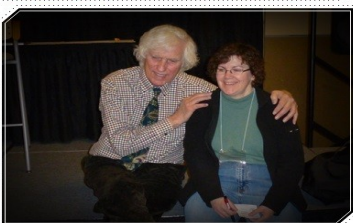
—3rd place Peoples Choice Color Print Award

Click on the link for [McKellar & Golden Horse Shoe Results](#)

We placed 2nd with 134 points with Welland Camera Club taking 1st with a score of 136 point.... Wow by Only 2 Points



NFRCC





Inter Club News ...

The George W. Glennie Memorial Nature Salon'

The Glennie

The full name is '*The George W. Glennie Memorial Nature Salon'*. This is an international nature salon that is hosted by Merrimack Valley Camera Club in Andover, Mass.

This is their 33rd year for hosting this salon and our 3rd year for entering it. In the last two years we came in 21st and 19th out of more than 90 clubs worldwide.

This year there were 32 international clubs (8 from Canada) and 59 American clubs entered for a total of 91 clubs. This means 910 images in total (10 images per club) in 8 categories (plus sub-categories).

We were in a 3 way tie for 8th place this year!!!

We just keep doing better.

The awards are as follows:

- First place, Gary Slingerland, *Lunch* 28pts (category-Herons and Allies)
- First place, Dave Van de Laar, *Female Cardinal* 27pts (category-Other Perching Birds)
- Merit Award, Dave Van de Laar, *Muskrat & Duckweed* 26pts (Category-Small Mammals)
- Merit Award, Bob Casement, *Natural Bridge Yoho* 26pts (Category-Freshwater Landscapes)
- Merit Award, Martha Hunt, *Turtle Trio* 26pts (category-Reptiles)

Acceptances:

- Leon Courchaine, *Who There* 26pts (Category-Birds)
- Kristine Casement, *Whistler Scene* 25pts (category-Landscapes)
- Randy Lowden, *Curious Doe* 25pts (category-Mammals)

Images that scored in the top 1/3 are considered 'Acceptances' and will appear in the competition slideshow.

Other entries:

- Karen Courchaine, *Robber Fly* 23pts (category-Invertebrates)
- Roger Casement, *Spider With Fly* 21pts (Category-Invertebrates)

Congratulations to those with awards and to all with entries for getting us 8th place.



GLENNIE

By

Robert Casement

Theme Next Season

Sounds/Smells of Summer

Club Library Links At Your Finger Tips



“ I treat the photograph as a work of great complexity in which you can find drama. Add to that a careful composition of landscapes, live photography, the right music and interviews with people, and it becomes a style. “ Ken Burns

Photography Tip Sites

- <http://www.better-digital-photo-tips.com>
- Hundreds of photo tips
- <http://improvephotography.com>
- General knowledge tips site beginner - advanced
- <http://kelbytv.com/downtown/>
- Great site with tons of short videos for

Web Magazine Web Sites

- <http://www.outdoorphotographer.com/>
- <http://photo.net/>
- <http://digitalphotobuzz.com/>
- <http://www.poppphoto.com/>
- [National Geographic Photography](#)

Adobe Photoshop sites

DSLR users

- http://www.russellbrown.com/tips_tech.html
- From Photoshop 7 to CS6 Tons of video tips
- <http://kelbytv.com/photoshopusertv/>
- Recommended Favorite over 300 videos on Photoshop tips.
- <http://tv.adobe.com/channels/>

If you just want to explore a lot of sites!

- <http://www.pixiq.com/article/photo-sites>
- [Adorama TV Photo and Video Photography](#)



Treasurer's Financial Statement

St. Catharines Photographic Club Treasurer's Report - March 28, 2013

Opening Balance June 1, 2012	\$1,068.27
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Receipts

Membership	\$4,020.00	
50/50 Draw	\$659.35	
Banquet	\$0.00	
Coffee Fund	\$100.00	
Club Projects	\$0.00	
Miscellaneous (outing)	\$85.00	
		\$4,864.35

Disbursements

Insurance	575.64	
Rent	35.00	
Printing (program cards, handbooks, constitution, member records, banner, print supplies-totes, labels)	892.11	
Trophies & Clinics (ribbons)	172.89	
Club Projects (library contest prizes)	137.50	
Judges	190.00	
Gifts - Speakers	475.00	
CAPA Dues	0.00	
Donations in Memorandum	100.00	
Miscellaneous (website, comp. repairs, stamps for welcome letters, cards, shipping prints)	237.47	
Bank Charges (monthly fees, cheques)	84.79	
Transfer to Savings	0.00	
		\$2,900.40

Balance Chequing		\$3,032.22
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Business Savings Balance (as of March 26, 2013)	\$6,532.12
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Respectfully submitted by Sara Prince



Well this marks the end of a full season for our club. Its time to take time to smell the flowers and enjoy the fruits of the spring /summer season. This is a great time to capture all that the warm weather has to offer.

To help you keep shooting here is a link to a website that encourages you to take a photo a day and will even send you via email prompts to keep you on track by suggesting photographic ideas for you to photograph.

[Capture Your 365](#)

I have included links of suggested daily ideas for you to photography through out the summer.

[June](#)

[July](#)

[August](#)

Now if you like to Blog here is a free blog site to store your image a day.

[Photoblog](#)



Which of my photographs is my favorite?
The one I'm going to take tomorrow. – **Imogen Cunningham**



**Next Issue of Tripod Topics
TBA at start of the new 2013-2014 Season**