



In Focus

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President's Message

'Tis the season to be busy capturing the moment and sharing our art. Black Friday is just past along with Cyber Monday. Had enough of the barrage of media and e-mail messages filling our in boxes? There are so many neat new toys begging for our attention or to fill our gadget bags.

On December 20th we will be having our annual Holiday Pot Luck festive meal followed by our December competition. There are sign-up sheets on the refreshment table at our December 6th meeting to give everyone an idea of what is coming and you can fill in the blanks. At the December 20th Holiday Pot Luck evening food will be laid out for the plate filling around 5:30pm and the competition will begin at 7:00pm.

On Monday evening December 6th our program will be looking at critiquing. We hope this will help decipher the scoring in our competitions. I believe the categories will be better defined.

At the January 3rd meeting I will be presenting "Getting the Colour Right" program. I will be trying to condense a one day program into 90 minutes. I was confounded by looking at my prints and not seeing on paper what I saw on the screen!!! We will look at colour calibration of your monitor, the first step in making your computer and monitor see eye to eye. Once your monitor is calibrated, the next step I will show are ways to capture the colours you are seeing with your camera. We will look at a simple gray-scale device and a more detailed colour patch. The best workflow is to start with a standard and work from there.

President's Message /Contd.)

December 15th is the deadline to have your early registration for the 50th Conference of the NFRCC in Niagara Falls, New York at the Convention Centre. This is always a great place to meet others from our region and see some great presenters and speakers. Please fill in your application and have your cheque or money in by the 15th to Leslie Khan or Paul Patterson.

Best wishes for a safe and healthy holiday season!

Terry Babij, President

December's Program

"Critiquing images"

This is an evening when club members can learn about the scoring in our competitions. Also, the categories used in our competitions will be discussed and explained.

Come and enjoy this program -

Monday evening December 6th. Program starts at 7:00 pm at the Niagara Falls Library, Victoria Avenue, Niagara Falls. Refreshments at 6:30 pm.

Don't forget to sign the NFCC Christmas Potluck food contribution sheet that Lynn Audette will have at the snack table.

Also, remember that the December 20th Potluck dinner is a time to bring your spouse or significant other along to enjoy the evening too.

Competition Scores

September, October & November

Colour Prints

Group	Name	Entries	Awards	Score
Bronze				
	Jan Maklak	6	6	90
	Anne Shannon	6	4	78
	Ed Sweeny	4	4	64
	Chuck Martyk	4	4	57
Silver				
	Silvia Greco	6	6	101
	Henry Wojnarowski	6	5	85
	Terry Rotella	4	4	63
	Derek Bottomley	2	0	19
Gold				
	Kirk Stokes	6	4	85
	William Stokes	6	3	81
	Terry Babij	4	4	66
	Lorraine Pichette	5	2	65
	Eric Baloga	4	1	52
Diamond				
	Denis Audette	6	4	93
	George Beehler	6	3	82

Monochrome Prints

Group	Name	Entries	Awards	Score
Bronze				
	Anne Shannon	2	2	31
Silver				
	Silvia Greco	6	5	94
Gold				
	William Stokes	6	4	87
	Kirk Stokes	6	2	74
	Lorraine Pichette	6	1	64
	Eric Baloga	4	2	53
Diamond				
	George Beehler	6	3	82
	Terry Babij	4	3	63

N.F.C.C. ANNUAL Christmas Potluck

To our new members and those that have been attending here for a little longer. You are all invited to attend our fabulous Christmas buffet dinner right here in The La Marsh room at the Niagara Falls Victoria Street Library on **December 20th at 5:30 pm.**

Spouses and significant others are welcome.

Each one of us is asked to prepare something for this dinner.

On our snack table at each meeting before the December 20th meeting will be a list to sign letting me know what you are able to contribute.

Example of what to bring; Hot or cold dishes, Salads, Finger foods and of course Sweets.



Following the buffet we will move right into our regular December competition starting at **7:pm**

Competition Scores

September, October & November

Digital Images

Group	Name	Entries	Awards	Score
Bronze				
	Jan Maklak	6	6	93
	Ed Sweeney	6	5	88
	Laurie Hunter-Rees	6	6	86
	Chuck Martyk	6	5	80
	Melissa Schumacher	6	4	77
	Adam Higgins	6	4	76
Silver				
	Doug Banas	6	5	89
	Henry Wojnarowski	6	4	82
	Terry Rotella	4	3	55
Gold				
	Eric Baloga	6	5	93
	Denis Audette	6	5	92
	Danny Dickinson	6	5	92
	Denis Grantham	6	4	84
	Cliff Empey	6	1	70
	Terry Babij	4	3	60
	Jacqueline Kennedy	4	2	56
	Lorraine Pichette	4	2	54
Diamond				
	Scott Simons	6	6	106
	Chris Empey	6	4	92
	Laura Cardwell	6	3	87
	Karen Fulham	6	3	86
	Sharon Murray	4	4	66

Digital Image Competition Entry Guidelines

With apologies to Chris Empey, I have paraphrased his article on Digital Image Competition Entry Guidelines (which can be downloaded from the club web site).

1. Image Sizing

Images may be entered for competition with the following MAXIMUM dimensions:

1024 pixels wide by 768 pixels high.

These maximum dimensions include any borders.

2. Image Naming

Just a reminder that images should be named in the following manner:

C_L_01_Name in full_Title.jpg

Where **C** is a single letter representing the category as listed below, and **L** represents your competition Level as listed below:

Categories

Action	A
Creative	C
Nature	N
Pictorial	P
Photo Journalism	J
Portrait	T

Competition Level

Bronze	B
Silver	S
Gold	G
Diamond	D

Number

01, 02	September
03, 04	October
05, 06	November
07, 08	December
09, 10	January
11, 12	February

Niagara Falls Camera Club

2010-2011 Program Guide

2010 September

Paul Sparrow,
Latow Guild,
with Leslie
Khan



2010 October

Manny
LoPresto

Science
Museum
CC



2010 November

Dee
Cunningham

South
Township CC



2010 December

- 6 - "Critiquing images"
NFCC Members
- 12 - ** Deadline for Digital Images
- 20* - **Monthly Print & Digital
Competition #4**
(Plus Potluck Supper at 5:30 pm)

2011 January

- 3 - "Colour, getting it right:
Tools and workflow for true
colour"
Terry Babij, NFCC
- 9 - ** Deadline for Digital Images
- 17* - **Monthly Print & Digital
Competition #5**

2011 February

- 7 - "Photo Images"
Mike DiBattista, Photographer,
Niagara Falls Review
- 21 - ** Deadline for Digital Images
- 25 - 27th NFRCC Convention
Niagara Falls, NY

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2011 March

- 1* - **Monthly Print & Digital
Competition #6**
- 7 - **Members' Night**
- 21 - **Slide and Print of the Year
Competition**

2011 April

- 12 - **Rainbow Competition
hosted by TCCC**
- 30 - **Annual Awards Banquet**

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* Prints – bring your prints in on the evening of the monthly competition.

** Digital – email two images to Chris at cempey@NiagaraFallsCameraClub.org by the
deadline date shown (second Sunday before the competition night.)