



President's Corner

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Prez is away, so we decided to play! Enjoy some snaps from your Exec...



Our next general meeting is **Thursday, March 9 at 7pm via Zoom.**

Nancy Rose will enlighten us on 'The Secret Life of Squirrels'. See page 2 for details. Our last competition for the year is Monochrome and Photographer's Choice. Be sure to check out page 3 for more information. Page 4 highlights the next Front Seat Travel Club evening of travel to the Amazon and Dubai on Wednesday, March 22 at 7pm.

Our next outing, at the Hobby Farm in Stayner, has been scheduled for Tuesday, March 7 at 10:30am. If you didn't receive an email, be sure to reach out to Eric for further details. If you haven't had a chance to participate in an outing, you can see on page 5 what some trips have been about to get inspired for another time! There is still time to see the Wildlife Photographer of The Year at the ROM with a special discount as listed on page 6.

A Most Improved Photographer Award has been created in memory of Ted Dillon. Please read this tribute and award that Ted's wife, Patricia, has so generously donated in Ted's memory.

Page 8 showcases some pictures of the February theme, 'Illuminate', and sets the category for March! Check it out! We are sure it's yummy!

On behalf of Jim, who is cruising to parts unknown, the club welcomes you and your talent.

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General Meeting: Thursday, Mar 9, 2023 @ 7pm Via Zoom

Agenda

Introduction: Business of the Month

Guest Speakers: Nancy Rose

Presentations: Results of January and February Competition Categories

Closing: Executive Updates

Speakers: Eswar Prasad

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Guest Speaker: Nancy Rose

Topic: The Secret Life of Squirrels



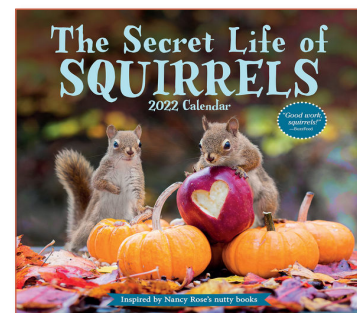
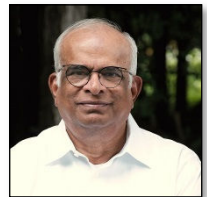
Nancy Rose is a photographer, retired high school Guidance Counsellor and Family Studies teacher.

She is the author/photographer of four children's books in the Secret Life of Squirrels series. The books are published in Canada, US, Japan and South Korea.

A love of photography, her interest in nature and wildlife, and a storage room full of fabrics, paint, clay and craft materials merged when she discovered the curiosity of the little American Red Squirrels.

Nancy harnesses wild squirrels' natural sense of curiosity—and love for peanuts—to attract them to meticulously crafted domestic scenes, which she builds and arranges on her back deck.

The squirrels come to investigate and eat the strategically hidden nuts—and in doing so, become participants in a singularly adorable photo shoot.



Upcoming speakers:

Date	Speaker	Title
13-Apr-23	Stephen Bridgett	Getting The Most Out of LRC
11-May-23	TBA	TBA
8-Jun-23	TBA	TBA

Competitions: Barbara Bushell Martin

competitions@gbpc.ca

The last competition for this year is for the categories **Monochrome** and **Photographer's Choice** (categories in **RED** are every other year).

Monochrome

- Monochrome images are comprised of shades of a single colour e.g. black and white or sepia.

Photographer's Choice

- This is an open category and can include any image the photographer chooses. The composite itself must be created after January 1st 2021.



The entry form will be sent out to members mid-February. All of the instructions for sending your files are on the entry form. You may begin emailing entries through a free app "WeTransfer" on March 1 through to March 6, 2023 to: **gbpccomp1@gbpc.ca AND gbpccomp2@gbpc.ca**

If you are new to the club and would like to participate in the competition, this is a wonderful opportunity for you to expand your knowledge and experience in photography. This will be the last time that our competition will occur for this year. If you would like to participate, you will need a personal ID# to get started.

Please contact me on the website and I will send you one.

Process Summary

- Create a folder on your desktop. Label it with "your name". For example: Mary Poppins
- Place your Entry Form which you will have filled out plus your 4 images for the 2 categories into the folder.
- You then access "WeTransfer" which is a free app, to email your folder to BOTH **gbpccomp1@gbpc.ca AND gbpccomp2@gbpc.ca**

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me through the website.
Good luck,

Barbara Bushell Martin
Competition Director

Upcoming Conferences / Learning Opportunities

Niagara Frontier Regional CC Zoom Speaker Series, www.nfrccevents.org

\$15 individual / \$50 full series pass, incl HST:

