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Photo credit: John Fraser

***“You can only tell a story
when you first understand
yourself.”***

Nichole Sobecki

***Kenya-based photographer
and filmmaker
National
Geographic***

Meet the Editor – John Fraser

Viewfinder is the Etobicoke Camera Club newsletter. Its goal is to share our members' success's and the events at the club that help us on that journey. If you have anything you would like to contribute, please consider submitting it. Our members will appreciate it.



The Etobicoke Camera Club introduced me to the Art in photography. No longer satisfied with just memory photographs, the club helps me strive for photographs that others will also enjoy.

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2020-2021 Season Unlocked Challenge

by Mary Chamberlain

Last spring the Lockdown Challenge was created as a way to encourage ECC members to continue developing their photographic skills during the pandemic, and in some cases, to dust off their cameras. In September this morphed into the optimistically-named Unlocked Challenge, and it's been going strong ever since (even through the second and then third waves of Covid-19 and yet another lockdown), with a new theme being announced biweekly. Photographers can upload up to three images for each challenge, which are then discussed/critiqued at the "Zoom Bistro".

Several of the challenges have been inspired by presentations from various guest speakers throughout the past year. One of the most successful was Composites, with Rick McKenzie, the original presenter, joining us for the Bistro, as the group got to grips with how to create a good composite image. Other popular themes were holiday photography, triangles, and spring flowers.

The Unlocked Challenge will continue through the summer with a modified schedule. (The current theme is Cars, with a submission deadline of Wednesday June 2nd, and a Bistro meeting to follow on the 3rd.) Announcements will continue to be sent out to the membership with dates and themes for new challenges as well as links to upload and view submissions, as well as Zoom invites for the Bistro sessions.

The Unlocked Challenge is open to all members, and you don't need to have submitted photos to join in the Bistro, which is a chance to chat with other members as well as to give and receive gentle critiquing. Now that summer weather and vaccines have both arrived, it's a great time to venture out with your camera and try something new.

Here's a sample of submissions from many of the Challenges. Contributing members include: Penny Rintoul, Mary Chamberlain, John Roias, Don Poulton, Aneta Zimmnicki, Paul Cordingley, Leanne Hay, Geoffrey Pierpoint, Marion Woodman, Christine Kolbieski



Feature Article

Mary Chamberlain (continued)

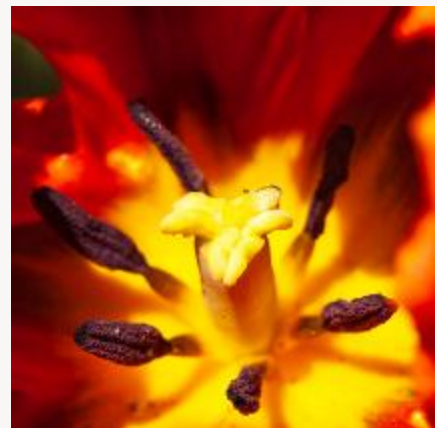


Image of the Year

Competition Results and Highlights

All competition images may be viewed on our [Website Photo Gallery](http://www.etobicokecameraclub.smugmug.com) or www.etobicokecameraclub.smugmug.com



