



SNAPSHOT

Newsletter of the Hermanus Photographic Society
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President's AGM report



Although we have seen a decline in membership over the past few years for various reasons, the photographically active core of the club has remained relatively stable.

These members form the backbone of the club. Thanks to them we managed to host a successful exhibition in August 2015 and did reasonably well at the Interclub competition last year.

Fourteen photographers represented our club in the print and projected image categories and one member received an award for the third best projected image of the evening. A great improvement on our previous year's entry. Sadly, however, only a few of our members attended. Participation this year will require more commitment from members in order to warrant the expense.

The club reached out to other organisations in and around Hermanus in the form of collaboration with other clubs regarding the development of audio-visual skills, as well as interaction with professional photographers in the area.

This has resulted in their hosting workshops for us. The first was in January and more will follow later in the year. Hopefully the shared knowledge and interest should see us developing a core of photographers who remain active and keen, irrespective of numbers.

In order to promote the club, negotiations with the FynArts Committee commenced at the end of 2015, and 2016 should see us actively participating in this annual event. A variety of outings organised on a monthly basis should also provide sufficient stimulus for members to participate actively in club competitions and hopefully develop new photographic skills as well as promoting the social aspect of photography.

Given all the items mentioned, the onus, however, still remains with the individual members of the club to guarantee the sustainability of this club for the future. Smaller numbers mean that the financial burden will rest heavily on the shoulders of these core members.

Committee members who have served for many years need to make way for new members with fresh ideas to serve the club, and the end of 2016 may well be the watershed moment for the survival of the club unless some new members are prepared to take over at the helm in 2017.

May 2016 be a fruitful year with many enjoyable experiences and successes, both photographically and otherwise.

Thea

2016 Annual General Meeting

A very open and vibrant discussion of the declining membership, and hence the future of the Society, characterised the AGM on Wednesday 3 February. It was sparked by remarks in the President's report, read by Kosie Smit, who chaired the meeting in the absence of the President, Thea Erasmus.

The Committee was re-elected unopposed.

Great
Images
of 2015

*"Best Friends" by
Santu Mondal,
India - an image
of children
playing in the
mud - submitted
for the 2015 Sony
World
Photography
Awards / Via
worldphoto.org*



Visit to Butterfly World

Report and images by Machteld Horsten

The visit, organized by René Dewar, was attended by eight members of our Society.

We met at Butterfly World, situated on the R44 at Klapmuts, close to the N1, at 09:45 on Thursday 11 February.

The staff gave us a short lecture on the ins-and-outs of running Butterfly World, a tropical garden and sanctuary.

Besides the attraction of the tropical butterflies (pupae are imported weekly from countries such as Costa Rica, Malaysia, China etc), this is also a sanctuary for other small animals.

They are mostly donated wild animals that had been kept as pets.

There are fish, frogs, spiders (tarantulas), pythons, boa constrictors, other reptiles, marmosets, meerkats, birds, and even an arctic fox.

After the lecture the photographers were 'let loose' with their cameras, as you can see from some of the pictures.



A marmoset inspecting Luke Horsten's lens.



Carl Pohl focusing on a spider.

We ended the morning with refreshments at the restaurant at the sanctuary. Well worth a visit.

Next meeting

Wednesday 2 March. Members may enter any three images of their choice for open judging, and one image for the set subject of Monochrome.

Next outing

Sunday 13 March. Birding in Stanford, including a cruise on the River Rat, a walk through the village and some time in the Appel Dam bird hide. Depart from the parking area opposite Hermanus Dutch Reformed Church at 07:00. Bring your own coffee or tea and a snack. Cost: R150,00 per person. Book with Charles Naudé or René Dewar. Limited to 12 people.

Printer for sale

Epson Stylus PHOTO R2880 printer plus 11 unopened ink cartridges and a considerable amount of photo paper (including A2 - printer can do A3) for R4 900. Contact Don MacIver at donjmaciver@gmail.com

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