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WVSPC

Photography In The SAC

Hello everyone,

My name is Len Grinke, and I'm delighted to introduce myself as the new Photo Club Leader of the West Van Seniors' Photographic Club (WVSPC). I officially stepped into the role on July 20th and have been spending the past few weeks learning the ropes, getting to know the club, and putting together what I hope will be an engaging and enjoyable fall season for all of us.

Many of you already know me, but for those I haven't had the pleasure of meeting, here's a little about my background. Photography has been a major part of my life for many years. I joined the Professional Photographers of Canada in 1986, and over the years I have earned my Master of Photographic Arts designation through the PPOC, along with four national accreditations and National Judge certification. Most of my career has been spent as a freelance photographer—a role I continue to enjoy today—although I have also spent some time working within the retail side of the photographic industry.

I'm excited to be part of this wonderful club and look forward to meeting more of you, sharing our passion for photography, and seeing the creative and inspiring images that will be produced in the months ahead.

New Photo Club Leader for WVSPC

Len Grinke has taken on the role of Photo Club Leader

Next Terms Schedule

The schedule for next term is nearly Complete. Here are some Highlights

Register Now Open

Get your registration done before it is full.

6x6 Challenge:

Favourite Photo Of The Summer

This month's Photo Club challenge, "Favourite Photo from the Summer" – and the best part? Your photo can be any subject!

Our cameras may not be the only things with great shots – our members are!

Enjoy every precious summer moment, and come back in September glowing and with that one photo that made it all worthwhile!

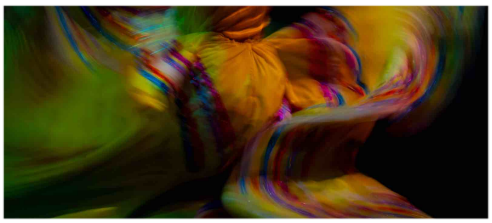
Submission guidelines:

- Only one JPG image per member
- The photo must have been taken between June 4th and September 7th, 2026
- The image file name should include the photographer's name and image title

Please send your image directly to John Brandrick at : john@carmanah.net

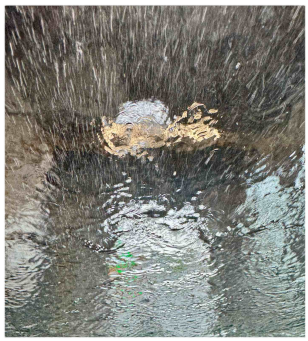
Deadline : Monday September 7th at 11: 59 p.m.

"Colours in the Breeze" by John Cousineau



"Hipposthumous" by Robert Best

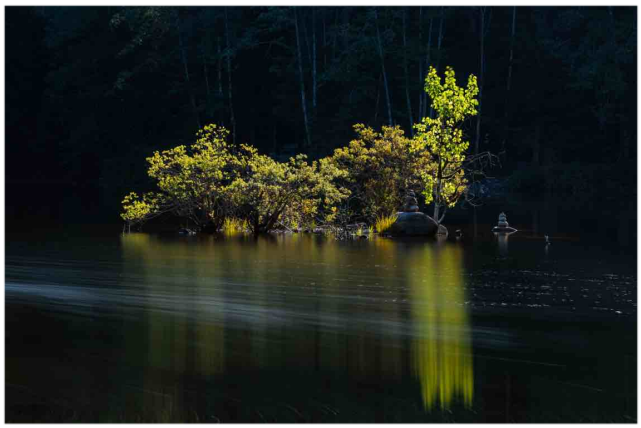
"Not a White Throated Dipper by Wendy Winslow



MEMBERS DAY

Our first day back, September 10, is not only the 6x6 Challenge but members day as well. We are looking forward to seeing your images from the Rice Lake Field Trip. Please make sure your images are submitted directly to John Brandrick at : john@carmanah.net by Monday September 7th at 11:59pm.

Rice Lake by Neil Bennett



Highlights For Next Term

Over the last few weeks I have been building a curriculum that I think you will find enjoyable as well as educational. And while it is not yet completed or set in stone, I would like to share with you some of the highlights.

September 10 - 6X6, photo's of rice lake, members day, introduce Seeing In Sixes
September 17 - Outside Speaker - Paul Wright - What keeps you engaged in photography in your 7th decade of life and beyond
October 8th - Manpreet Sokhi - Travel through India
October 15th - John Brandrick - Adam Gibbs Workshop
October 22nd - Field trip - the bus is booked, we just need a place to go. Suggestions?
October 29 - Critique Day with Andrea and Len
November 12 - Robert Coates - incorporating people into landscapes
November 19 - Tony Wilson
November 26 - Craig Minelly - Movie production stills
December 10 - See in sixes

As you can see, we have an exciting lineup - and you can see that it is not complete. We need

- 3 members to do short presentations on November 5th.
- Although I have a couple ideas for the field trip, if you have an idea that you think would make a great field trip, please let me know.
- short member presentations for 6x6 members day.

If you can help with any of these, please let Len know. He can be reached at lengrinke@photolen.ca

Registration Is Now Open

Registration for the fall term is now open. You can register in person at the registration desk in the SAC, or, you can register online. Here is the link:
https://westvancouver.ca/parks-recreation/recreation-programs-services/programs-search-results?activity_type=programs&ages=10&activities=146&locations=26
Please make sure to sign up for each term.

Photo Club Wall

Want to have your images displayed on the Photo club Wall? It is a great way to showcase your work and have be seen. It is also a great way to let people know about the photography club. If you would like more info about the Photo Club Wall, or would like to see some of your images hanging there, please contact Sandy Drummond : spdrummond@gmail.com

Printing Support for Photo Club Wall

John Brandrick has kindly offered to print photographs for members participating in the Photo Club Wall display.

Print size: 11×14 inches
Acceptable enhancements included
Cost: $15 per print

Please contact: john@carmanah.net

Sad News

On August 6th, club member and friend, Jacquie Clayton passed. She was on her trip through Clayquot Sound and passed peacefully in her sleep. Her celebration of life has not yet been announced. She will be missed.

Your 2026/27 Advisory Committee

Photo Club Leader - Len Grinke lengrinke@photolen.ca 604-307-4566
Projectionist - John Brandrick john@carmanah.net 604-726-1748
Past Photo Club Leader - Peter Owens
Past Photo Club Leader - Andrea Seraphin
Treasurer - Hans Gray
Print Wall Coordinator - Sandy Drummond
Cards Coordinator - Sandra Campden and John Brandrick
Membership and Name Tags - Frances Dowdeswell
Newsletter - Afra Taghizadeh
Field Trip Coordinator -

There are still some roles available on the advisory committee. If you are interested in helping determine and guide the direction of the WVSPC, please let Len Grinke or John Brandrick know.