



In Focus

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A Radical Change

The following is a letter written by NFCC member, Miriam Gersho, to the President of each camera club in the NFRCC as well as to the NFRCC Executive. We welcome your reactions to Miriam's proposal.

(N.B. Miriam is a former president of our club and also former secretary of the NFRCC. LK)

I am writing to you with a proposal for what is perhaps a radical change. I hope you will hear me out.

Most camera clubs in the NFRCC meet from September to April each year. That's not surprising. Traditionally, schools and clubs don't meet in the summer. This is because as recently as 1930, 40% of Canadians made a living from farming, and the summer months were the busiest - devoted to planting and harvesting crops.

But, that's not the case anymore. Other than perhaps a couple of weeks vacation, most people are around in the summer, working and carrying on as usual. It no longer makes sense not to meet in the summer. I am, however, *not* suggesting that our clubs meet year round. What I am suggesting is that we seriously consider changing our schedule so that we meet from March – November. My thinking is as follows: Western New York and Southern Ontario's winters are harsh. Roads are often treacherous. Darkness sets in very early. Getting to meetings during December, January and February is a hardship for many people, especially those seniors who don't see as well at night driving. How delightful it would be to go to meetings in daylight, without worry about road and weather conditions!

What I ask is that you present my idea to your club members, talk about it, see what people think. Then discuss it at a meeting of the NFRCC. Maybe I'm not the only one who would like our club to 'shut down' in the winter months instead of the summer months. **F**

Thank you.

Miriam Gersho

December's Program

"Cuba Beckons"

with Gerry and Brenda Dennis

This month we welcome back Gerry and Brenda Dennis, both former members of the Niagara Falls Camera Club.

Presently, they are members of the Welland Camera Club. Brenda is also the Past President of the the Welland Club. Gerry is a Diamond Level photographer who won numerous club awards while he was with our club. **F**

Christmas Pot Luck Supper

Our Christmas Pot Luck Dinner is scheduled for December 18, just before our Print and Slide Competition. While dinner starts at 6 pm, members can bring in their hot and cold dishes between 5:30 and 6 pm. **F**

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

- Dec 4* - **Program**
"Cuba Beckons" by Brenda & Gerry Dennis
- Dec 18 - **Monthly Slide & Print Competition #4**
- **Pot Luck Christmas Dinner**
Dinner starts at 6 pm.
- Jan 8, 2007 - **Program and Workshop**
"The Art of Floral Photography" by
Leslie Khan and George Beehler

The **Annual Awards Banquet** will be held on **April 28, 2007** at Betty's and not April 30, as stated in the handbook.

Monthly Competition Scores

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Slides

Group	Name	Entries	Awards	Points
Bronze				
	John Burroughs	9	8	117
Silver				
	Mary Nikisher	9	6	118
Gold				
	Dean Cruikshank	9	3	112
	George Keeley	9	1	98
	Eugene Dickson	9	1	96
	Carol Jessop	9	1	94
	Audrey Perry	9	-	94
Diamond				
	Leslie Khan	9	3	118
	Karen Fulham	9	2	116
	Stan Grant	9	-	99
	Terry Demray	9	1	97

Colour Prints

Group	Name	Entries	Awards	Points
Bronze				
	Denis Audette	6	6	95
	Lynn Audette	6	6	89
	Terry Babit	6	6	89
	Donna Dalglish	6	6	79
	John Burroughs	6	5	79
	Wayne Corlis	6	6	78
	Veronica Jennings	2	2	30
	Derek Bottomley	1	1	14
	Audrey Perry	1	1	13
Silver				
	Jacqueline Dingman	6	6	85
	Ronda Burnett	6	5	80
	Cliff Empey	6	3	77
Gold				
	Scott Simons	6	6	101
	Laura Cardwell	6	5	94
	Laura Nikisher	6	3	81
	Johanna Bouwmeester	6	3	76
	Rosemary Bowen	6	1	68
	Carol Jessop	3	1	35
Diamond				
	Leslie Khan	6	6	105
	Chris Empey	6	5	95
	Sharon Murray	6	4	90
	Janice Haines	6	3	88
	Karen Fulham	6	1	75
	Terry Demray	6	-	72
	George Beehler	4	2	57
	Jennie Grant	4	-	44

Monochrome Prints

Group	Name	Entries	Awards	Points
Bronze				
	Denis Audette	6	5	85
	Lynn Audette	6	5	85
	John Burroughs	6	3	80
	Len Mather	3	2	47
	Terry Babij	2	2	29
Silver				
	Jacqueline Dingman	6	5	87
	Ronda Burnett	5	4	71
Gold				
	Laura Nikisher	6	3	83
	Karen Fulham	6	4	82
	Terry Demray	6	1	69
Diamond				
	Leslie Khan	6	5	93
	Laura Cardwell	6	4	91
	George Beehler	4	3	62

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