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C.A.P.S.

Second Place
THE SENTINEL
Michelle Vold
Gleneath

Third Place
Eyes to the Sky
Carol MacKinnon
Foothills
Camera Club



Honourable Mention
Nymph Arethusa
Olympia
Larry Easton
Regina Photo Club

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(current and past member clubs of PRPA)

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Central Alberta Photo Society	http://www.centralalbertaphotographicsociety.com
Foothills Camera Club	http://www.foothillscameraclub.ab.ca
Group of Ten	http://www.groupoftenphotographyclub.com
Northern Image Photographers	http://niphoto.ca
Parkland Photography Club	http://www.sknews.ca/parkland_photoclub
Regina Photo Club	http://www.reginaphotoclub.com
Rosetown Photography Club	http://www.rosetownphotoclub.org
Saskatoon Camera Club	http://www.saskatooncameraclub.com
Winnipeg South Photo Club	http://www.winnipegsouthphotoclub.ca

COMPETITION CHAIR REPORT

By Rella Lavoie

Here we are, already a full month into 2010. The daylight hours are starting to lengthen - a reminder that spring is just around the corner.

For those that enjoy winter photography, Mother Nature has been cooperating lately by painting a light touch of hoarfrost, creating a winter wonderland.

On the other hand, if you are experiencing the winter blues, you might want to become inspired by visiting Courtney Milne's website at www.courtneymilne.com. For those of you who may not know, Courtney has been diagnosed with cancer (multiple myeloma), with a tumor on his spine that has left him paralyzed from the chest down. Over the past 10 years he has taken literally thousands of photographs of his pool which he has named his "Pool of Possibilities". The reflections on the water and ice created by the sky, wind and his surroundings are amazingly beautiful. May his ability to look with "new eyes" at his surroundings also inspire you.

To encourage more participation in the **Russell Competition** next fall, I have chosen an easier theme of **OVER/UNDER**. For the benefit of our new members, this competition has an opposite theme requiring two entries (either slides or digital) which don't need to be of the same subject.

As a result of a motion made at the 2009 annual meeting, I would like to remind you that **all print competition entries for this year must be 11 x 14 matted.**

To save on postage, your print entries may be sent with your club representative to the PRPA executive meeting in Kindersley on March 27th. If you prefer to mail them, they must reach the host judging club by April 15th.

The host judging clubs are as follows:

GERRY FISH

Gleneath C.C.
c/o Alice Pritchard
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Kindersley, Sask. S0L 1S1
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HUMAN PORTRAITURE

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ATTANYI

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SPORTS IN ACTION

Saskatoon C.C.
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306-955-2373

DIGITAL IMAGE (SPRING)

Rosetown P.C.
Stan Hingston
sghingston@sasktel.net

I will be emailing the competition judging forms along with any relative information to the host judging clubs sometime before the April deadline.

I hope everyone has had the opportunity to view the promotional CD for the Outing in Nordegg, Alta. and are making your plans to attend. I think I can safely say, it will be one Outing you won't want to miss! See you there.

Gerry Fish Club Competition Club Trophy Winner: Gleneath Camera Club with 120

Club Scoring:

Wild Rose Camera Club	116
Rosetown Photography Club	115
Saskatoon Camera Club	105
Regina Photo Club	104

GERRY FISH CLUB COMPETITION
Judged by Wild Rose Camera Club



Best Nature & Best of Show - *Wild White Geranium*
Larry Easton, Regina Photo Club



Best Portraiture - *Brett*
Dennis Harley, Saskatoon



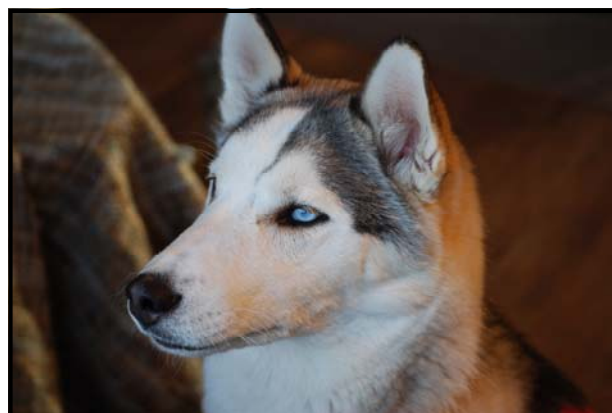
Best Candid Child - *Messy Hair*
Dean Watkiss, Wild Rose