Gold "Dispersal" by Geoffrey Pierpoint



Silver "A Hot Tip" by Geoffrey Pierpoint

Level	Full Name	Title	score	ribbon
S	GEOFFREY PIERPOINT	Dispersal	27.5	IOTY
S	GEOFFREY PIERPOINT	A Hot Tip	27	SILVER
S	BARB MARSZALEK	Zebra Battle	26	HM
S	LARRY MCCARTHY	Red-Tailed Hawk & Prey	26	HM
S	BRUCE BARTON	Grasshopper on Blue Globe Thistle	25.5	HM
A	HUGUES DEMILLEVILLE	Red Fox Black Morph playing with catch	25.5	HM
S	JUDY GRIFFIN	Pink (S)	25.5	HM
I	LEANNE HAY	Aurora Moon	25.5	HM
S	MANDY SAMARZIJA	She Stares	25.5	HM
S	MANDY SAMARZIJA	Sisters	25.5	HM
S	MICHEL GAGNON	Mount Rundle at Sunrise	25.5	HM
I	SAM ELOGIO	Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate - Guelph	25.5	HM
S	BRUCE BARTON	Percolation	25	HM
S	CHRISTINE KOBIELSKI	A New Earth	25	HM
S	CHRISTINE KOBIELSKI	Zipped	25	HM
S	GINA JIANG	A Blue Bird Family	25	HM
A	HUGUES DEMILLEVILLE	Snowy Owl mystical flight in low light	25	HM
I	LEANNE HAY	Full Moon Photo Bomb	25	HM
S	MANDY SAMARZIJA	Below Deck	25	HM
S	MICHEL GAGNON	Ashleigh in Bloom	25	HM
I	PAUL CORDINGLEY	Engine Driver	25	HM
A	RALPH KROMAN	Early Winter Calm	25	HM
A	RALPH KROMAN	Spectral Vortex	25	HM

Level	Submitted	Members
Intermediate	50	7
Advanced	59	8
SuperSet	92	18
Total	201	33

Judges	Affiliation
John Allman	TDPC & Photographic Historical Soc of Canada
Linda Cresswell	Oshawa Camera Club
Bob Hawkins	Mississauga Camera Club

James Cowie Presented

“A Look at Travel Photography”

on Monday, April 26, 2021



James Cowie is a third-generation photographer with a passion for sharing the art of capturing images through adventure travel. Exploring unique destinations around the globe, he affords his guests wonderful photographic opportunities and interesting ways to learn more about photography. James has a combined 38 years of experience in the photo and travel industry with Photo Tour Trekkers.

James' number one belief is to have fun with your camera.

The more comfortable and relaxed you are when out on an adventure, the better your powers of observation, resulting in more exciting images.



A LOOK AT TRAVEL PHOTOGRAPHY

- **WHAT TO LOOK FOR WHEN PLANNING YOUR TRIP**
- **WHERE TO FIND UNIQUE PHOTO LOCATIONS WHEN TRAVELLING**
- **HOW TO PREPARE FOR TRAVEL**
- **WHAT CAMERA EQUIPMENT TO PACK**
- **HOW TO PACK FOR TRAVEL ... CAMERA GEAR AND CLOTHING**
- **STORIES AND IMAGES FROM PHOTO TOUR TREKKERS ADVENTURES**
- **SHARE A FEW OF OUR UPCOMING PHOTO TOURS**
- **TIME FOR QUESTIONS / PRIOR TO BREAK AND AT WRAP UP**

James Cowie continued

RESEARCH YOUR DESTINATION AND HOW YOU GET THERE

What is the best time of year to visit your destination?

If travelling for wildlife check what cycle your destination will be in when visiting?

If you are selecting to take a organized photo tour is air included?

What else is included ... transportation, hotels meals?

Are you booking with a registered tour operator?

TIMING YOUR PHOTO ADVENTURE



James Cowie continued

UNIQUE LOCATIONS WHEN TRAVELLING

Once you have decided on your travel destination now the fun begins

Start reading and researching the places on your travel itinerary

Study images from the region - you never know what's around the corner

Reach out to local photographers - they are usually happy to share

Sometimes unique locations go hand in hand with the timing your adventure

Contact local tourism offices

UNIQUE LOCATIONS
WHEN TRAVELLING



James Cowie continued

PREPARING FOR YOUR TRIP

Once your trip is booked - time to prepare a few items

Travel Insurance - Medical / Trip Cancellation / Trip Interruption

Travel Documents - Passports - Travel Visas

Health - Medication - Speak with a Travel Doctor

Money - Credit Cards - Debit Cards - Cash / Exchange

Electronics - Adapters / Out of Country Voltage

Phone - set up for international or get sim card upon arrival

Never get lost tip ...

SELECTING YOUR GEAR FOR TRAVEL ...

- Think about where you are going and what you will be doing





Have a great summer

Think of things you can share in the Viewfinder

See you in September

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<https://www.etobicokecameraclub.org>