



Monthly Newsletter of the Wodonga Albury Camera Club

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Judge Training Seminar

It was great to see many members attend the judge training seminar run by the APJA in Benalla on Sunday 2nd April 2017. The seminar provided valuable insight as to what judges consider when evaluating images. Participants learnt how to critique images based on technical, aesthetic and conceptual elements and were introduced to different judging styles. Participants learnt about the typical club requirements for competition, how to provide constructive feedback and what to look for when judging prints vs EDI's.

Towards the end of the seminar members were split into small groups to put their learning to the test. Each group was allocated a APJA judge to act as a driver and mentor to assist groups to evaluate various images using the APJA scoring criteria (see table below).



Sharon and Judy participated in a critique workshop with APJA Training Director Emma Gilette.

Diary Dates

Monday 10th April 2017

@ Boomerang Hotel

7:30pm Judging – Open
Entries Due – Image of the Year
Photographic Challenge
- Panning

Thursday 27th April 2017

Committee Meeting. Kennedy residence

Saturday 29th April 2017 Paatsch Shield Challenge @ Wandiligong

Monday 8th May 2017 @

Boomerang Hotel

7:30pm Judging – Nature
Entries Due - Abstract

Score:	Scoring Criteria:
14-15	Exceptional image technically and compositionally, in concept and originality
12-13	An image of above average quality in concept, composition and technique with no major faults and shows appeal
10-11	A basically sound image in concept, composition and technique but lacks the impact of the above categories.
8-9	Significant deficiencies in technique, composition and subject selection.

Meet Greg Gibbs



This month's guest speaker is Greg Gibbs, an Australian based hobbyist photographer who has a passion for capturing the beauty of the night sky. Greg will explain how to take time-lapse photography of the night sky. For those of you who haven't seen Greg's work, you will be in for a real treat. This is a not to be missed presentation.

"I started by reading as much as I could and getting in contact with people already doing astrophotography. I joined my local astronomy club, signed up to forums and subscribed to astronomy magazines. I experimented widely with just my camera and tripod to find the right settings for what I wanted to achieve" (taken from capturing the night <http://www.capturingthenight.com>)



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Abstract Photography Tips

Abstract photography is the art of stripping away and stripping down. It helps to have a keen eye for detail and the ability to see an object (*often a common everyday item*) as its individual parts rather than the whole.

Abstract photography is a challenge but there are some basic tips to get you started off in the right direction:

1. Look for lines and curves
2. Go Macro
3. Shoot through another object
4. Shoot out of focus. Use extreme angles and extreme light.
5. Seek out texture and patterns
6. Photograph what catches your eye
7. Experiment with your image in post production (Photoshop / Lightroom)

Remember: If you are interested in abstract photography, the world is full of colors, shapes, patterns and details for you to capture and manipulate. Don't be afraid to go outside of your box. The only way to really train your eye to look for potential abstract subjects is to practice and keep trying techniques you aren't sure will actually work. Abstract photography is a lesson in seeing the world in a different light and recognizing your power to change it as you see fit because it is the nature of this particular art.

Future Club Competitions:

May:

Judging – Nature
Entries Due – Abstract

June:

- Judging – Image of the Year Presentations
- The J&J Dallinger Memorial Trophy
 - The David Tilley Memorial Trophy
 - The Pelican Award – Best Nature Image
 - Audio/Visual Competition Trophy
 - Aggregate Point Awards

Entries Due – Open



Wodonga Albury Camera Club would like to wish all of its members a safe and happy Easter long weekend. We hope the Easter bunny finds you all. Enjoy your break and have fun capturing special moments.

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