Best Landscape - *Morning Mist*
Roxanne Paslawski, Gleneath



Best Open - *Green to Gold*
Carol MacKinnon, Foothills



Best Open - *Scout* - Gwen McNichol, Rosetown



(1) **1st Mom & Daughters**
Valerie Ellis, Saskatoon

(2) **2nd Dreaming Cowgirl**
Stan Hingston, Rosetown

(3) **3rd Sylvia**
Eldred Stamp, Wild Rose

(4) **HM The Boyz** Monica Schmidt, Wild Rose

(5) **HM Sarah** Dean Watkiss, Wild Rose

(6) **HM I'll Pose For You Amigo** Dale McKenzie,
Wild Rose

HUMAN PORTRAITURE PRINT COMPETITION

Judged by Regina Photo Club

Places to Photograph—Things To Do

Visiting Leipzig

In May of 2009 members of the Rosetown Photography Club and the Gleneath Camera Club traveled to Leipzig to visit the Leipzig Serenity Retreat. The building was originally the Convent of Notre Dame built in 1927. The convent is now a Municipal Heritage Building and is owned by Ardyth and Dan Clark and Gary Corkum.

Their purpose in purchasing the building and grounds was to provide a place to help people to achieve and maintain sobriety, offer bed and breakfast accommodation, and a place to hold conferences and retreats.

The magnificent four-storey brick building is located on a nicely landscaped acreage with majestic old spruce and poplar trees. After wandering the grounds for an hour we were invited inside for a tour of the building. We had great fun exploring the many nooks and crannies in the unfinished upper floors and were impressed with the work that must have gone into the restoration of the lower floors. It was a huge labour of love for Ardyth, Dan and Gary. They have kept as much of the old features as possible while incorporating comfortable accommodations.

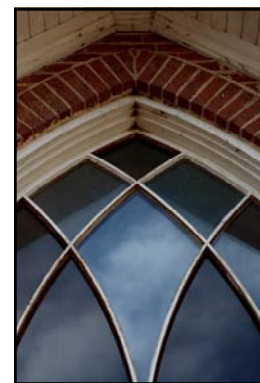
They also have a collection of photos, books and memorabilia chronicling the history of the convent.

As an aside, Stan Hinston attended school here in the early 1960s.

We were lucky to have a beautiful spring day and ideal photographing conditions and as a bonus enjoyed a lovely supper cooked by the owners and their staff. It was hard to leave such a peaceful place.

Please take time to visit their website www.leipzigserenityretreat.com and if possible visit this wonderful place, the directions to get there are on their website.

Submitted by Gwen McNichol



Photos by Rosetown Photography Club Members

Clockwise from top: Brenda Winny, Chris Ewing-Weisz, Jim Turner, Dean Flaman, Stan Hinston, Gwen McNichol

PRPA FALL EXECUTIVE MEETING

Oyen Seniors Center, October 17, 2009

report by Stan Hingston from minutes by Pat Derbowka

Attending were: executive members Stan Hingston, Pat Derbowka, Laird Wilson, Rella Lavoie, & Wilma Gamble; committee chairs Maureen Sinclair, Gwen McNichol & Shirley Gerlock; club reps Curtiss Lund & David Ingoe; and members Ann Dies, Monica Schmidt, Edna Buck & Sandra Buck.

The minutes of the June 13 Board meeting at Jackfish Lodge were read and adopted.

Laird reported that PRPA has 82 members and collected \$1500 membership fees to date. It was decided to post the membership list on a secure part of the website accessible only to executive and club reps. We decided to print membership cards and give the club reps signing authority.

Rella reported that two new clubs have joined the PRPA: Parkland (Tisdale, SK) and Group of Ten (Assiniboia, SK). This brings the number of clubs available for judging to 9. She reminded us of the new rule that prints must be mounted to 11"x14".

Maureen reported that all the circuits are out. There are 3 print circuits and 3 slide circuits again this year.

Gwen reported that the Fall issue of the Prairie Focus is out and the email version is ready to send on Monday October 19.

