

The Bellows

The Newsletter of the Hamilton Camera Club

Break The Rules

From Eric Bosch, Bellows Editor

I'll confess to a very large smile when the suggested 2008/9 assignment topic of "Rule of Thirds" was met with exactly 0 votes in favour. It seems that a large percentage of the membership realizes that photography is not about rules.

Compositional tools like the "Rule of Thirds" can assist the photographer in organizing the elements of a picture, just like nails can help a builder with the construction of a house, But just like a

finished house is not about the nails (although without them, the house would surely crumble), so too a finished image is not about the "Rule of Thirds". I'll even go so far as to say that the optimal use of tools or rules is so subtly executed that it is imperceptible to the image viewer.

So, leave the rules to the scientists and the mathematicians. Stimulate the senses, show your emotions, and practice your photography as an art.



*Macrotad,
Peter Playfair-Brown*

2008/9 Assignment Topics

At the March 17th meeting, the floor was open for all members to suggest assignment topics for next year. All of the suggested topics were recorded and then presented via projector for members to vote in favour of. The 5 topics receiving the highest number of votes were:

- Trees
- Graffiti
- Motion

- Portraits
- Windows

In addition, it was agreed to repeat Photojournalism as the special, "all assignment" clinic 6.

These are the assignment topics for 2008/9. Any images taken after the submission date of clinic 6 this year (March 17, 2008) are eligible.



*Caterpillar,
Bob Melnyk*

Upcoming Events

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the HCC will be held on April 28, 2008. In addition to reports from the various chairs, the election of the 2008/9 executive will take place.

The Year End Awards Dinner will be held on May 12, 2008, 6:00pm, at Tucker's

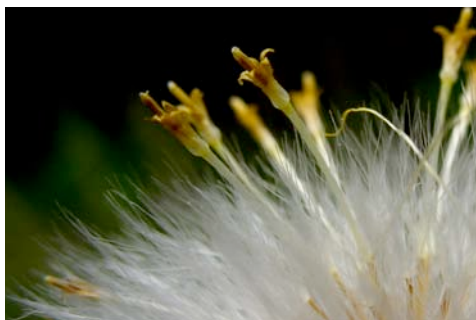
Marketplace in Burlington. Tickets are available from Paul Dunnett at the April 14 or April 28 meetings. Ticket prices (\$24 adult, \$20 senior, \$12 12 & under) include buffer dinner, coffee/tea/pop, gratuity, and taxes.



*Ornamental Grass,
Gool Tamboli*



*Poppy Bud,
Pesi Tamboli*



*Seed and Fluff,
Alida van Halderan*

3 Club Exhibit at the Burlington Art Centre

The Annual 3 Club Photographic Exhibit took place at the Burlington Art Centre on February 9. Members of the Hamilton Camera Club, the Trillium Photographic Club, the Latow Photographers Guild, their friends, and the general public viewed beautiful print and A/V presentations. Food, beverage, and stimulating conversation were also enjoyed.

Members of the HCC owe their thanks to Paul Dunnett and Jim Hixon who generously gave their time and talents to collect and present the club's images. Several members also helped to hang framed prints and many members contributed their prints and images for the show. Thank you all!



Clinic 4 Results

Clinic 4 was submitted on January 21 and was shown on February 18. The assignment title was "Macro Photography".

Projected Images

Honorable mentions in the Projected Images division were awarded as follows:

Paul Roth	Beggar	23
John Schram	Yellow rose	20
Alida van Halderan	Eagle	22
Martin Renters	Witches Brew	24
John Schram	Shell-2	21
Leonie Holmes	Soft Tulips	24
Brandon Taylor	Rushing Water	24
Tim Harpur	Snack Time	22
Gool Tamboli	Ornamental Grass	23
Alida van Halderan	Seed and Fluff	23
Bob Melnyk	Caterpillar	21
Steve Hill	Longhorn Beetle	25
Pesi Tamboli	Poppy Bud	26
Tim Harpur	Just Another Flower	24
Bob Melnyk	Baby Leaves	21

Peter Playfair-Brown	Macrotoad	23
TJ Robertson	Screwed	25
Paul Roth	Lily	22
Pesi Tamboli	Bleeding Hearts	26
Bob Melnyk	Unwrapped Leaves	21
Kerry-Ann Lecky Hepburn	Snow Drifts 1	24
Kerry-Ann Lecky Hepburn	Single Drop	22

