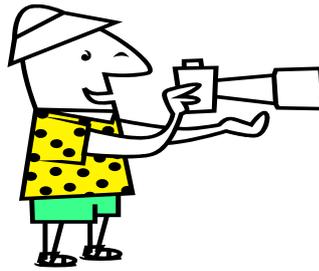


Thru The Lens



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The official
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Photographic Club

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The days are getting shorter and Winter weather has certainly arrived. May's theme of 'The Dark Side' seemed quite appropriate! Don't let the cooler weather put you off: explore your backyard, your neighbourhood, etc and look for those opportunities that are around us!

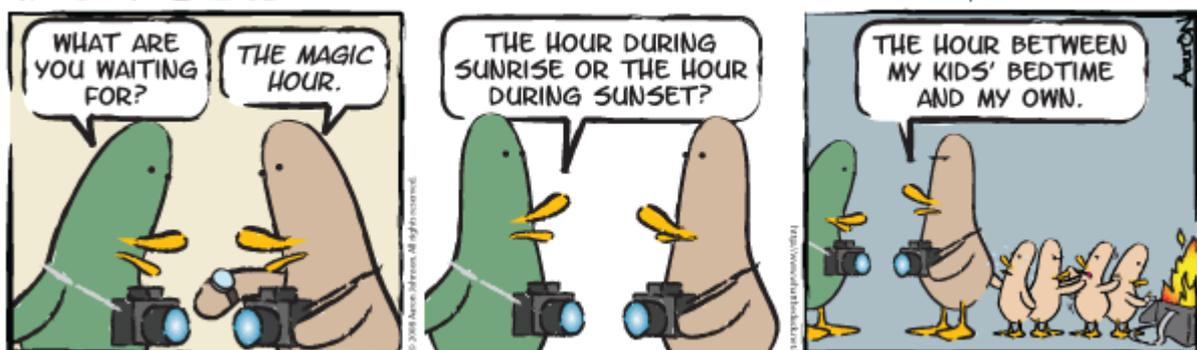
There are a few monthly competition themes coming up that have received some queries – an explanation is provided in this newsletter. Also, on request from a few members, I am repeating some info about some online resources (eg video tutorials) to learn Photoshop. In addition, I've repeated the survey info – for those who haven't had a chance to complete the 3 minute online survey. If you don't have access to the internet, please pass on your suggestions regarding this newsletter and other means of communication at the next meeting!

The committee will be meeting soon to arrange the second half of the year – any suggestions or topics for discussion please let me know, and I'll bring them to the meeting.

See you at the June meeting – and bring a friend!

Cheers, Paul

What The Duck



Club-related communication survey

We've received a few responses – thank you to those who have completed the survey. We'd still like some feedback from the rest of you! Parklands tries to keep you informed at both the club meetings and also through this newsletter. Occasionally, other emails are sent out, especially if they are more urgent (eg arranging the Sydney Rd festival stall in Feb). We (the committee) receive a lot of other information (via email and post) about certain events, etc. We try to combine the important information into the newsletter, and leave out the rest.

Please spend the next 3 minutes going to [this link](#) to fill out a very brief survey about what you would like to receive from the club, in terms of communication correspondence. Your feedback is vitally important.

Upcoming events

- **June monthly meeting:**

Thursday 12th June, from 7.30pm. The competition theme is 'Open'. Our guest judge will be Nicole Garmston from Herald Sun newspaper. Competition entries *MUST* be received by Kath by Sunday 25th May.

- **July/August/Sept themes:**

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

July (theme = a book/song/movie title): A relatively 'open' theme, *provided* the title of the photo is a song/movie or book title. When submitting your images, ensure you include the title (eg "Blue Swede Shoes; Elvis Presley") on the reverse of the photo, along with your Maker number. Up to 4 photos per member.

August (theme = landscape / seascape): any photo that depicts a section or expanse of scenery (eg ocean, rural, urban, etc). Up to 4 photos per member.

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.

VAPS newsbrief

Would you like Newsbrief (the Victorian Association of Photographic Societies monthly newsletter) emailed directly to you every month? It is completely free. All you need to do is ask!!

Email the editor - vapsnews@optusnet.com.au

May competition results – *The Dark Side*



First place – Kath Kelly



Second Place – Mathew La Sala



3rd place– Mathew La Sala



HC – Frank Rubino



HC – Kath Kelly

Exhibitions, Events & Competitions

- **Pakenham National Photographic Exhibition**

This National Photographic Exhibition is a competition open to all residents of Australia. The 4th Exhibition will be held in September 2008 at the Cardinia Cultural Centre in Pakenham. Entries for this competition close in mid July. Secretary : Mrs. Pauline Preston - Ph. 5629 2488
<http://www.pakenhamcameraclub.smugmug.com/>

- **Travel photography of the year**

Check out the website, www.tpoty.com to see the winning images from last year.

- **Message from 'Andy'**

This was emailed to the club:

I am a professional life model that has acquired some Ancient Greek warrior props. I wish to have some photos in an outdoor setting for my own personal portfolio - I was wondering if there is anyone within your club who would like to photograph me recreating sculpture/vase poses in helmet, shield, spear and sword, some with a cloak but otherwise nothing else. The photographer can have ownership to do what they like with them- so long as they supply me with a CD with the images, which I can reproduce if I wish. Andy, 0400 9666 13.

- **The 2008 Royal Melbourne Show Art and Craft Competition and Exhibition**

is now taking entries. Information about the Photography Competition or other classes of the exhibition are available from me (just email me and I'll forward the info on) or via Judy.barnes@rasv.com.au; www.rasv.com.au.

- **Garuda Indonesia International Photographic Competition**

The contest will celebrate "Visit Indonesia Year 2008" and its mission is to encourage creativity, with the intention of promoting exploration and discovery of the beautiful landscape, people and culture of the area through photographic experimentation. Photographers are invited from the Asia Pacific regions (ASEAN, Hong Kong/China; Japan/Korea; Australia & Indonesia) to take photos of their own region with the theme " My Home, My Country." All Entries should be via the internet and will be accepted until May 31, 2008. For more information email photo@garudacompetition.com; or visit <http://www.garudacompetition.com>

- **Exhibition of Award winning Prints from the 15th VIGEX International Salon of Photography**

VIGEX, an acronym of Victoria Geelong Exhibition, is one of only two International Print Salons in Australia. It is held biennially and showcases some of the best amateur and professional photographic works from photographers worldwide. Venue: Geelong Art Gallery, Little Malop Street, Geelong. Date: 3rd May to 1st June 2008

Photoshop tips and tutorials on the internet

<http://www.photowalkthrough.com>

<http://www.photoshopkillertips.com/>

<http://www.lunacore.com/photoshop/tutorials/tutorials.shtml>

<http://www.adobe.com/digitalimag/ideagallery/>

<http://www.planetphotoshop.com/category/tutorials/>

<http://www.layersmagazine.com/category/photoshop/>

http://www.russellbrown.com/tips_tech.html

http://www.photofoolery.com/tutorials_all.php

<http://www.webdesignerwall.com/tutorials/photoshop-secret-shortcuts/>

<http://www.photoshopquicktips.com/>

<http://www.photoshopusertv.com/>

Quote of the month

The artist's world is limitless. It can be found anywhere, far from where he lives or a few feet away. It is always on his doorstep.

- *Paul Strand [1890 – 1976] American photographer*