



The *Optic Nerve*

Monthly Newsletter of the Wodonga Albury Camera Club

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Still Life Photographic Challenge

Next month's photographic challenge will be still life. All members are invited to stay after tonight's meeting to take part in some still life workshops being run by WACC committee members. **The February Photographic Challenge will be based on images taken at tonight's workshop.**

So what is still life photography? Still life photography is the depiction of inanimate subject matter, most typically a small grouping of objects. Typical subjects for taking a still life photo incorporate natural objects such as food, flowers, rocks, plants and so forth, or man-made items like glasses, tools, shoes and so on.

Learning how to shoot still life photos should make you start jumping up and down with joy. Why? Getting good at the various still life photography tips and techniques is the absolute fastest way to total mastery of photo techniques.

You'll get much better at seeing how light and shadow affect a photograph—how form comes into play, composition, and harmony. Texture, balance, and color interactions play big parts, too. As you get better and better at shooting great still life subjects, your other photography will improve as well. In other words, it's not just a bowl of fruit. It's a terrific training ground.

If you can figure out how to arrange the proverbial bowl of fruit into an interesting composition—and get comfortable doing it—you will start to recognize which shapes and colors work together. You'll start to see what angles the light should be coming from to get the most three dimensionality. You'll start to get a feel for which textures will make a stunning photo and which ones will turn out to be nothing but a big blah.

So don't rush away after tonight's meeting. Stay and take part in some workshops planned especially for you. If you have forgotten your camera, don't worry. Cameras in mobile phones can capture great images too!



Diary Dates

Monday 15th January 2018 @
Boomerang Hotel
7:30pm Judging – Flora
Entries Due – Profile

Saturday 20th January –
Sunday 21st January 2018 Falls
Creek Photography Outing

Thursday 25th January 2018
Committee Meeting @
Milsome Residence **7:00pm**

Monday 12th February 2018
@ Boomerang Hotel
7:30pm Judging – Open
Entries Due – Open,
VAPS & Photographic
Challenge "Still Life"

Last month's competition winners...

Wodonga Albury Camera Club is very much a club where we encourage members to share their ideas and passion about photography. That is why we would like to try something new in this section of the clubs newsletter. If you receive a placing in one of our monthly competitions we would LOVE it if you could either sit with Monika King at the end of the meeting or send her an email at:

king.monika.m@edumail.vic.gov.au briefly explaining how you captured your image, where your image was taken, what your image is about, what inspired you to take this image and what techniques you used. 3 images will then be published in the following newsletter to help inspire and upskill our club members. Below is an example of what will be published:



"This image of a Red Wattlebird was captured at Wilsons Promontory. It was taken late in the evening on a Nikon D700 with a 150-600mm Sigma telephoto lens. I was approximately 3m from the subject and took over 100 photos of this bird on various camera settings. I kept moving around in order to get a background that was not busy or distracting." By Sean King

Members are reminded that this is the start of our financial year and subs are now due. Members who are **non-financial** at the end of the January monthly meeting should not be **entering images for the competitions.**

MEMBERSHIP FEES:

Single: \$35

Family: \$55

Remote Member: \$20

Student: \$20



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Please Note: 10% of all sales from WACC Members goes back to the Club.

WACC Calendars For Sale

They cost \$20 each. Please let Neville Bartlett know (Tel: 041 239 9239 or Email: neville@nrbartlett.com.au) if you would like one reserved for you. **There is only 9 left.** So get in quick!!!

Delivery can be arranged if required.

Future Club Competitions:

February:

Judging – Open
Entries Due – Open

March:

Judging – Profile
Entries Due – Nature

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