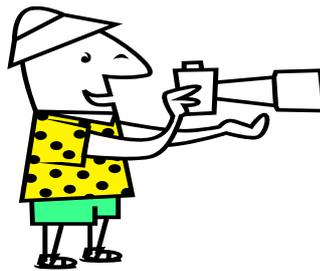


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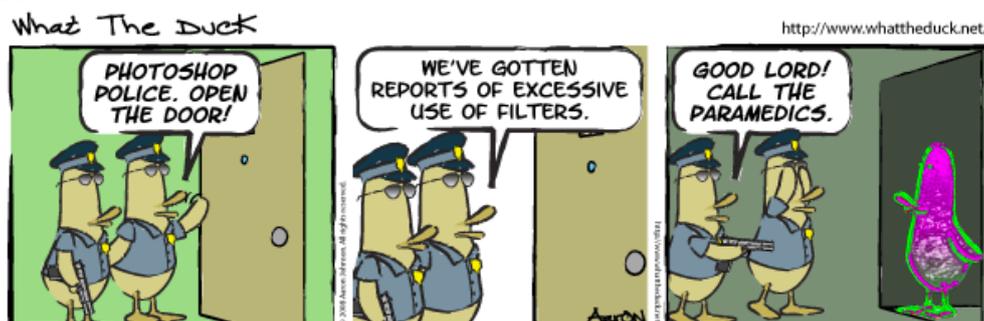
Welcome to the next edition of *Thru The Lens*. Welcome too to our newest members, Cheree and Kim – it's great to have some new faces.

He hosted Peter Bellmont at our July meeting, who spoke about travel and landscape photography. His insights were thought provoking. I especially liked his thoughts on 'slowing down' – that is taking more time *thinking* about the image before pressing that camera shutter. Sometimes we can be a bit hasty and 'let the camera do the work', - often with suboptimal/disappointing results.

One thing I'd like our members (ie you) to consider is discussing the photos more during the meeting's coffee/tea break. The judge often provides one perspective, but if you wish to learn more about the process another member took to capture that image, or wish to get more thoughts about your images, ask around – there's always someone who can provide helpful advice!

I know the weather's been cold, but one of the best (photographic) things about winter is the quality of light. The sun's lower on the horizon (reducing harsh shadows and providing better textural detail), the overcast conditions provide the perfect 'soft' light ideal for portraits, and the rain/water often will provide much richer colour saturation than dry conditions. So what are you doing reading this newsletter ... grab the camera and get shooting!

Cheers, Paul



Upcoming events

- **August monthly meeting:**

Thursday 14th August, from 7.30pm. The competition theme is 'Landscape/Seascape'. Our guest judge will be Mike Purves, who will speak about landscapes and outdoor photography on the night. Competition entries *MUST* be received by Kath by Sunday 3rd August. Up to 4 photos per member.

- **Parklands/Preston photography inter-club competition/night**

Preston will host this year's inter-club night. It will be held on Monday August 25th – please keep this evening free. Late submissions (any photo/s; not necessarily just those previously submitted) to Kath before the 3rd August.

- **Sept/Oct themes:**

Start planning/taking your photos for these upcoming months....

September (theme = 4 photos telling a story): members must submit four photos. These photos should tell a story. They can be (but do not have to be) in a particular order. If there is an order, please number the entries #1, #2, etc. The 4 photos can be individually mounted, or mounted together on a single mount. Please keep the size of the 4 photos consistent.

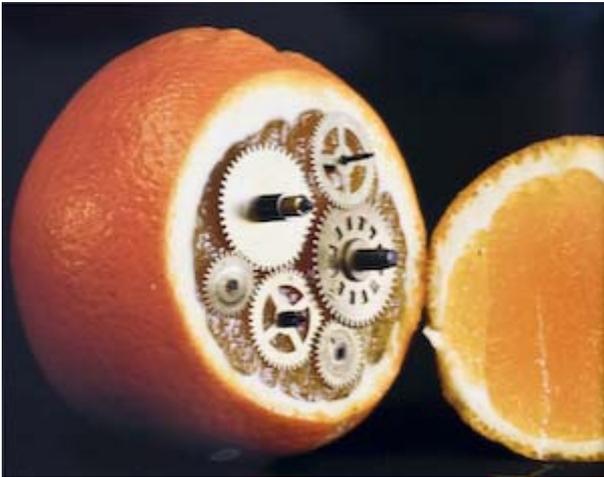
October (theme = open): up to photo photos per member, with complete choice regarding the subject matter. This is the last of the regular meetings for the year, and a chance to submit your best/favourite photos.

nb members can re-submit photos *provided the photo hasn't previously been awarded a place or highly commended*. There also isn't a time limit, but everyone's encouraged to submit a contemporary image – we learn a lot more by shooting regularly, rather than delving into our 'shoeboxes' for old photos.

