



SNAPSHOT

Newsletter of the Hermanus Photographic Society
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President's report



Our exhibition of printed images, "What a beautiful world", takes place in June as part of Hermanus FynArts.

If the positive response we received from members last year is any indication, we are sure to showcase an impressive display once again.

Although June seems far away, preparations need to start now. Submission of your proposed entries in digital format closes on 9 May. Printing and mounting must be completed by 6 June.

This is not only an opportunity for us to show the local residents our work but also all the visitors to our town.

Members will be needed to help with setting up as well as marketing and supervising the exhibition.

Please contact me or any Committee member if you are prepared to help in any way.

Together we can make this happen.

Thea Erasmus

New format, new treasurer

The new format that had been accepted unanimously at the special general meeting on 17 March, was introduced at the monthly meeting on Wednesday 6 April.



Luke Horsten, new treasurer, photographed by Charles Naudé on a Society outing.

Another positive development for the functioning of the Society, that was announced at the April meeting, was that the vacancy for treasurer on the committee was filled at last. Luke Horsten had agreed to take over the responsibility.

The new format entails that the monthly meeting is split into a less formal

first half and a more formal second half.

The first half focuses on interesting information about photography events and issues; an informal “show and tell” slot providing the opportunity for both advanced and less experienced members to share and discuss images and experiences; and the opportunity for advanced members to give some guidance for the benefit of all.

The second half comprises the more formal evaluation of images entered by members wishing to gain credits for promotion to a higher level along the regulations prescribed by the Photographic Society of South Africa (PSSA). Members not involved are welcome to attend, or free to leave.

Members submitting images for “show and tell” should mark them clearly, for example “Joe Soap Discussion Image”.

Typical items on the programme of the informal first half of the April meeting were the showing of creative images accepted for exhibition by the PSSA International Salon, commented on by advanced member Faith Botha, followed by a lively discussion; the showing of an off-beat audio-visual called “Shoes and Kgalagadi Meditation”; and the sharing of his experiences as a rugby photographer by new member Daniel Reddy.

Second attempt to visit Stanford

The bird photography outing to Stanford has been moved to Friday 22 April after the planned outing in March was cancelled because of boat engine

problems. Saturday 23 April is the alternative date in case of bad weather on the Friday.

The outing will comprise an early morning cruise down the Kleinrivier on board Ernie Blommaert's "River Rat", fitted with a new engine, followed by a walk to the Apple Dam, and some time around the dam and in the bird hide.

Depart from the parking area opposite Hermanus Dutch Reformed Church at 07:30. Bring your own coffee or tea and a snack.

Cost: R150 per member, R200 per non-member. Book with René Dewar. Limited to 12 people.

Missed opportunity



Unfortunately members missed the opportunity to take photographs like this, because the planned outing to the annual Stellenbosch Air Show had to be cancelled. There is no air show this year. (Image from the internet, photographer unknown.)

FynArts exhibition

Members wishing to take part in the Society exhibition of printed images, a Hermanus Fyn-Arts 2016 event, must submit their images in digital format by Monday 9 May. Selected images must then be printed, mounted, and handed in by Monday 6 June.

In order to cover costs a minimum entrance fee of R100 per participating member will be charged.

The minimum size of a print, excluding mount, is 200 mm by 300 mm (A4, 300 ppi), and the maximum 300 mm by 450 mm (300 ppi). Any size or shape inbetween is acceptable.

Ronnie's controversial AV awarded

Ronnie Hazell's controversial audio-visual (AV) "The Horror of Syria" was not only accepted for exhibition at the Port Elizabeth Camera Club's second International AV Festival; it was also awarded a special Federation Internationale de l'Arte Photographique (FIAP) Ribbon.

Ronnie's AV is controversial because he used third-party images from the internet to make this interpretative documentary.

Traditionally a photographer is only allowed to enter an AV compiled using his or her own images for a competition, and an international controversy developed around the issue of third-party images.



Treurnicht does it again

Another 36 images by Treurnicht du Toit were accepted for exhibition by eight salons, from local to international, in March. For three of them he was awarded a Certificate of Merit, including this one, titled "Confidence", at the Saguaro National Exhibition.



Provisional AV workshop programme

The audio-visual (AV) workshop planned for May was moved to Thursday the 19th, and a provisional programme has been put together.

It is as follows:

19:00 to 19:30 - Some thoughts about AV's (Deon Kuhn)

19:30 to 20:30 - Demonstration of constructing a simple AV using Pictures ToExe (PTE) (Deon Kuhn)

20:30 to 21:00 - Tea break, during which a few AVs will be shown

21:00 to 21:45 - Demonstration of constructing a simple AV using PowerPoint (Jan Rousseau)

21:45 to 22:00 - The road forward (Hands-on training courses etc.)

Other events

Phenomenal women in photography - Canon Roadshow in the Cape Town International Convention Centre (CTICC) on Saturday 21 May at 10:00

Cape Photographers' Regional Congress in Prince Albert from 25 to 29 April 2016.

Next meeting

Wednesday 4 May: Members may enter any three images of their choice for open judging, and one image for the set subject of "Movement".

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