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Gold & Image of the Month

“Red Tailed Hawk”

© Don Poulton

Competition Results: NATURE - Nov 2009

Congratulations to all the winners! – All winning images can be viewed on the ECC web site

Intermediate: Entries: Accepted:		Average:
GOLD	ELAINE FREEDMAN	Red-spotted Purple Butterfly
SILVER	CLIVE TONGE	Hairy Woodpecker
HM	ELAINE FREEDMAN	Harris's Hawk
HM	BRUCE BARTON	Swan Profile
HM	DORIS WOUDEBERG	Who are you?
HM	LESLEY KINCH	CARIBBEAN FLOWER
HM	ELLEN WILSON	Succulent
HM	ELLEN WILSON	Baby Lion
HM	DIANE BROWN	Rhino Calf at the Watering Hole

Advanced: Entries: Accepted:		Average:
GOLD	ROD LORD	Egret155
SILVER	JACK MILNE	LOCUST
HM	CAROLYN FRANCIS-SCOBIE	PAMPAS GRASS SEED HEAD
HM	GERALD SEWELL	Cardinal1
HM	JOCELYN UBALDINO	Bald Eagle
HM	RITA TRACEY	WILD ROSE
HM	ROD LORD	Standing guard
HM	ROD LORD	Egret in flight
HM	DAVID BODNARYK	Remarkable Rocks
HM	GERALD SEWELL	Goldfinch

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Superset: Entries: Accepted:		Average:
GOLD	DON POULTON	Red-Tailed Hawk
SILVER	ALEC MONRO	Jacamar
HM	KENT WILSON	Martial Eagle
HM	SANDRA HAWKINS	Adelie Penguins
HM	JOE VITALE	Putting on the brakes
HM	JUDY GRIFFIN	ARCH
HM	KENT WILSON	Lilac breasted Roller
HM	MIKE MARSHALL	Full moon

Judges:



© Elaine Freedman "Red-spotted Purple Butterfly" – Gold Intermediate



© Rod Lord "Egret 155" – Gold Advanced

SEMINAR:
ECC Orientation
Learning the Ropes For New Members
Presented by ECC Members

The presentations made by Rod Lord, Kas Stone, and Carm Griffin were great introductions to the club for new members, but as always they were great reviews for existing members. I have seen presentations similar to these for several years now and I always learn something new (guess I must be a slow learner). Thanks to the presenters for an excellent job.

Copies of the presentations can be found in the Members Only Section of our website.

MEMBER`S SHOW:
Memories

Diane Sawatzky



Diane is a long time member of ECC who has held numerous positions on the board of directors including club President. Diane is an accomplished photographer as we saw in her wonderful A/V shows.

Diane shared with us 7 shows with a number from recent trips to Ireland and France.

1. Faces of Children
2. Reflections of Brantome
3. Abandoned
4. The Dordogne
5. Noel in Paris
6. Landscapes of NW Ireland
7. Celtic History in Stone

My favourites were “Faces of Children” in which Diane captured the pure innocence and beauty of children from her travels in various countries, and “Reflections of Brantome” which were particularly colourful and whimsical. This is not to say that her others shows were any less beautiful since I heard very positive comments about each of the shows from numerous club members.

Diane always sets her images to beautiful music matched to the mood of each show and this was no exception.

Apologies for the short report – somehow I lost all my notes during our move to Guelph.

All images below are © Diane Sawatzky





OUTING: 18 Nov 2009

Silvano Color Lab

See the end of the Viewfinder for pictures.

JUDGING – Prints # 1

Congratulations to the winners of the print competition:

Gold: Judy Griffin for "Alabama Hills"



© Judy Griffin

Silver: John Anderton for "No One Lives Here Any More"

HM: Kent Wilson for "Lilac Breasted Roller"

Carm Griffin for "Simplicity"

Kas Stone for "Autumn Woodlot"

Gaetano Antonini for "Pink striations"

Jean Walker for "Peonies"

Ken Harry for "Filtered Colours"

Ken Harry for "Beyond the Door"

CAPA RESULTS

Carm Griffin

Nature Competition - Club Results

Hi all - just received our club results for the CAPA Nature competition - and we stood tied for **8th place** out of 25 clubs. Thanks to everyone who provided images.

