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MAY EVENTS

Wednesday 6 May

You be the judge ...

Judging the Levin Camera Club competition proved to be quite a complicated exercise because of the very detailed marking system they use. Each image had to be given a mark out of 2 for each of 5 categories (composition, impact, author involvement, technical competence, presentation) plus comments. This involved a lot of juggling of decimal points to get the photos in the right order. The other challenge was the lack of unanimity about some of the images!

Wednesday 20 May, 7.30pm

Guest speaker: Andrew Bonallack

Andrew Bonallack from CityLife Independent Herald gave us lots of useful tips as well as a superb presentation of his images. He had organised them into sections to show several examples of each technique he uses to get maximum visual impact and pull readers into the articles:

- **Person in front:** in group shots, putting one person more in front of the others to create greater impact and a feeling of depth in the picture.
- **Angle:** using an interesting angle or viewpoint to increase impact – this usually involves getting down low and looking up towards the subject, which helps isolate them from a busy background as well as looking more dramatic. Andrew often lies on the ground to take these images.
- **Kids running towards the camera:** these images look much less contrived than posed photos and are much more dramatic. The kids love doing this too, so the expressions are great as well as the action.
- **Sidelight:** this gives a more dramatic effect.
- **Shooting against the sun, usually from a low angle:** Andrew calls this technique "the hero pose" as it makes the person look dominant and large in the picture with a hint of a halo – very appropriate for sports champs etc.

Andrew emphasised the need to make press images bright as they go darker on newsprint. This means he has to use flash for most images, usually hand-held as far to the side as his arm will allow. If there's another person around he gets them to hold the flash further away still (another thing kids love doing).

Coming up in June

Wednesday 3 June, 7.30pm:

Workshop: Learn how to flash appropriately... we'll run through all the tricks you can use to light your subject without overexposing. Bring your camera and separate flash unit if you have one.

PLUS please bring any potential interclub battle entries you've created so far (either prints or digital) so we can see what topics we need to do more work on.

To remind you **Wellington Regional Interclub Battle (Tuesday 18 August)**

Each club enters 1 mounted or matted print for each of these 10 subjects:

Rivers and / or water
Weather
Cats and /or dogs
Natural
Illusion

Wires and wood
Friends
Exposed
Oops
Yummy

Hutt-Karori Battle (Tuesday 8 September)

This will be all projected images (no prints). The topics are:

Senses – "Let your imagination wander for this category. Any of the faculties by which stimuli from outside or inside the body are received and felt, as the faculties of hearing, sight, smell, touch, taste, and equilibrium."

- 10 images per club

Black and White Portrait

- 10 images per club

Open

- 20 images per club

Wednesday 17 June, 7.30pm

Guest speaker: Liz Finnie

Liz is a very talented and creative photographer who has had some interesting travels lately. You'll also be inspired by her breathtaking artistic images.

EXHIBITIONS IN WELLINGTON

Photospace Gallery

Midlands: a topographical exploration of the Irish Midlands Martin Cregg

22 May-15 June

A sixties model in black & white – Heinz Sobiecki

• 18 June - 11 July 2009

Photospace, 1st floor, 37 Courtenay Place

Preview at: www.photospace.co.nz/expo143.htm Thanks to the Photospace website, www.photospace.co.nz, for the above information and also the newsletter of the WPS.

Inaugural Four Nations Photographic Competition

Photographic Society of New Zealand
Australian Photographic Society
Photographic Society of South Africa
Canadian Association of Photographic Art

PSNZ is pleased to announce that it is now ready to receive images from Members of PSNZ, for the Inaugural Four Nations Photographic Competition. This is an inter-Society competition for digitally projected images open to individual members of PSNZ.

The aim is to submit images from as many of our PSNZ members as possible. One hundred images will be selected for inclusion in the PSNZ entry into this competition. A selection of the highest scoring images will be shown at the 2010 National Convention together with a similar number of high scoring images from each of the other Societies' entries.

The Society with the highest aggregate score will be declared the Four Nations Champion and a Four Nations Award will be awarded to the highest scoring image of all the images included in this competition. Bronze medals will be awarded to the five highest scoring images from the PSNZ set.

Closing Date 20th June 2009

The rules and entry form are attached

DARREN LEAL – SAFARIWISE Travel Photography Seminar at Adventure Travel Wellington on 1st July at 6pm, \$20pp. Call 04-494-7180 or email: info@adventuretravel.co.nz. See attachment for details.

New Zealand Camera 2010

A reminder to all members of the Photographic Society of New Zealand to submit their work for consideration to be published in
New Zealand Camera 2010.

- This is a great opportunity to have your work published in this prestigious book.
- Images are to be submitted as digital files on a CD.

- An entry form will be enclosed with the May-June edition of Camerataalk. This will be in your mail box very soon.
- Alternatively, entry form and conditions of entry can be downloaded from the PSNZ website by following this link. www.photography.org.nz/nzcamera_rules

Remember closing date for entries is Friday 3rd July 2009.

FOOTNOTES

The Karori Camera Club is part of the Karori Arts & Crafts Centre. For information on all Centre activities, contact Stella Mason, 476-6817 during working hours.

Karori Camera Club meets on the first and third Wednesdays of every month at the Karori Arts & Crafts Centre, at 7.30 pm. Our website <http://karori.cameraclub.org.nz> lists current and recent events, and links to individual members' websites. For any enquiries, or a copy of our 2009 programme/information to newcomers, contact our co-convenors Stella Daniell (twinkle@paradise.net.nz) or Mark Berger (photosoc@moothall.co.nz). For contributions to the newsletter, contact newsletter editor Carol Anderson (carolandis@xtra.co.nz)