

# VIEWFINDER



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Summer BBQ – August 2007  
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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*Judy Griffin*

Welcome to the Fall season of the Club's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary! Over the summer we continued in celebration mode with a special outing & BBQ, both of which were well attended. My thanks to Kas & Darcy for all their work and participation in this event.

We look forward to an exciting year ahead, polishing our photographic skills, learning more about the digital world, sharing our expertise, and undertaking new photographic challenges.

Our Club program this season, put together by Andy and Gaetano, will be both entertaining and educational. Based on member input there will be greater emphasis on seminars and workshops. We will continue our Image Critique evenings, but with more audience participation. Once again our members will have an opportunity to shine as they present featured Member Shows throughout the year.

Kas and Rick will be taking us to varied outing destinations to enable us to photograph different subjects, hopefully to force us to widen our photographic comfort zone, while socializing with other members.

Our Image Evaluation Team has updated the Rules of Competition and guidelines for image submission, so do make yourself aware of any changes for competitions this season.

Julian has done a lot of work on our website to include the new program, rules of competition, Members'-Only Section, membership renewal forms, our Liability Waiver Form, and other important information. This year we are asking members to sign a Liability Waiver Form when joining in order to take part in the outings.

Dario will be accepting your membership applications and fees (cheques preferred), and we now have new membership cards which he will be issuing.

**PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE - Cont’d**

We will carry on with our 50/50 draws and guest fees for specified evenings, with the revenue used for purchasing any needed equipment. And as always, we are grateful if any club members wish to make an individual donation to the equipment fund.

We will continue to compete in CAPA & GTCCC club competitions, endeavouring to place higher than last season. Many of our members’ images scored high marks, and won ribbons in these competitions.

Darcy will be heading up Social, and will be looking to each of us taking turn a helping in the kitchen. Please assist Darcy through the year, so we can continue to enjoy coffee/tea breaks at meetings.

Plan on getting more involved in Club activities this season. In order to keep the Club strong and dynamic, we need member participation. We cannot rely on the same members to take on duties and carry the load year after year.

I hope you all have had a chance over the summer to enjoy your photography and I am sure we will be wowed by your efforts. As I mentioned at the banquet, I am always amazed at the talent and creativity of our members. The work this past season has been outstanding, both in Intermediate and Superset. Let’s make 2007/08 an equally outstanding year for both our photography and our Club.

We will see you on September 10th!

**ECC SUMMER OUTING & BBQ**

*by Kas Stone*

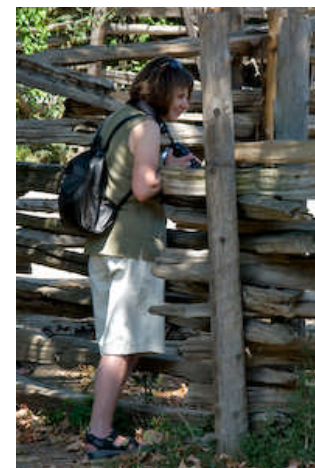
A good time was had by all at the ECC’s Summer Outing & Barbeque to celebrate the club’s 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary on Saturday, August 11<sup>th</sup>.

Despite the midsummer heat, about 15 people attended the outing to Black Creek Pioneer Village for the afternoon, where they had lots of opportunity to gather images for this year’s special competition on the theme of “Aged Gracefully”. Afterwards more than 30 ECC members and guests assembled for drinks, nibbles and a hamburger barbeque at Darcy Rector’s house. The meal was followed by a What-I-Did-On-My-Summer-Vacation presentation of slides and digital images.

Special thanks goes to Darcy and his wife Cathy for opening their beautiful home to the club for this event, and for supplying the burgers and cooking them so skillfully! Thanks also to Judy Griffin whose logistical help was invaluable. And thanks,

finally, to Darcy’s standard poodle Soleil – the cleanup crew that didn’t always wait for the plates to be emptied before whisking the contents away!

**Pioneer Village Outing Prior to BBQ**



More BBQ pics at end of Viewfinder.



## RULES OF COMPETITION CHANGES

The Image Directors have been working on the process of submitting images for competition so that the upcoming season will be run in a more efficient manner. Here are the changes of which members should all be aware.

1. The submission date for each slide or digital competition is now the Monday evening **two weeks** prior to judging night (except Sept 24 which are due Sept 17). This provides the Directors with more time to prepare for the competition as well as to review the images for any out of category entries. (See # 4 for information on the category committee).

2. A reminder notice will be sent to members via email about a week before the submission deadline. Therefore, any digital images which are not there when downloaded on the Tuesday morning following the Monday deadline will **not** be included in the competition. The slide entries will need to be submitted on the Monday evening meeting two weeks prior to judging.