Open & Nature Competitions - Individual Results

Judy Griffin came in 3rd place in the Open competition for her image "Leader of the Pack" plus an Honour Award (cumulative score for 4 images). Maggie Sale was awarded an Honour Award (cumulative score for 4 images) in each of the Open and Nature competitions.

PRESENTATION:

Malta: Fortress to Playground

Robert Shechter,

Travel Photographer and Lecturer



With 40 years experience working as a photographer, combined with 25 years as a lecturer in the Ontario Community College system, **ROBERT SHECHTER** produces a range of corporate literature and postcards as well as travel photography through his company, Robert

Photo Enterprises.

Robert has been travelling with his cameras from the High Canadian and Greenlandic Arctic to Spain, from Iceland to Central Europe, Russia and Malta, and many places in between, sharing his impressions and experiences through slide shows and lectures.

Robert is a resident lecturer for the ROMLife Programmes, and also teaches a variety of Photography classes at the Royal Ontario Museum, and other venues.

Robert has produced shows - no mere travelogues, but rich in local history, architecture and culture - on behalf of Tourist Boards, Camera Clubs, and Social Clubs. His work has appeared in Toronto Life Magazine, The Chicago Tribune, The Globe and Mail, The Toronto Star, and other publications.



The 3 images in this section are © Robert Shechter
Introduction:

Like a stone vessel in the centre of the Mediterranean Sea, the Maltese archipelago, floating between Europe and Africa, blends its unique beauty with seven thousand years of history, starting with megalithic temples built one thousand years before the pyramids.

At the crossroads of the Mediterranean, this tiny country's past has been molded by Phoenicians, Carthaginians, Romans, Byzantines, Arabs, Normans, Aragonese, French and finally, the British. The Knights of St. John took Malta through a golden age in culture, architecture and the arts.

History stares you in the face everywhere you visit on the islands, making Malta and its sister islands Gozo and Comino great destinations for history buffs. Still mostly undiscovered by the North American tourists, Malta is a favourite vacation place for Europeans seeking the islands' crystal waters, red sand coves, picturesque villages and sun-kissed climate.

We invite you to explore with us this lovely destination, where the tradition of hospitality is enhanced by a fascinating past, superb natural beauty, and the most welcoming people you will ever meet.



Robert's presentation was full of fascinating facts and a wide range of images, including some aerial shots taken from a helicopter. One was left with a real sense of the history and beauty of this ancient part of the world, as a true travelogue should.

Editor's Note: Apologies that the notes on this great presentation are limited to those provided by Robert, but my electronic notes were lost when my program crashed. Next time, it is good old fashion pen and paper, although even some of those notes got lost or misplaced during our move to Guelph.

Christmas Potluck & Trios

As usual, we were treated to a fun evening of creative Trios. **Congratulations to John Stevenson** for his winning entry (Beagle worried about other dogs finding his bone in the bushes).

Many thanks to all the volunteers who helped make our annual potluck another successful event which was enjoyed by all. See end for pics.

NEWS

1. Kas Stone featured photographer in Outdoor Photography Canada

Outdoor Photography does profiles of important Canadian photographers and our very own Kas Stone was the feature profile in their Winter 2010 issue which is now on the newsstands. It is an extensive 11 page article and portfolio including an interview by Kristin Kent and many of Kas's distinctive images.

Congratulations Kas. We all hope you can stick it out in Toronto for a while longer (for those of you who are wondering what is meant by this last comment, you'll have to read the article).

Check her website for more www.kasstone.ca

**2. Welcome to 27 new members so far
this season.**

Adam Antczak
Bill Raney
Carol Ann Brown
Carol Smiley
Catherine Brown
Catherine Labelle
Clive Tonge
Connie Miller
Dianne Werbicki
Elizabeth Robb
Gail Robinson
Gord Burrell
Irina Sedenko
Jan Karniej
John Stevenson
June West
Linda Gilbert
Marija Tanasijevic
Mark Guilbeault
Mary-Beth Wallace
Michael Rawlings
Roni Furst
Rose DeSousa
Sandra Laurin
Sandro Ubaldino
Tony Paine
Will Reinhardt

3. Architecture Competition Results will be reported in the next Viewfinder.

4. Happy New Year Everyone !!!

Best wishes to everyone for a very happy and healthy 2010.



Images from outings to
Silvano Color Labs,
Badlands, and Riverwood.
Thanks to Mike Marshall.



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