

Celebrating Spring WCC Gala

GOLD

2010 Photographer of the Year

Ralph Boniface



City Waves



One
holers -
Gone but
Not
Forgotten



Early Morning Glow

Ralph also place 3rd in 'Image of the Year' and tied for Club Member's Choice for contest #3.

On June 9th, at the Woodstock Camera Club year-end Gala, WCC members celebrated the end of another great year.

That doesn't mean the cameras and tripods will be shelved until September. No. Club members will continue to click away with their cameras to capture photos for the next club season's contests.

The ballroom at the Quality Inn and Suites was decorated in a spring theme. Highlights of the evening were a wonderful spring photo exhibit by the WCC members, and a slide show featuring the outstanding images of **Dan Byers**, the 2009 *Photographer of the Year*.

Awards and gifts were presented to the photographers that won top honours. The drum roll started and the excitement built as everyone waited in anticipation for 'Image of the Year'. And the winner was: 'No Escape from Alcatraz' by **Kevin Whiting**. 2nd Place went to **John Novak**, & 3rd to **Ralph Boniface**. Another drum roll started and the 'Photographer of the Year' awards were announced: Gold - **Ralph Boniface**; Silver - **Bob Steer**; Bronze - **Ruth Ann Rule & Bruce Hartley**.

Image of the Year 2010

Kevin Whiting



'No Escape
from Alcatraz'

Kevin's image was chosen out of nine winning images from the three WCC contests:

- It's Your Choice! • Abandoned • Reflections.

Kevin also placed 1st in 'Club Member's Choice' with this image.

Woodstock Camera Club



Jerry Cornell

Congratulations to the Photographers of the Year!

The 'Photographer of the Year' plaque is donated by Jerry Cornell, from Woodstock. Being passionate about photography, he became one of the founders of the Woodstock Camera Club. He wishes the Gold, Silver and Bronze photographers all the success in their photographic work.

Silver & Bronze Photographers of the Year 2010



SILVER
Bob Steer



Music Man



Slight List to Post



Reflection at West Fork



BRONZE
Ruth Ann Rule



All Flights Cancelled Due to Fog



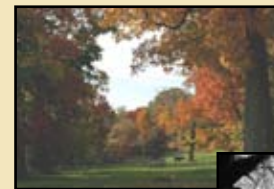
Left to Disintegrate in the Breeze



Duplicated Dock



BRONZE
Bruce Hartley



Just Another Day in Paradise



Fading Away



Reflections

Celebrating Spring Exhibit



Deb Hall

Early morning dew on a white tulip.



'Early morning dew on a white tulip' won first place in the spring exhibit. Images in the exhibit were new-born animals, flowers, birds, blossoms and anything that related to spring. A beautiful gift basket of garden items was present to Deb.

**2010
Runners-up for
Images of the Year**

**2nd
JOHN NOVAK**



Mike Poole, Program Chair & John Novak



Ring-billed Gull Pair

**3rd
RALPH BONIFACE**



Mike Poole, Program Chair & Ralph Boniface



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2010 Judge Chair's Picks

Donated by Phil Schmidt, Judge Chair



Phil Schmidt presents the 'Judge Chair's Pick' Award to Kim Eller.



*Almost there
Contest: 'It's Your Choice'*



Phil Schmidt presents the 'Judge Chair's Pick' Award to Bill Hall



*Lean on me
Contest: 'Abandoned'*



*'Judge Chair's Pick' Award
Kevin Whiting*



*Philadelphia sunrise
Contest: 'Reflections'*

Famous Photographer's Quotes

A good photograph is knowing where to stand.
Ansel Adams

A great photograph is one that fully expresses what one feels, in the deepest sense, about what is being photographed.
Ansel Adams

A photograph is usually looked at - seldom looked into.
Ansel Adams

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Wilson Johnston Senior Memorial Trophy PHOTO ART



Wilson Johnston Jr.