3. An email acknowledgement for each digital submission will be sent upon downloading entries on the Tuesday following the Monday deadline. If an acknowledgement is not received by the member by Wednesday, they must advise Mike Fanjoy and resubmit.

4. A "category committee" has been formed to review entries for all digital/slide competitions except Photographer's Choice. The committee includes Mike Fanjoy, Don Dawson, Carm Griffin & Diane Sawatzky. Any entry that is considered by the committee to be out of category will be disqualified. If makers are unsure of the suitability of an entry **after reading the Rules of Competition**, they can either be submitted in the image critique, which is held prior to the submission deadline, or you can approach any of the committee members ahead of time. Since ample opportunity is being given to members to determine whether an entry fits the category, the maker will **not** be allowed to submit a replacement entry for any rejected ones.

5. As approved by the Board of Directors, the digital image size for competition is now 768 pixels on the longest side (current guideline is 1024 pixels on the longest side). Both CAPA & GTCCC recently mandated that competition digital projection entries be 768 pixels on the longest side. It would be appropriate that we follow both umbrella organization image file requirements. The 07/08 Rules of Competition include this change.

## FALL OUTINGS

**Saturday September 22<sup>nd</sup>: Halton County Radial Railway Museum** (outing led by Ian Harris)



- *Directions:* drive approx 40 km west from Etobicoke on Hwy 401, take Exit #312 onto the Guelph Line (Hwy 1), drive 15 km north to the museum entrance and parking lot on the right.
- *Meeting Time & Place:* 11:00 a.m. at the main loading area in front of Rockwood Station just inside the museum entrance.
- *Admission:* \$9.50 adults, \$8.50 seniors
- *Further Information:* [www.hcry.org](http://www.hcry.org)
- *Highlights:* The Halton County Radial Railway is a streetcar museum with a collection of more than 70 pieces of equipment, 3 car-barns, a restoration workshop, and more than 3 km of operating track where visitors have the opportunity to ride a streetcar around the museum property.
- *Food & Washrooms:* An ice-cream & coffee shop provide refreshments, washroom facilities are also available.

**Sunday October 28<sup>th</sup>: Balls Falls Conservation Area**



- *Directions:* drive approx 80 km west from Etobicoke on the QEW (around the western end of Lake Ontario), take Exit #57 onto Victoria Avenue (Hwy 24), drive 6 km south through

Vineland and up the hill, turn left onto Sixth Avenue (at a wooden signpost to Balls Falls), drive 800 m to the Conservation Area entrance on the right.

- *Meeting Time & Place:* 11:00 a.m. at the Balls Falls Conservation Area parking lot.
- *Admission:* \$3.50 adults; \$2.50 seniors
- *Further Information:*  
[www.conservation-niagara.on.ca](http://www.conservation-niagara.on.ca),  
[www.infoniagara.com/recreation/hiking/balls.html](http://www.infoniagara.com/recreation/hiking/balls.html)
- *Highlights:* The Balls Falls Conservation Area straddles a section of Twenty Mile Creek where it tumbles over the Niagara Escarpment down two waterfalls located about 1 km apart. It also includes restored historic buildings from the 19<sup>th</sup> century hamlet that grew up around several water-powered mills (a grist mill, a saw mill and a wool mill). Nature trails wind through the Conservation Area, giving access to the creek, waterfalls, historic properties and the Bruce Trail.
- *Food & Washrooms:* bring your own picnic lunch; washroom facilities are available beside the parking lot.

### Sunday December 2<sup>nd</sup>: Canadian Aboriginal Festival, Rogers Centre



- *Directions by car:* take the Gardiner Expressway east into Toronto, exit onto Spadina Avenue and park at one of the local lots around Spadina/Front.
- *Directions by TTC:* take the Bloor-Danforth subway east to St. George and the Yonge-University subway south to St. Andrews or Union Station and walk south/west to the Rogers Centre.
- *Meeting Time & Place:* 10:00 a.m. outside Gate #8 of the Rogers Centre.

- *Admission:* \$10.00 general
- *Further Information:* [www.canab.com](http://www.canab.com)
- *Highlights:* The Canadian Aboriginal Festival is an annual celebration of First Nations culture and traditions. The event includes drum, dance and singing competitions, a Grand Procession and Pow-Wow (starting at 12:00 noon), and booths selling Native arts, crafts and souvenirs.
- *Food & Washrooms:* fast-food stalls and washrooms available around the Rogers Centre; Native food is also available at booths on the Sky Dome floor.

### Upcoming Winter 2008 Outings:

- Sunday February 17<sup>th</sup>: Winter Landscape, location T.B.A.
- Sunday April 20<sup>th</sup>: Hendrie Valley wetlands, Royal Botanical Gardens, Hamilton.

