



**The Internet Newsletter of the Hamilton Camera Club**

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This issue of The Bellows is for Monday, March 8, 2004. It is just 9 weeks until our year-end, but we are going to be darn busy between now and then! Look.....

March 15 "Indoor" outing at the Church. A work evening where we will have different types of lighting set-ups available, so bring your cameras and we'll do some work with flash, floods, etc.

March 22 Show Clinic #5, with self-portraits as an assignment (can you just imagine how many lenses have been broken in that venture?) We will view the slides first this evening so they can be sorted at the break for you to pick up, in order to have them ready for submission on April 5 for the Annual Trophy run-off.

April 5 The annual Bronze Box competition in Hamilton. Do we keep the old trophy this time, or let Don Mills store it again? Submit your annual trophy run-off work tonight.

April 19 Photo Essay night. Always fun and enjoyable.

April 26 Garage Sale night; bring anything photographic you don't need anymore and sell it to your fellow members. If they still speak to you at the next meeting you'll know it was good stuff or they are forgiving souls.

May 17 Our Annual General Meeting and Trophy Presentations. As detailed in Bellows #3, the trophies will be awarded on the basis of the judging results in special run-off round #6.

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As you know, your old editor does not present any kind of work into the Clinics except old fashioned black and white prints done laboriously by hand in dishes the old fashioned way with chemical junk leaking all over the place. Yeesh, what a mess! But don't kidd yourself, he fiddles

with computers all the time, and is rather more than aware of the digital image world and what it offers, and believes it to be great!

One of the observations I have come to is that I believe many novices in the game get a fright when they keep hearing that you can do this and you can do that with Photoshop and it's all just ducky until you find out that to buy that software program and pay the sales taxes you have broken a \$1000.- bill to bits! So let me ask you this, the day you decided to get deadly serious about your photography and felt you needed something better than your Starflash camera, did you lay out \$4400.- for a Mamiya RB-67, or were you glad to be able to get a modest 35 mm SLR camera?

OK, if you have the cash and you're sure, go for it! But if you want to grow gradually as many of us do, the good news is that there are all kinds of GOOD alternatives. I'll quote you a few other sources beyond yours truly.

From the book "How to do Everything with Your Digital Camera" by author Dave Johnson.....

I use and recommend Paint Shop Pro from JASC ([www.jasc.com](http://www.jasc.com)). This image editing program has about 75% of the features found in Photoshop, but at a fraction of the cost, and with a much simpler interface.....

From the monthly magazine PC World ([www.pcworld.com](http://www.pcworld.com)) the January 2004 issue reviews 10 different affordable photo editors and picks Paint Shop Pro as the best buy of the lot.

In all fairness to the Adobe makers of Photoshop they also produce a program called Photoshop Elements 2, which is excellent but much cheaper than the full Photoshop. Personally, I use Paint Shop Pro 8.10, but a close friend uses Elements 2 and can make it jump through the hoops. Both of these programs sell in Canada for about \$150.- each, and that is a long way from \$1000.- no matter how you slice it. So, as the old maxim states, buyer beware!

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The results for Clinic #4 follow. The Assignment was "Fall Colours"

## SELF-MADE PRINTS

Photographer	Title	Score	Award
Johan Wigt	On Field Road	25	HM & Mono Print Winner
Henk Berger	Police Hands (back)	23	HM (mono)
Paul Dunnett	Red Maple	27	HM & Assignment Winner (colour)
" "	Autumn Trail	24	HM
Lawrence Yanover	The Formal	27	HM & Colour Print Winner
" "	Autumn Stream	25	HM
Rob Thorne	Babble On	20	HM
" "	Cuddles	23	HM
" "	King of the Castle	23	HM

Photographer	Title	Score	Award
Ernie Sulcs	Got the Picture	25	HM
Ailsa Curle	Succulent	21	HM
Jeanne Cameron	Big Ears	21	HM
" "	Flamin' Petals	21	HM
Walter Oleksiuk	A Sunset Paddle	21	HM
" "	A Winter Scene	23	HM
" "	So Canadian	23	HM
Dennis Martin	Eagle in the Mist	21	HM
Jim Dabir	Head Rock	21	HM
" "	Field	23	HM
" "	Puffin	26	HM
T.J.Robertson	Wood Shack	22	HM
Mary Gilmour	Cherry in Fall	22	HM
" "	Yellow Magnolia	24	HM
" "	Tree with Vine	24	HM
Gool Tamboli	Autumn Leaves	22	HM
Pesi Tamboli	The Flower Box	23	HM
Jim Hixon	Dundurn	24	HM
Sol Algranti	Association of Tallistas	25	HM

## SLIDES

Juraj Dolanjski	Frozen Alone	27	HM & Slide Winner
Jim Alton	M.W.Pod	25	HM & Assignment Winner
" "	Violet Spin	22	HM
" "	Lily Heart	23	HM
Paul Dunnett	Red Maple	20	HM
Bob Russell	Black-eyed Susan #2	22	HM
Brian Bannon	Approaching Storm	24	HM

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Sol Algranti	Chicago at Night	23	HM
" "	One Way	23	HM
Walter Oleksiuk	A Red Rose	23	HM
" "	A Colourful Grand	22	HM

## DIGITAL SLIDES

John Mullenger	Northern Burlington	22	HM & Digital Winner
Bob Russell	Solitary Survivor	22	HM & Assignment Winner
" "	Abstract Floral Arrangement	21	HM

## COMMERCIAL & DIGITAL PRIN

Bob Russell	Cone Magnolia	24	HM & Commercial Print Winner
" "	Swirl	23	HM (C)
Jim Hixon	The Porch	27	HM & Digital Print Winner
" "	R.B.G.Willow	26	HM (D)
Gool Tamboli	Memories of Fall	20	HM (D)
Pesi Tamboli	Fall Fantasy	20	HM (D)
Carol Brooks	Colours of Fall	21	HM (D)
" "	A Comfortable Cat	20	HM (D)
T.J.Robertson	Door #64	26	HM (D)
Mary Gilmour	Bayfront Park	24	HM (D)
" "	Shore Scene	24	HM (D)
Paul Dunnett	Autumn	25	HM (D)
" "	Outer Cosmos	24	HM (D)
Christine Green	Suesy Cue	23	HM (D)

Rick McKenzie	Birches	24	HM (D)
" "	Sumac	22	HM (D)
John Mullenger	Half Gone	28	HM & Digital Assignment Winner
John Laing	Autumn Colours	21	Commercial Assignment Winner

## ADVANCEMENTS

### IN SELF-MADE PRINTS

ERNIE SULCS.....becomes a One Star Master

JIM DABIR.....moves up to Intermediate

ROB THORNE..... moves to Intermediate

IN DIGITAL SLIDES

BOB RUSSELL.....advances to Intermediate

Hearty Congratulations from the Executive to all on your accomplishments and a job well done !