The Photo Art contest is in memory of a well known man that loved art, **Wilson Johnston Senior**. His woodcarving is outstanding and has been seen throughout the world. His son, **Wilson Johnston Junior** carries on his father's love for art in the world of photography and has donated the Wilson Johnston Senior Memorial trophy in memory of his father. He encourages members to experiment with their images, digitally adjusting them and turning their images into a pieces of art. Congratulations to all the participants.



1st - Bill Hall



Splash - stones that don't skip

*Wilson
Johnston
Senior
Memorial Trophy*



Bob Bembridge, President presents Yvonne with her award.



**2nd
Yvonne Boniface**
Bronze



Yvonne Boniface, contest chair assistant presents Deb with her award.



**4th
Deb Hall**
Flowers

*Honourable
Mention*



Mark Eberth
LAAAAAAS Vegas



Yvonne Boniface, contest chair assistant presents Rhonda with her award.



**3rd
Rhonda Kembley**
*Roses are red,
violets are blue? Huh?*



Yvonne Boniface, contest chair assistant presents Jerry with his award.



**5th
Jerry Cornell**
Aviator from Aviator



*Congratulations
to all the
photographers.*

Club Member's Choice Awards



Jerry Cornell

CONTEST #1
It's Your Choice!
JERRY CORNELL



Petrified Trees



Kevin Whiting

CONTEST #2 *Abandoned*

KEVIN WHITING

'No Escape from Alcatraz'



Bob Steer

CONTEST #3
Reflections
BOB STEER



Reflection at West Fork



Deb Hall

CONTEST #3
Reflections
DEB HALL



Reflections

Remember to take notes

... on where you went and what was exciting about your road trip or trip abroad this summer. As photographers, we know that a picture is worth a thousand words, so we would also like you to send a photo or two along with a few words to let our club members know about the fun you had and the photos you shot. Don't be concerned about putting an article together - just give us a few details and we'll do the rest.

Contact **Ruth Ann Rule** or **Jerry Cornell**

From the Editor, Jerry Cornell



They don't know that the next contest is 'shoes'!

No, it isn't!
The contests are:
It's Your Choice, Shores and Burst of Colour!

Look to page 7 for more comical images from the slideshow.



Ralph Boniface

CONTEST #3
Reflections
RALPH BONIFACE



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The Club Member's Choice Award gives the club members the opportunity to pick a winning image from each contest by using the twelve judging criteria: Impact, creativity, style, composition, print presentation, colour harmony, center of interest, lighting, subject matter, technical excellence/print quality, technique and storytelling.

The winners were announced at the year end Gala.

Wasn't it a Party! . . . Year End Gala

Spring was in the air as guests and WCC members entered the ballroom at the Quality Hotel and Suites in Woodstock.

Colourful balloons and spring flowers welcomed everyone as they entered. Soft music guided them to their tables & to a slideshow that was composed by **Bill Hall**, a WCC club member.

Everyone was in awe as they read quotes from famous photographers on the screen alongside the WCC members' images.

Everyone browsed through a Spring Exhibit and pondered awhile as they decided which image to vote for. Door prizes, door prizes and more door prizes were given out at the Gala. One of the grand door prizes was a beautiful Bogavilla plant from **Van Dyke Greenhouses** on Dundas Street East in Woodstock and a tripod donated by **Jason Gennings** from **Henry's** in Waterloo.

Deb Hall had the lucky ticket that won her the plant and **Larry Foord** held the winning ticket for the tripod.

A big thank you goes out to the businesses and WCC club members who so generously donated door prizes to make the evening a special one.

Bob Bembridge, WCC president spoke to the club members and guests. Bob thanked the volunteers for all their hard work and shared how he felt about being part of the Woodstock Camera Club. He said, *"It is a very rewarding experience"*.

Bob with his trademark sense of humor also said farewell to a "nameless" person (*Ruth Ann Rule*) who was stepping down from the position of contest chair after 5 years and handing it over to **Wilson Johnston**. Ruth Ann in return thanked, **Yvonne Boniface**, **Alecia Nicholls**, **Bonnie Hewitt** & **Bruce Hartley** for being such a dedicated contest committee and helping to lighten the work load.