Stan reported that the new website is slowly taking shape. The old site was accidentally deleted so the new site had to be built from scratch. The Handbook and PRPA brochure are up. The Prairie Focus issues dating back to 2003 are up. A Members'-Only section will be developed and the Handbook and Prairie Focus issues will be moved into it.

Stan and Gwen reported on the 2009 Outing at Jackfish Lodge: 32 members and 11 non-members attended. The facility was good, the food excellent. The Saturday afternoon board meeting worked well, freeing the board members for the Sunday morning shoot. The Saturday tours could have been better organized.

Shirley reported that the Archives report was in the newsletter.

A motion to combine the two categories of the Curtiss Lund print competition, with no limits on computer manipulation, was passed. This will have to be passed at the 2010 AGM and will take effect for the 2011 print competition.

A proposal sent in by Don Matheson to make an exception to the 11x14 print competition rule for panoramic photos was discussed and referred to committee of David, Curtiss, Don and Stan. This same committee will review the definition of manipulations allowed for regular competitions for print and digital images, and bring any proposed changes to the spring board meeting.

The Wild Rose members in attendance played an enthusiastic slideshow promoting the 2010 Outing at Nordegg, Alberta June 11-13.

Laird Wilson and Len Suchan remain as Power of Attorney for PRPA in Saskatchewan.

It was decided to hold the next board meeting in Kindersley on Saturday March 27.

Arlyne Lawson, a longtime member of PRPA who enjoyed attending many Outings, passed away at Swift Current in December of 2009. We extend our sincere condolences to her family and friends.

Chair Report
Stan Hingston

It's hard to believe there are less than 5 months left in my term as chairman of PRPA. It seems like I'm just starting to figure out what I'm supposed to be doing. Many thanks to all of the Board members for filling their roles so well.

One of the main projects I have undertaken for PRPA is the rebuilding of the website. Gil Segovia of the Regina Photo Club has kindly agreed to handle the technical part but he can only build it as fast as I compose the pages to upload. We have the basic pages up including the competition descriptions, Handbook, brochure, and past issues of *Prairie Focus* (back to 2003). Still to come are a description of the Circuits, past competition winners, and past Outings. Then we can focus on layout, color and get some nice photos on it to brighten up the pages. We haven't made much progress since the last newsletter but are getting back at it again and hope to have it nearly completed by June. My thanks to the website committee of Ann Dies, David Thompson Ingoe and Curtiss Lund for their assistance.

The Rosetown Photography Club has kept me busy this year again – see my club report on page 10. I have also taken on the position of treasurer of the Rosetown Arts Council, and am planning a family reunion for July which means updating the family tree data first. My poor neglected business is needing a lot of attention (or I'll never be able to retire).

And now with our youngest son Ben off to college in Calgary, my wife Donna is insisting (quite rightly) that I spend more time with her. I'm working on convincing her to come with me to Nordegg – wish me luck!

Editor's Report
Gwen McNichol

I hope you enjoy this issue of the *Prairie Focus*. It was great fun putting it together and as always a challenge, things happen that you just can't explain.

I would like to share some words from Patricia Katz on her "PAUSE" website: SCAN the possibilities, FOCUS in on a few of the most promising angles, COMMIT to the most compelling option, BEGIN. Words to use in both life and photography.

Prairie Focus Advertising Rates

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• Full page	\$60/issue	\$200/year
• Half page	30	100
• Quarter page	20	60
• Business card	10	30

Submission Deadlines for the Newsletter

Winter: January 15	Summer: May 15
Spring: March 15	Fall: September 15

Application for Membership in *Prairie Region of Photographic Arts*

I hereby apply for membership in the Prairie Region of Photographic Arts (PRPA).
Enclosed is my membership fee of \$20 (payable to "PRPA"). Memberships expire June 30.

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ Postal Code _____

Email _____

I am a member of (photography club) _____

(or) I am joining as an Individual Member rather than through a club ____ .

Prairie Focus is now available in pdf format to members by email and on the PRPA website.
Please check your preference: ____ email/website is sufficient for me; ____ I prefer a printed copy.

PRPA may publish a member list which is distributed to PRPA Board Members and Club Reps only.

Date _____ Signature _____

Mail to: Laird Wilson, 127 Merlin Cresc., Regina, SK S4R 3E6

CLUB REPORTS

Rosetown Photography Club

Report by Stan Hingston

We have 21 members this year, of which 6 are PRPA members. It's nice to have 10 or 12 out to meetings every month.