- **September workshop and excursion!**

In September, we'll host Leo McGuire who will run a practical workshop on ***Capturing Motion*** for our club. It will be held on Thursday September 18th: 7.30-9.30pm. Following this, we plan to go as a club to the Moonee Valley races on Friday 26th September to practice what we learnt at the workshop! Thus we have three events scheduled for September, over three sequential weeks – busy times ahead!

July competition results – *Book/song/movie title*



First place – Mathew La Sala
– “Clockwork Orange”



Second Place – Mathew La Sala
- "Da Vinci code"



Third place– Mathew La Sala
- “Ticket to Ride”



HC – Cheree Dodson
- “Days of Thunder”



HC – Ray Jenner
- “Money Money Money”



HC – Darren Cottier
- “Top Gun”



HC – Paul Grinzi
- “Helping Hand”

Exhibitions, Events & Competitions

- ***The InnerNortherns Exhibition***
July 5th - Aug 2nd 2008; Brunswickbound Bookstore, 361 Sydney Rd Brunswick, Vic (near the corner of Albert Street). Melbourne's Brunswickbound Bookstore is proud to present the very 1st Exhibition by the InnerNorthern Photography Group - consisting of artists inspired and working in the Northern Suburb's of Melbourne.
- ***People & Planet International Photo Competition***
This competition aims to select 55 photos of people, places or things which tell a story about a social-justice or environment issue to be published in the 2009 People & Planet: Social Justice & Environment Diary, which raises money for Australian non-profit organisations. \$2500 of prizes for the best 3 photos. Full competition and entry details can be found at <http://www.peopleandplanet.org.au/>
Entries Close 25 July, 2008
- ***My Favourite Travel Exhibition***
You are invited to submit your favourite travel photo. Judged by an expert panel from The Age, Lonely Planet, misheye and RovingEye, winners will be exhibited at Michaels Camera Store in Melbourne and auctioned for charity. The money raised is donated to Co-Operation in Development who build schools and provide a free education to children in Bangladesh. The theme this year is 'discovery' and people can submit a photo via www.myfavouritestravelphoto.com.
- ***Expose your world competition***
Online competition with a variety of categories. For info at www.exposeyourworld.com. Entries close end of August.
- ***Travel Photographer of the Year gallery and competition***
This website has a great gallery of past winners and is currently open to entries for this year's competition: www.tpoty.com/. The comp is open to anyone and there's even special awards for amateur photographers – like us! Entries due September 9th.
- ***Art Deco 1910-1939 - NGV***
Showcasing over 300 works across all fields of Art Deco, including works by Man Ray, Forence Henri, Cecil Beaton, Olive Cotton and Edward Steichen. National Gallery of Victoria (St Kilda Road), until October 5th.
- ***291: Photographers in the circle of Alfred Stieglitz - NGV***
This exhibition brings together work from Alfred Stieglitz and other artists who exhibited at New York's 291 Gallery in the early 20th century. National Gallery of Victoria (St Kilda Road), until September 28th.

Website update

If you haven't already, please check out our newly revamped website – (see top of newsletter for web address). Thanks to Nick for his hard work afterhours putting it all together. You can find archives of these newsletters, past competition winning photos, our program, etc etc. If you have any suggestions for improvement, please pass them on – it's your website! Each month's 'winning' image will feature on the homepage for the following month.

The GIMP – a free, but powerful, image editing program

After the requests at the last meeting for a program that can do 'layers': The Gimp (<http://www.gimp.org/>) is a freely available program that does most of the stuff Photoshop does, including layers – without the cost!

There are tutorials on the Gimp's website as well as some great video tutorial's here: <http://meetthegimp.org/getting-the-old-shows/>

November meeting

We are slightly altering the format of our final 'indoor' meeting of the year; combining the annual general meeting with club judging of the 'print of the year' – prizes will be awarded on the night! Any photo submitted during the year can be entered on the night (previous winner or not).

Also, at this meeting, the competition themes are chosen for the following year – so start thinking about some possibilities. The list is endless. If you wish, you can email your suggestions to me at any time and I'll collate them for the meeting.

Websites of the month

- <http://www.blingit.us/blog/2008/02/27/pictures-taken-just-at-the-right-time/> - photos demonstrating the idea of knowing when to press that shutter button!
- <https://www.photoshop.com/express> - a free online photo library, editing and sharing website. It also links with Facebook, Flickr, Picasa and other photosharing websites. Registration is quick and easy (tip: select "USA" when prompted). Further info can be found at http://www.photoshopexpresstechniques.com/px_overview.html
- <http://www.faststone.org/> - the free software our July judge, Peter Belmont, demonstrated. It is a program to help you manage your photo library and edit photos (although the editing functions are fairly basic).

Quote of the month

Ultimately, my hope is to amaze myself. The anticipation of discovering new possibilities becomes my greatest joy.

- *Jerry Uelsmann; [b. 1934] American photographer and educator*