

FOCAL PLANE

Sept/Oct 2008



Auckland Photographic Society Inc Est 1883

Presidents Address

Hello and welcome to the September/October 2008 edition of Focal Plane.

The year is whizzing bye at a great rate of knots and there is great activity both in front of the camera and behind it.

In this issue I will tell you how we got on in the Interclub Bowron landscape Competition. The plans for next year and how well some of our members are doing in the wider photographic community.

I am now looking for an assistant digital convenor to help me out and one or two folk to help in the Vice President role. The reality is it is very hard to be Digital Convenor, President and chief nappy changer and do each one a good service. So volunteer now before I start shoulder tapping!

So once again, hello and welcome to APS Focal Plane. I look forward to seeing you all out our next APS event.

Competitions & Conventions

The Bowron Digital Landscape

The APS entered the Bowron Landscape Inter-club digital Competition this year. This is the first time in a few years we have entered into a competition as a club in the wider photographic community and the response from members was very, very good.

The issue the committee faced was selecting a set of images that worked as a group and this proved to be a hard exercise.

Eventually we settled on a rock landscape theme and only concentrated on the Bowron digital competition.



Figure 1: Chris Morton



Figure 2: Alka Krisson



Figure 3: Brent Glover

Northern Regional Convention

The Northern Regional Convention is being hosted by the Howick Camera Club this year and is set for Friday October 17th - Sunday 20th.

Entry forms are available online from <http://www.howickcameraclub.org.nz> and must be submitted by 12h00 October 11th. The cost will vary from \$40-\$212 depending on what options you take.

Additionally, all participants registered for the NRC may submit up to 2 prints for exhibition and judging.



Figure 4: Robert Jaques

Dunedin Festival of Photography

The Dunedin Photographic Society is holding its annual Festival of Photography. Details and entry forms are available for download from <http://www.dps.org.nz>

PSNZ National Convention

The 2009 convention is to be held in Wanganui during April 2009. Have a look at <http://www.photosnewzealand.com/> for more details, downloads and entry forms.

City of Earth Exhibition Lisa Crowley

- Fri 24th October

Jensen Gallery

Cnr McColl and Roxburgh Sts,



Silver Spaces Exhibition

John McCallum

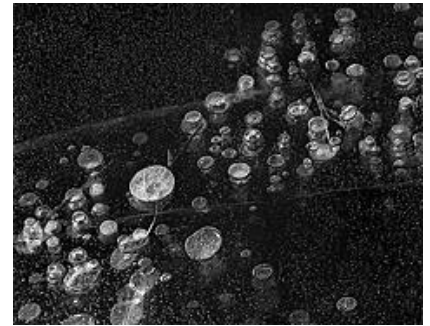
28th Oct - 16th Nov

Lake House Arts Gallery

37 Fred Thomas Drive

Takapuna

Opening: 6:00p, Tues 28th Oct



Workshops, Field Trips & Club Night Competitions

Check out the calendar section of our web site <http://www.aps.net.nz> for a complete list of workshops coming up.

The workshops in July and August on Macro and Landscape Photography were very well attended. Many thanks must go to Robert Jaques, Chris Morton, Dhamendra Krisson, John McCallum, and Michael Mannion for their time and effort in bringing these interesting topics to the workshops.

In November, Lisa Crandell will repeat her workshop on Portrait

2009 Schedule for Workshops and Competitions

The Committee met on Monday 25th August and laid the 2009 Workshops and Competition nights...

For competition nights expect (and in no particular order)...

Photojournalism, Audio Visual, Landscape theme (For interclub selection), Nature (Trophy), Abstract, Landscape (Trophy), Portrait (Trophy), Macro / Close Up, Black & White, Colour theme - Yellow, "Dereliction".

The Workshops have tentatively been set as...

Travel (Brian Cudby), Colour Calibration (Brent Glover), Gear night (Everyone), Lighting Techniques, Landscape Composition (Chris, John, Robert, Dharmendra), Portrait, Adobe Lightroom, Photoshop 101 (Brent Glover), An evening with Chris Morton - UNESCO Photographic mission.

