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Newsletter of the Hermanus Photographic Society
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President's report



This month provides a reprieve from club competitions, but not from photography.

Our meeting in September focuses on our immediate surroundings, with the appropriate theme "Local is Lekker".

It offers us the opportunity to appreciate what we have in our midst, the people, the wildlife, food and drink, not to mention the unique scenery.

The workshops of the past few months provided the technical background required, so now it is up to all of us to put what we have learnt into practice.

After all, practice makes perfect.

One of the biggest challenges we have as photographers is to make the ordinary look extra-ordinary. Now we have the opportunity without having to consider the view of the judges.

We look forward to viewing your images before we relax with a glass of wine and pleasurable socialising. Remember, all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy.

Happy shooting.

Thea Erasmus

A month of achievements

Honoured

Senior Society member Treurnicht du Toit was awarded the title of Expert of the Photographic Society of South Africa (EPSSA) in the July Honours judging session, for his achievement on the Salon circuit.

To qualify he had to have gained a total of 375 acceptances with a minimum of 125 images in two divisions - in his case Nature and Open.

During July another 18 of Treurnicht's images were accepted for exhibition by international salons and 12 by South African salons.

Promoted

Committee member René Dewar was promoted from two-star to three-star photographer, and Society member Alan Davidson from one-star to two-star.

For promotion from one- to two-star photographer you need 20 points and a minimum of 5 gold awards from the monthly evaluation of images, and for two- to three-star you need 40 points and a minimum of 10 gold awards.



René Dewar in action

PSSA National Congress in Langebaan

If you are interested in photography, you are welcome to attend the annual National Congress of the Photographic Society of South Africa. This year it will be in Langebaan, from 26 August to 1 September.

Information on the congress and how to register can be found on the PSSA website (<http://www.pssa.co.za/>).

Workshops, courses and outings

HDR

Mike Sander is presenting a course consisting of two modules on HDR. The first module was on Thursday 4 August and the second will be on Thursday the 11th.

High-dynamic-range (HDR) imaging is described as a method that aims to add more "dynamic range" to images, where dynamic range is the ratio of light to dark in a photograph.

Instead of just taking one photo, HDR uses three photos, taken at different exposures.

You can then use

image editing

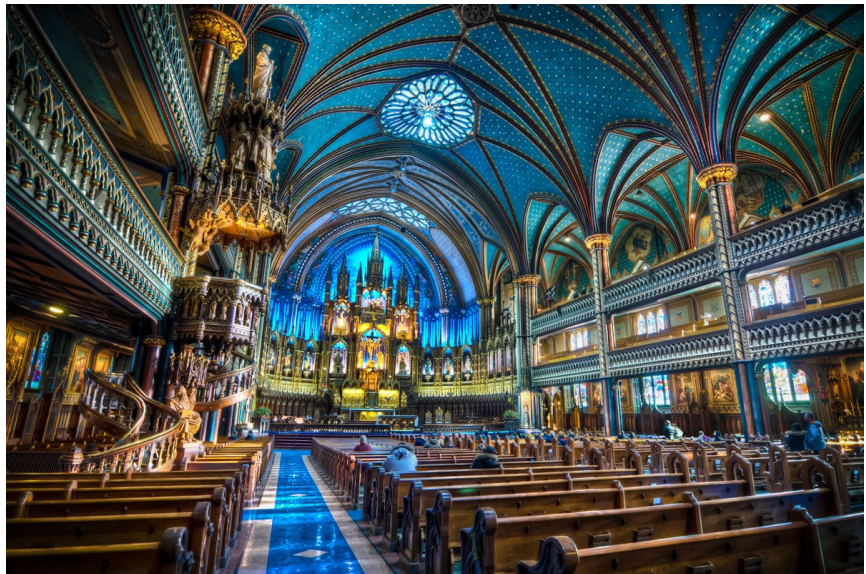
software to put those

three images

together and highlight the best parts of each photo.

In the case of HDR on smartphones, your phone does all the work for you - just snap your picture and it'll spit out one regular and one HDR photo.

The result is something that should look more like what your eyes see, rather than what your camera sees. (Source: "Lifehacker" website)



An HDR image of the Notre Dame Basilica in Montreal from the website "The Unframed World".

Macro photography

The Photowalkers of Hermanus will present a workshop on macro photography for a maximum of six participants.

The two-hour workshop will be at The Studio, 17 Mimosa Street, on 18 August from 10:00 to 12:00. Cost is R400 per person.

Apply to René Dewar by 11 August.

Lightroom

Mike Sander will present a Lightroom course at 26 Rocklands Road on 8, 15 and 22 September, at R50 per module. Apply to René by 1 September.

Hatching of Emu chicks

René Dewar has organised an outing to a farm 20 km from Infanta for the weekend of 10 and 11 September for members who would like to photograph the hatching of Emu chicks.

For those wishing to overnight nearby, Mudlark Riverfront Lodge is recommended.

The Emu is the largest bird in Australia, and the second largest in the world after the Ostrich.

Emus have long necks, sharp beaks and small ears. They have two sets of eyelids, one for blinking and one to keep out dust. Their feet are long, with three toes. One toe on each foot has a long talon, for fighting.



The face of an Emu. Source: Wikipedia

Emus can grow to between 1.5 and 2 m in height and weigh up to 60 kg. (Source: the website "Animal Myths & Legends")

Apply to René by 1 September.

Social meeting in September

The monthly meeting on Wednesday 7 September will be a social event, consisting of an informal showing and discussion of images with the theme "Local is Lekker", followed by soup and wine.

Members may submit up to three images taken in Hermanus to Thea Erasmus by Saturday 3 September.

Thea encourages members to open their mind to what is closest to them and to make even the ordinary look extraordinary.

There will be no open evaluation or set subject for the month.



A Southern Right Whale, the icon of Hermanus. But there is much more to photograph in the town. Image by Dave Hurwitz

The meeting, in the Dutch Reformed Church hall, begins at 19:00.

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Fluit-fluit, my storie is uit.