Because of the large number of new members in the last few years, we found it too much to train them individually on the club equipment following the monthly meetings. Instead I set up five **Tutorials**, held on successive Monday evenings, for those members interested (new and old): scanning, printing, basic photo editing, mat cutting, and creating slideshows.

Lately we are encouraging each member to create a digital slideshow to use in our 3rd annual **public slideshow** evening planned for March 31. This is another great way we have found to share our work with our friends and neighbors. By the way, you are all invited!

We continue to operate the **Hallway Gallery** at a mini-mall in downtown Rosetown. On one wall we have the Member Showcase with 12 to 16 photos by one member. On the other wall is the Club Theme Exhibit with many members each contributing one or two prints. Themes we have done so far this year are: *Harvest* and *Pet Parade*; upcoming themes are: *Places of Worship*, *Spring Thaw*, and *Shadows*. These exhibits are changed every two months. We also have prints at the Heartland Health regional office (also rotating every two months) and an annual exhibit at the Rosetown Museum over the summer months.

In October the club purchased a HP Photosmart Pro **B8850 printer**. It prints with more vibrant color and uses pigment inks which should last longer. It only takes paper up to 13x19 so we still use our HP Designjet 130 for larger printing jobs.

Our club invited Gleneath Camera Club to join us on a tour in May 2009 of the **Leipzig Serenity Retreat**, formerly the Convent of Notre Dame, in Leipzig, Saskatchewan. See article on page 7.

In August we took on a very interesting and fun project. The Rosetown **Summer Fun Squad** is a town sponsored program to provide kids with supervised daily activities during the summer.

The Rosetown Photo Club led the Fun Squad youth, ages 7 to 15, on a photographic safari on a Thursday afternoon. Twelve youth and the Fun Squad Coordinator met with members of the Photo Club at the Library basement to explore ways to improve their photography. Five tips for composition were explained and illustrated with a slide show. A handout and assignments were provided.

The Five Composition Tips were:

- Natural Framing
- Up and Down – try different perspectives
- Creative Zooming
- Background – keep it simple
- Rule of Thirds

The Fun Squad and the Photo Club members met again the following week to view a slide show featuring the youths' photos. They were each presented with five 8x10 prints of their work of which they chose one to place in an exhibit in the Photo Club's Hallway Gallery. They also composed – often after considerable deliberation – a title for their gallery photo. After the gallery show the kids got to take their custom-matted print home.

This year in addition to the monthly meetings, we decided to hold a **Sunday afternoon outing** every month. In September we tried our hand with the same 5 tips that the kids had done in the summer. Later in the fall one of our members led us on a photo shoot of abandoned farmyards and rural landscapes in the hills near her farm. Instead of the Sunday afternoon outing, in December we photographed the Rosetown Winter Wonderland Parade, and in January we helped cover the Olympic torch run through our town.

This Saturday, February 6, the photo club is participating in the **Rosetown Hobby Show**. We will have a table to show off some of our equipment, slideshows, prints and matting abilities, and invite people to "join the club". We also assist the Rosetown Arts Council in running the annual adjudicated **Rosetown Art Show** every April. Thanks to efforts by club members, there is always an impressive photography section.

For more information (and a lot of photos) visit our website at www.rosetownphotoclub.org.

**ATTANYI SALON
PRINT COMPETITION**
Judged by Gleneath Camera Club



1st **What Am I?** Monica Schmidt, Wild Rose



2nd **Trailin' Home** Carrie Olivier Brown,
Rosetown



3rd **Mount Revelstoke** Eldred Stamp,
Wild Rose



HM **Brushed with White** Paule Hjertaas,
Regina



HM **Who's Watching Who?**
Rella Lavoie, Gleneath

SPORTS IN ACTION PRINT COMPETITION



1st First Corner
Lisa Nedellec, Gleneath

2nd Ouch Jake Zondag,
Wild Rose



3rd The Hail Mary
Michelle Vold, Gleneath

Honourable Mention
He Got Game
Michelle Vold, Gleneath

Judged by the Battlefords Camera Club



2010 PRPA Nordegg Annual Outing

June 11-13

Wild Rose Camera Club will be hosting the 2010 PRPA Outing at Goldeye Center in the beautiful wilderness setting near Nordegg. Activities are planned for all three day and be sure to bring your camera equipment for the surprise entertainment on Friday evening. Tours for the remaining time will consist of visiting Abraham Lake and Crescent Falls, hiking around Goldeye lake, visits to the historical Town of Nordegg and Brazeau Collieries Coal Mining Complex which have significant influence on the development of the West.