Date	Presenter
20-Mar-23	Joe Edelman – Exposure: What Really is "Correct Exposure"?
17-Apr-23	Lisa Cuchara – Close Up and Macro Photography
15-May-23	Jeff Vogan – Sports Photography
19-Jun-23	John P Stones – Storytelling for Photographers
17-Jul-23	Ellen Anon – Landscapes/Seascapes That Take You Away
14-Aug-23	Monique Campbell – Building Confidence to Shoot Street Photography

The Front Seat Travel Club

The Front Seat Travel Club: Inspiring Ideas for the Globetrotters

Welcome to the Club! We meet on the LAST Wednesday of the month, virtually or in person. Individual presentations will be ~30 minutes plus time for questions. Presentations will be interactive and designed to give you answers to 5 questions:

- Why this place?
- What is the best way to go there?
- What was the most exciting part of the trip?
- What would you do differently?
- What you need to know before you go?

Agenda:

- **Next Meeting:** **Wednesday, March 22, 7PM (via ZOOM).**

- **Presentation 1:** Amazon River Expedition by Shashi & Eswar Prasad

The slideshow presents a river expedition on the Pacaya and Samaria tributaries of the Amazon River in Peru. The trip undertaken in 2017 also covers some photographs from an earlier trip to Machu Picchu. The presentation starts with a tour of Lima, Peru and takes you to Iquitos in the interior and then on to the river expedition itself.



- **Break:** Q&A (10 min)
- **Presentation 2:** The UAE is an Arabian Fairyland: Part One: Dubai & Fjords of Oman by Lina Tikhonovsky
It was a short introductory trip to the United Arab Emirates in 2015. We visited 4 out of 7 Emirates plus fjords of Oman. It's a story of the country that within 60 years turned itself from the rocky desert and wetlands into a phenomenal country holding 190 world records. Part Two will follow in April.



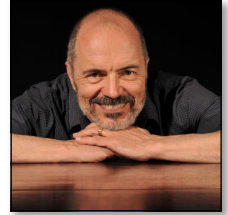
- **Wrap Up:** Q&A (10 min)

If interested in presenting, reach out to communications@gbpc.ca and we'll forward your request to Lina.

Outings: Eric Sutton

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We have had three outings to date this year—one in January and two in February. These have included a stroll around The Village at Blue Mountain for evening photography, a visit to a Model Railroad Show in Barrie and a trip to the Cambridge Butterfly Conservatory. The tropical aspect of the Butterfly Conservatory was a welcome reprieve from our up and down winter.



Upcoming, we have another attempt to photograph those miniature horses in a winter environment at Lisa's Hobby Farm near Stayner. This outing has been rescheduled to the morning of March 7th at 10:30 am.

Please note that it will only proceed if the conditions are favourable (and safe). Otherwise we will schedule it for the spring. To register click here:

<https://forms.gle/VYG2Z25uPApsGMaY9>.

Also during March you may be seeing a short-notice opportunity to visit the property of club members Mike and Karen Fox (near Coulson) to see their maple syrup operation in action.

Sap runs at the whims of the weather so we can't set an exact date this far ahead. That visit could also include a snowshoe around their property.

If such an outing interests you and you might be available for short notice participation, click here:

<https://forms.gle/kwKaCrFaARza2gsK6>.



Looking ahead to April, I've organized an opportunity for us to explore portraiture photography together, including posing and lighting – with a focus on headshots. I will be bringing lighting and backdrop gear and a little personal experience and knowledge to get us started.

This will be held at the Collingwood Public Library on April 5th between 5:30 and 8:00 pm.

If you're interested in participating please click here:

<https://forms.gle/exbKeNdfhm45UzcE6>.

More information will be coming out closer to the time.



Wildlife Photographer of the Year at the ROM!

Each year, aspiring photographers of all ages and skill levels submit tens of thousands of images in the annual international *Wildlife Photographer of the Year* competition. Organized by the Natural History Museum in London, UK, almost one hundred remarkable images from this year's competition will be on view at the ROM.

The competition uses photography to celebrate the wonderful diversity of life, to inspire and inform, and to create advocates for the planet. It champions ethical wildlife photography, rewarding truthful representations of nature that display respect for animals and the environment, and calls attention to the beauty and fragility of this world.

ROM SPECIAL OFFER

Save 15% off ROM Admission: Buy your tickets online and enter promo code: **GBPC**.

Wildlife Photographer of the Year:

<https://www.rom.on.ca/en/exhibitions-galleries/exhibitions/wildlife-photographer-of-the-year-2022>

ROM Wildlife Photo Contest:

Closes March 12, 2023: ROM invites you to share your captivating images of the natural world for a chance to win a Nikon camera kit courtesy of Henry's, and more! Share your wildlife image on Twitter or Instagram and include @ROMtoronto & #ROMwpyON (or #ROMwpyJR for ages 13-17).