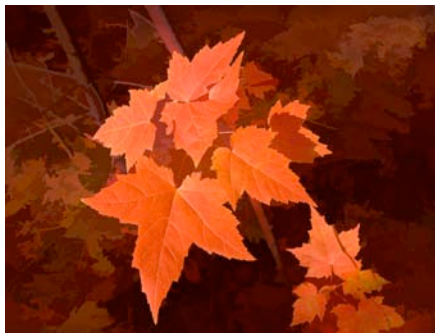
Two images tied for Assignment Winner, "Poppy Bud" and "Bleeding Hearts", both by Pesi Tamboli. These were also awarded Projected Image(s) of the Night. The Contemporary Winner was also shared, between "Witches Brew" by Martin Renters and "Soft Tulips" by Leonie Holmes. "Snow Drifts 1" by Kerry-Ann Lecky Hepburn was the Pictorial Winner. Finally, "Rushing Water" by Brandon Taylor was the Nature Winner.



*Dundurn – 3,
Jim Hixon*



*Young Corn,
Colin Williams*



*Maplesque,
Paul Dunnett*



*Power,
Juraj Dolanjski*

Clinic 4 Results ... (continued)

Print Images

Honorable mentions in the Print Images division were awarded as follows:

Jim Hixon	Dundurn – 3	25
Carol Brooks	Amazon Water Lily	24
Rob Thorne	I Was About to Buzz Off	24
Juraj Dolanjski	Rainbow	24
Shirley Dennis	Ten Seconds	23
Juraj Dolanjski	Eaten Leaf	25

“Eaten Leaf” by Juraj Dolanjski was the Assignment Winner. The Contemporary Winner was “Dunes” by Juraj Dolanjski. The Nature Winner was Rob Thorne for “Twin Slippers”. The Pictorial Winner was Jim Hixon for “Dundurn – 3”. Print of the Night honours were shared by Juraj Dolanjski for “Eaten Leaf” and Jim Hixon for “Dundurn – 3”.

Advancements

Alida van Halderan advances to Senior. Bob Melynk advances to Intermediate.

Clinic 5 Results

Clinic 5 was submitted on February 18 and was shown on March 17. The assignment title was “Storms”.

Projected Images

Honorable mentions in the Projected Images division were awarded as follows:

Natashja	Blocking the Net	20
Jackie Fulton	Waiting for Go!	20
Steve Hill	North Sierras	24
Lee Brooks	Winter Sunset	22
Richard Pickering	Charleston Bridge	22
Paul Roth	Bruce Panorama	22
Sol Algranti	Old Man and a Soldier	24
Paul Roth	Beggar’s Hands	24
Mary Gilmour	Pipsissiwa	24
Paul Dunnett	Maplesque	24
Mary Gilmour	Lily	27
Kerry-Ann Lecky Hepburn	Working in the Sun	22
Colin Williams	Young Corn	25
Steve Hill	Relief	24
Kerriann Conroy	Fun on a Snowy Day	20
Colin Williams	The Wrath of God	24
Cindy van Halderan	Wheat Storm	23
Kerry-Ann Lecky Hepburn	Gust Front	24

Steve Hill	Snow	22
Natashja	Walk on the Beach Strip	20

Pictorial Winner honours were shared between Steve Hill for “North Sierras”, Sol Algranti for “Old Man and a Soldier”, and Paul Roth for “Beggar’s Hands”. Nature Winner was Kerry-Ann Lecky Hepburn for “Working in the Sun”. “Young Corn” by Colin Williams was the Assignment Winner. “Lily” by Mary Gilmour was the Contemporary Winner and Projected Image of the Night.

Print Images

Honorable mentions in the Print Images division were awarded as follows:

Rob Thorne	Oh Nuts	24
Shirley Dennis	Plant Boxes	23
Rick McKenzie	Sailing the Nile	27
Juraj Dolanjski	Power	28

“Sailing the Nile” by Rick McKenzie was the Pictorial Winner. Rick was also awarded Contemporary Winner for “Nile Felucca”. Nature Winner was awarded to Rob Thorne for “Lady’s Slipper”. “Power” by Juraj Dolanjski was both the Assignment Winner and Print of the Night.

Advancements

Cindy van Halderan advances to Intermediate.

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