End of Year submissions

Members intending to submit end of year images should be preparing your set of 12 images (up to 6 in any one medium of print, digital or slide) to be with the Print convenor by the end of the 16th of October. The committee is scheduled to complete judging and awards in time for the end of year night in November.

Auckland Business School Alumnae Magazine

The response from the membership for images was fantastic according to Kevin Morris of the UoA Business School. Kevin has indicated they are in the final phase of image selection and members can expect calls for high resolution files soon.

Field Trips

As most of you are well aware a good number of APS attended the **Trelise Cooper** fashion show on Wed 17th September (part of the Air NZ Fashion Show). Our thanks must go to Ronald Winstone and Sandrina Huish for making this opportunity and the organisation.

All those who attended can you please submit to Brent (president@aps.net.nz) 6 of your best images for an AV presentation to be composited.



Waiheke Field Trip

There is a Waiheke trip planned for November 2nd. Members intending to attend should RSVP to Sandrina Huish aps_sandrina@xtra.co.nz by Oct 17th.

Location Suitability

We have two new possibilities for a new location to hold meetings. Committee members are now investigating both alternatives and we hope to have an announcement in the not too distant future.

Printed Imagery

Continuing on from the last FP issue, the committee clarified the issue of Printed image mat sizes which is highlighted below.

PRINTS: Prints may be of any size up to a maximum of 450mm x 560mm, provided that they are mounted on firm card (i.e. mat size) having a minimum size of 297mm x 210mm (11.8"x8.4") and a maximum size of 450mm x 560mm (18"x22"). Multiple images may be submitted as a single work provided that the images are all on the same mount and that this mount conforms to the maximum and minimum size requirements. Framed and/or glass covered prints will not be accepted.

Please be aware that the official PSNZ maximum of 16"x20" mat size and other clubs and competitions may impose their own size rules.

For those that gain honours prints at competition nights wanting have them displayed on the web site please email a jpeg of the image to our webmaster@aps.net.nz by the following Saturday.

Digital Imagery

The digital projector upgrade is still in progress. Committee members will be meeting next month to interview potential projectors. Pop-corn and ice-cream were mentioned.

As a recent email alluded to, the President is looking to an assistant Digital Convenor to provide adequate cover for competition nights.

Digital images for competition can now be submitted to communications@aps.net.nz.

Members are submitting image files still in the incorrect naming format. This chews up a lot of time for the DC.

The format should be...

<S/O>_<Grade>_<Name>_<Title>.jpg

Or

<S/O><G>_<Name>_<Title>.jpg

e.g. *S_Advanced_Joe90_FAB.jpg*

or... *O_Salon_JBlog_MyTitle.jpg*

or... *ON_JaneSmith_NoTitle.jpg*

Where

<S/O> = *Set or Open*

<Grade>= {*Novice, Advanced, Salon*}

<G> = {*N, A, S*}

Officially the size limitation for static images is 1024w x 768h but the DC will accept any image where the maximum dimension is 1024px in any direction. Also remember that the colour space that most projectors can handle is the sRGB gamut. Our New projector will at the very minimum handle AdobeRGB1998 gamut.



Congratulations

Congratulations must go out to a number of APS members for their successes in recent months.

Firstly congratulations to **Dharmendra and Alka Krisson** on their baby girl and our newest member, Nikhita Veda ;-)

Megan Cumberpatch has now earned "Q" qualification from NZIPP, specialising in portraiture. If you have been following Megan's submissions in the Novice grade you will agree for one who is new to the photography world her work is superb.



Lisa Crandell has been awarded **People Photographer of the Year** at the recent Epson/NZIPP Iris Professional Photography Awards which were



Silver medal, Iris Professional Photography Awards 2008

What The Duck



<http://www.whattheduck.net/>

... till next time, Ed.