There will also be a Silent Auction held during the weekend so bring anything of value that might be of interest to other members.

The Location

The weekend is too short to fully appreciate the beauty of this wilderness area which played a significant role in the discovery of mountain passes to the west coast of Canada. Plan your holiday around our Outing and you won't be disappointed. Picture opportunities are everywhere. Distance traveled each day will be short as every turn in the road means you have to stop to take a picture. This trip and Outing will be a memorable occasion, one you'll never forget.

The immediate area is located in the foothills of the Rockies which is heavily wooded and has many natural species- wild horses, deer, moose, elk, bear, coyotes, mountain sheep, mountain goats, spruce grouse and other birds and many types of flowers and trees. For the outdoorsman, fishing in the area is excellent. Photo opportunities exist at every turn in the trail or road. Dusk and dawn are the time to see wild life so be prepared for photo opportunities at those times. When in a vehicle best pictures will be taken from the vehicle as the animals are quite tame but are leery when you're on foot. The horses are all wild and beautiful so appreciate them for their ability to survive in this wilderness. The area for hundreds of miles is back-country so be prepared to spend more time in the area to fully appreciate this beautiful, awe inspiring country. After the weekend you also have the opportunity to see the Rockies by continuing west to highway 93 and then turn north to the Columbia Ice Fields and then on to beautiful Jasper returning home via Edmonton using the Yellowhead highway or to turn left to visit Lake Louise and Banff and then to Calgary via the Trans-Canada highway.

All PRPA Outing participants are required to sign the following release form.

RELEASE OF RESPONSIBILITY - PRPA OUTING 2010	
I, my heirs and executors, waive and release all claims for damage (whether for personal injury or to property) including those arising from negligence or any other conduct resulting from my activities with the PRPA Outing 2010. Not to restrict the foregoing, I release from liability the Prairie Region of Photographic Arts, their executive and members, volunteers or agents. I acknowledge the risks that I am taking and am voluntarily signing this release. I have read and understand the contents of this statement.	
Name (print):	_____
Signature:	_____
Dated:	_____

If you plan to enter the Showmanship Competition, please fill in the following form.

Showmanship Competition Entry	
I / We plan to enter the Showmanship Competition at the 2010 PRPA Outing:	
Name:	_____
Address:	_____
Phone: () _____	E-mail: _____
Category: <input type="checkbox"/> Single Projector; <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple Projector; <input type="checkbox"/> Digital Projector (Participants are responsible for providing their own projectors)	

2010 PRPA Nordegg Annual Outing

June 11-13

Weekend Activities

Friday, June 11

Registration starts at 2:00 pm
Start of Silent Auction 2:00 pm
Supper at 5:00 pm
Surprise Show 6-8 pm
AGM 8-10 pm
Social 10 pm until ?

Saturday, June 12

Early morning hike 6:00 am
Breakfast 8:00 am
Abraham Lake and Crescent Falls Day Tour 9:00 am
Banquet supper 6:00 pm
Showmanship, Awards, Slide Show, Silent Auction Closing 7:00 pm
Social 9:00 - ?

Sunday, June 13

Early Bird Hike 6:00 am
Breakfast 8:00 am
Executive and Club Reps Meeting 8:00 am (Breakfast Meeting)
Nordegg and Brazeau Colliers Coal Mine Site Tour 9:00 am
Checkout 11:00 am
Those interested can make arrangements for a visit to the Ram River Falls area

Registration Form

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Registration Fee (before 1 June, 2010) - \$110

Late registration (after 1 June, 2010) - \$120

Cancellation fee - \$25

Total Paid to WRCC _____

Fees include all meals and entry fees.

Recommended accommodation: Goldeye Center (goldeye@telusplanet.net or Ph. 403 721 2102) as it is convenient to all the activities. Cost is \$110 per night, double occupancy.

Mail all completed forms to: Eldred Stamp
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Ponoka , AB, T4J1L4

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