Awards were presented to the winners by President **Bob Bembridge**, Contest Chair; **Ruth Ann Rule**, Program Chair **Mike Poole**; **Yvonne Boniface**; Contest Committee & Judge Chair **Phil Schmidt**.

Jerry Cornell used his photographic skills to capture the portraits of the winners.



Ralph Boniface & Jerry Cornell

Jerry Cornell, a WCC member also presented the *Cornell Plaque* to **Ralph Boniface**, the WCC 'Photographer of the Year', along with a framed piece of Jerry's unique photographic work.

Wilson Johnston, a WCC member presented the *Memorial Trophy* to **Bill Hall**, the winner of the Photo Art contest. **Phil Schmidt**, the WCC Judge Chair presented his "Judge Chair's Picks" awards. Phil selected 1 image from each contest round which merited special consideration.



Throughout the evening club members and guests socialized and enjoyed the delicious cake and refreshments.

We were honoured to have as our guest **David White**, of the St. Thomas Photographic Guild, one of our contest judges. Also with us was **Karen Stoyles** a member of the Brant Camera Club & our CAPA regional representative. Karen was one of our *Image of the Year*

judges. One of our regular 'WCC' outside presenters, **Jason Gennings** from Henry's in Waterloo joined us for the evening as well.

Two highlights stand out from the evening. One was a slideshow composed and presented by the *'2009 Photographer of the Year'*, **Dan Byers**. Dan is well known for his macro shots of insects and flowers. His crisp images captured the attention of the crowd. He walked us through his outstanding portfolio and entertained us with his light blend of humour.

The other highlight was a comical slideshow called "Let Us Entertain You". Photos from previous field trips flashed on the screen. **Linda Feick** added comical narrations to bring the images to life. Laughter filled the room. But when the image of our beloved WCC member **Jake Hoekstra** appeared on the screen, the room fell silent. We were quiet for a moment as we remembered Jake's jokes, and his passion for photography. Jake had a three-liner joke up his sleeve at every meeting that got a laugh. What better way to remember him than to present a slideshow that made us laugh?

Jake fought his illness for many years, but this year he was taken from his photography & us. Jake was a triumph of spirit over circumstance. He taught us to keep on laughing and to keep on discovering what God has created.

The slideshow ended with a reminder of the upcoming contests for the next WCC season.

The evening drew to a close with that last refreshment, that last piece of cake and that last story about photographic secrets or excursion. And the doors closed, but only until the Woodstock Camera Club resumes in September.

Members will be clicking away all summer long. There's no better way to enjoy a summer than by getting out cameras & tripods and heading out to discover. See you in September.

(isn't that a song?)

If you have a friend that loves photography or wants to improve their photography, bring them along to the first WCC meeting in September.

Comical Slideshow of WCC Outings

Just a few images from the comical slideshow.



Get a good spot and someone takes it!

I'll get that shot while they're talking.

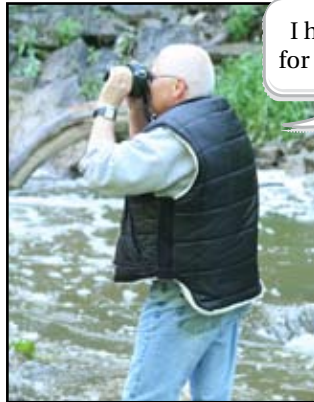


Did you bring a camera?

Were we to bring a camera?



In memory of Jake Hoekstra



I have it on 'P' for professional.



You bought how big a lens?????

Wow!



My back will not go any lower!



Help! My camera went down the cliff.

How do you like this mirror image?



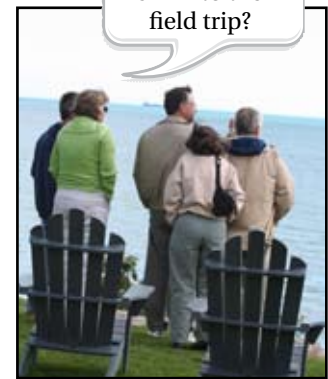
Wish I had brought my big lens.



Do we have to swim to the field trip?

					
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