<https://www.rom.on.ca/en/exhibitions-galleries/exhibitions/wildlife-photographer-of-the-year-2022/rom-wildlife-photographer>

Buy your tickets online (Tuesday through Sunday):

<https://tickets.rom.on.ca/en/shop>

Other Links:

If you are interested, use the promo code to check out these other amazing exhibitions:

[Kent Monkman: Being Legendary](#), on now

[Canadian Modern](#), on now

COMING SOON – [T. rex: The Ultimate Predator](#), opens March 11, 2023

And much more as [General Admission](#) to our amazing galleries is include with all ticket purchases.



Wildlife Photographer of the Year Image Credit
Treefrog Party© **Brandon Guell**



Wildlife Photographer of the Year Image Credit
Early morning while damselfly still "sleeping"© **Leigh Ayres**

Ted Dillon Award for Most Improved Photographer



We are pleased to announce the creation of the
“Ted Dillon Award for Most Improved Photographer”
which will be given annually, for a period of ten years, in memory of Ted Dillon.

Ted joined our club in September of 2012. He was an active member, regularly contributing photos to our club competitions. He was also an enthusiastic and thoughtful member, remembered for his cheerful approach and warm smile.

Ted's caring attitude was exemplified by his willingness to step up and serve as our Vice President. Ted served as our Vice President from 2017 to his passing in April of 2022.

Ted's wife, Patricia Dillon, together with her friend Laura Clinton, have generously offered to sponsor an annual award of a \$50 Henry's gift card for the Most Improved Photographer.

It is their way of honouring Ted's love of photography and his support for all those striving to perfect the art of photography. The award will be presented to the winner at our June meeting.

Latow Photographers Guild Seminar & Workshop

Renowned conservation photographer **Neil Ever Osborne** is the speaker at the 2023 Latow Photography Weekend. Neil's theme is **Visual Story-telling for People + Planet**. Join us on April 29 & 30 to be inspired by Neil who is a regular contributor to *Smithsonian* magazine, *World Wildlife Fund Magazine*, and Explorer with National Geographic Society.

There's more: two workshops will focus on Neil's techniques for visual story-telling.

In person only — Saturday 29 April 2023, 9am – 4:30 pm

The day will focus on the theme of People + Planet. Using his faraway adventures with sea turtles and poachers in Mexico, the Kayapo peoples of the Amazon, and mountain gorillas in Africa, Neil's award-winning images reveal the enduring spirit of humanity and the resiliency of nature.

The afternoon will include a Q&A session with the audience and discussion of conservation issues. Neil will describe how visual story-telling can help inform and mobilize concerned individuals.

What you will take away: New awareness and skills to inspire and guide you as a photographer and environmentalist.

Seminar Ticket: \$75 in advance/ \$90 at the door.

Go to: <https://www.latowseminar.com/shop/>

Neil will offer two workshops on Sunday as a complement to the seminar:

The Personal Project (9:30am—noon) and The Photo Essay (1:00pm to 3:30pm).

Tickets are \$40 for each workshop.



SIG: Monthly Themed Challenges: Jim Desormeaux

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What are monthly themed photo shoots? Monthly themed photo shoots are month long challenges, designed to help you explore your photography from different perspectives.

They are meant to challenge, and be fun. This is not a competition. All we ask is that you try to shoot with intent to honour the theme! The challenge for you starts at the 1st of every month and ends the last day of the month. You may submit **one (1)** photo that has followed the theme and that you are happy with. You can post process until you are satisfied with your photo. Here is the submission guide:

- Submit **one (1)** image for each monthly theme.
- Sizing: 2000 pixels on the long side.
- Label your image = Month and Your Name (example: January John Doe).
- Send photo to monthlyphotochallenge@gbpc.ca
- Have fun!

Here are some examples of the February Challenge: Music

We will have a showing of all our February 2023 submissions on March 13, 2023.

A Zoom invitation will go out to all who are interested.



Your MARCH 2023 challenge is: FOOD

Update from Jim...

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Here is an update to my 6-cruise adventure. As you read this newsletter, I will have completed 3 out of six cruises in the Caribbean/Central and South America. At 70 years old we are both finding it a little physical. Our next leg is Southern Europe. I am having troubles getting consistent Wi-Fi which is very frustrating. I just want to add a large thank you to all the Executive for filling in for me and making the club maintain continuity. Check our club's Facebook because I will be posting photos if the ship allows me! LOL.

Buy / Trade / Sell

Check out the website for updates or email
buytradesellrep@gbpc.ca

Missed A Past Meeting?

If you missed a meeting and would like to view the recorded version (if available), please send an email to communications@gbpc.ca with the date that you would like to watch. We will send the video via WeTransfer.