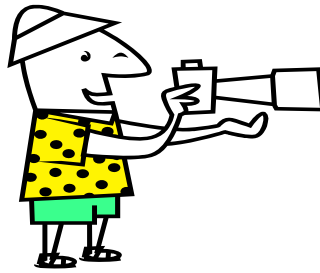


Thru The Lens



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Photographic Club

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Well, the year's whizzing by ... already a third has gone by. I'm sorry I missed the April meeting (due to work) – I understand that it went very well, with some interesting entries in the "people" competition, and some new members (welcome!).

The coming months are notorious for putting our cameras away until Spring BUT the colder months are actually better for image making ... better less-contrasty outdoor light, rain creating interesting reflections and saturating colours, more greens and less 'drought brown' we've been used to, etc etc.

So don't let the cooler weather put you off: explore your backyard, your neighbourhood, etc and look for those opportunities that are around us!

A reminder to prepare your images for the June meeting (and hand them in at the May meeting!) – the theme is open, so find your best pics and submit your best four.

I forgot to mention it in the last newsletter ... Parklands member, Katriona Fahey has had a few photos showcased on the ABC News weather segment – well done Katriona! If anyone has had a photo published (in any form), let us know and I'll mention it here!

Cheers, Paul



REALLY IMPORTANT: Club-related communication

We'd like some feedback. 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

- **May monthly meeting:**
Thursday 8th May, from 7.30pm. The competition theme is 'The Dark Side'. Our guest judge will be Ian Bock from Melbourne Camera Club. Competition entries *MUST* be received by Kath by Sunday 20th April.
- **VAPS Muster – Mornington Peninsula**
The VAPS (Victorian Association of Photographic Societies) annual weekend conference is fast approaching! This year's Muster is held on the Mornington Peninsular and the dates are: Saturday 31 May - Sunday 1 June 2008. If you haven't registered yet, please refer to last month's newsletter, or email me (and I'll forward the forms). We'll be planning our participation at the May meeting.

Cheap prints

Shapfish, an online photo printing service has an introductory offer – register and account and receive twenty (20) **free** 6x4 prints. The only cost for the first 20 prints is the postage cost (around \$2), extra prints are 15c each.

Go to <http://www.snapfish.com.au/tellafriend>, for more details

Goodbye

Amanda is leaving us, to travel/work for the rest of the year away. She hopes to return next year, if she returns to the local area. Good luck Amanda.

Photography restrictions research

Monash and ANU Researchers are requesting submission regarding *Restrictions on Photography in Public*. If you have a story about your own experience of contemporary photography restrictions (eg perhaps a photo you were questioned or harassed while taking, a photo you were asked to delete, or one you took in a place where photography restrictions are in force).

All case studies should be sent to publicphoto@artdes.monash.edu, including name, contact details (email and phone), camera club affiliation, one scanned photo and our story of photography restrictions (Max 1 page!).

March competition results - *People*



First place – Sarah Grinzi



Second Place – Kath Kelly



3rd place– Kath Kelly



HC – Ray Jenner



HC – Paul Grinzi



HC – Paul Grinzi



HC – Kath Kelly



HC - Joe Gizzi

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/>
- ***Body Language: Contemporary Chinese Photography***
The National Gallery of Victoria is currently displaying a provocative exhibition by six of China's most noted photographers.
Ground Floor, NGV International (St Kilda Rd) until May 18
(free; 10am-5pm daily except Tuesdays).
- **Travel photography of the year**
Check out the website, www.tpoty.com to see the winning images from last year.
- **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.
- **Reveries: Photography and mortality**
This exhibition, dealing with the last stage of people's lives, is showing at Mornington Regional Gallery (Civic Reserve Dunns Rd, Mornington) until May 18 (Tues-Sun, 10-5; \$4)

Quote of the month

If I knew how to take a good photograph, I'd do it every time.

- *Robert Doisneau [1912 - 1994] French photographer*