## IN MEMORY OF

### *Marion Mason*

It was brought to my attention by Rita Tracey that Marion Mason, a former member, passed away in April 2007. Some of the long-time members will remember Marion who was an active member of the Club from the 1960's to the 1993-94 season. She served on the Board as Secretary for the 1982-83 season.

We are sorry to hear of her passing, and extend our sympathy to her family.

*Judy Griffin*

### *Florence Addison*

Many of the long time members of ECC and Islington CC will remember Florence and Bob Addison. Bob passed away several years ago, but Florence only passed away this June – she was over one hundred years old.

We are sorry to hear of her passing, and extend our sympathy to her family.

*Rita Tracey*

## REMINDER

Images for the first competition of the year “**Photographer’s Choice 1**” must be submitted by the **Sept 17<sup>th</sup>** meeting. Now is a good time to select your images.

## SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

### SEPTEMBER 2007

- 10 \$ *Presentation: New Shows and a Couple of Old Favorites* - Stan Bain
- 17 \*\$ *Seminar: Using Artistic Composition Techniques* - Mike Goldstein
- 22 *Outing - Railroad Museum* in Milton
- 24 *Judging: Photographer's Choice #1*

### OCTOBER 2007

- 1 \* *Member's Show: Lightroom* - Mike Fanjoy  
*Image Critique: Scenics*
- 8 **THANKSGIVING - NO MEETING**
- 15 \$ *Presentation: A Day in the Life* - Storey Wilkens
- 22 *Judging: Scenics*
- 28 *Outing - Balls Fall Conserv.* in Vineland
- 29 \$ *Seminar: Inkjet Printing: Making it Look the Way You Want* - J. Knowles

See our web site or the pamphlet for the entire program for the year.

## MEMBERSHIP

Our membership reached almost 100 members last season, however, we have lots of room for new members – unlike some clubs in the GTCCC who have run out of physical space. If you know anyone who is a photographer and does not belong to a camera club, or even anyone who is new to photography with a new digital camera, why not invite them to attend one of our meetings. Even people starting out with a point-and-shoot camera can participate and benefit from club events and competitions.

**Reminder:** Fill out the membership and waiver forms and bring them along with your cheque (or cash but cheque preferred) to Dario De Sante, our new treasurer. This applies to everyone - even long time members must fill out these forms.

## OTHER NEWS / WEB SITES / TIPS

### 1. Financial Statement for ECC

A copy of the financial statement for ECC is now available in the Members Only section of our web

site (a hardcopy will be included with the Viewfinder for those who get it via mail) . Even though we had high expenses last year for new equipment, the club still has a positive balance.

### 2. ECC e-mails

Group e-mails are now being sent out from a new camera club e-mail address [etobicokecameraclub@googlemail.com](mailto:etobicokecameraclub@googlemail.com)

This e-mail address is reserved only for group mailings to all club members or the board, thus please do not reply to these messages.

All general mail should still be addressed to: [info@etobicokecameraclub.org](mailto:info@etobicokecameraclub.org)

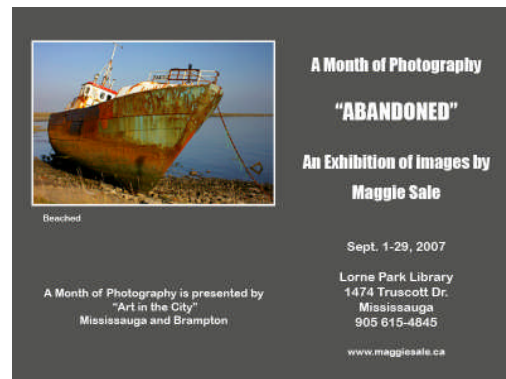
Images for competitions or critiques should still be sent to: [digsig@etobicokecameraclub.org](mailto:digsig@etobicokecameraclub.org)

### 3. A Month of Photography

A Month of Photography is being presented by “Art in the City” in Mississauga and Brampton. A juried selection of photographers will be exhibiting during the month of September in a variety of public venues throughout the communities.

Our member, Maggie Sale, has been selected to exhibit at Lorne Park Library in Mississauga. She will have 17 images on display and for sale.

The theme of her exhibition is “**Abandoned**”



Maggie has also been chosen to exhibit two images at The Laidlaw Gallery, Living Arts Centre, Mississauga. This show entitled “Camera Works” is being held in conjunction with a Month of Photography and is sponsored by Epson. The exhibition begins September 15 and runs until November 4. The Gallery Opening is on 29<sup>th</sup> September, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m., and you are invited to attend.

4. **Don't miss our first meeting on Sept 10** – Stan Bain is a master photographer and entertaining presenter.



