

Newsletter of the Hermanus Photographic Society May 2019

Time to get our show on the road

FynArts Print Exhibition from 7 to 17 June

Our club's Print Exhibition, "Through the Lens", will be the fourth one in a row that forms part of the annual FynArts festival. It will be in the hall at the side of the Hermanus Dutch Reformed Church, from 7 to 17 June.

Members may enter up to five images for selection. And the more participants, the merrier. The exhibition is not a competition. It is a showcase of the good work that our members do on various levels, from One-star to Magister.



The favourite print of our FynArts Exhibition in 2018, with 26 of about 300 votes, "Water is Kosbaar" by Elizma Fourie.

Visitors will have the opportunity to vote for their favourite print, but the outcome will just indicate their preferences, as a matter of interest.

And it could indicate the number of visitors over the duration of the festival.

About 300 visitors voted at each of the previous three exhibitions, but more viewed the prints without voting, especially during the interval of concerts in the church.

The title of the exhibition, "Through the Lens", was chosen to include a wide variety of images, categories and styles, for example nature, portraits, scenic, street photography, still life, altered reality, black and white, and anything else that can be categorised as "open".



The favourite print in 2017, Luke Horsten's "Adoration". It received 25 of the votes.

Elizma Fourie, club president, urged members to participate. "We would like to show the work of as many of our photographers as possible.

"We will not only be advertising the club and showcasing our work to local residents but also to visitors from other parts.

"So please take advantage of the

opportunity."

Please email your entries in normal digital format to elizma@adminevolution.co.za by Wednesday 15 May.

The selection of approximately 48 images will be done by a panel appointed by the committee.

Members will be notified of the selection of their images, and must have them printed and mounted according to specifications which will be communicated by email. They must be handed in by Tuesday 4 June.



The most popular image in 2016, with 24 of about 300 votes, "Dans met my" by Charles Naudé.

Artwalk offers different opportunity

The Hermanus First Fridays Artwalk offers our members another opportunity to exhibit prints – but the approach differs from that of the FynArts Print Exhibition.



A visitor arrives at our club's Artwalk exhibition at Foto First.

While the latter is more formal, and portrays a more representative collection of our club's best work, the Artwalk offers members the opportunity to test the market for photographic art.

After the trial run in April, we had a more official exhibition as part of the Artwalk on Friday 3 May. It was organized by David Wilson, with the help of Cathy Bruce and others, and hosted by honorary member Cees van de Coolwijk in his Foto First shop off Main Road.

David said it was a great evening, with 33 prints exhibited, almost all different from the previous event.

The number of visitors was down from 86 to 55, but that

was the trend for the entire Art Walk, due to the bad weather. In fact, this was the last Artwalk before the winter break. The next one will be in September.

Salon results

Two of our members had a total of 13 images accepted for exhibition by three salons.

The Visual Skills School Salon in Pretoria accepted one by Elizma Fourie and two by Treurnicht du Toit. Another six of his were accepted by the Discovery Photo Exhibition in India, and four by the Cape Town International Salon.

We're ahead with two months to go



"There is room for more" by René Dewar (left) and "Die Denker" by Ansie du Toit are our entries for the May 2019 national senior and junior club competitions organized by the PSSA.





"Worm's-eye view" by Charles Naudé (left) and "Star Gazing" by Cathy Bruce, our senior and junior entries for April, got scores of 33 and 36 out of 45 respectively. The winning scores were 42 and 41.

Our club is still running ahead of the pack of eight Western Cape clubs in the PSSA monthly competitions, with only two months to go to the end of the senior and junior competitions in June. Senior is Four-star and higher, while junior is Three-star and lower.

After the April results, we lead Paarl in the senior competition with a score of 302 to 274, junior with 315 to 279, and combined with 617 to 553. Paarl did narrow the gap somewhat due to a win in the senior competition in April.

But Swartland, who was lying second after February, fell further back behind Paarl after not scoring in April. The other participating clubs are Tafelberg, Fish Hoek, Worcester, Creative, and Helderberg.

Interclub volunteers needed

Volunteers are needed to organize the Western Cape Interclub Photographic Competition, which takes place in Bellville on Friday 25 October. It is our club's turn to host the event.

If you are available to help, please contact our president, Elizma Fourie (contact details below).

The next month

The June meeting will be in the Dutch Reformed Church Hall, as usual, on Wednesday the 5th at 19:00. Members may enter up to three images of their choice, and one image on the Set Subject, "Abstract" / "Abstrak", all for evaluation, and all scores will count for promotion. The set-subject image of the month will still be decided by voting. The photographer of the chosen image may speak briefly on it, while the lead judge may comment on some of the set-subject images.

The May outing will be to Birkenhead Brewery in Stanford. There should be opportunities for abstract photography. Members will be sent more details by email.

The Audio-visual Interest Group will meet at the Dutch Reformed Church Hall at 19:00 on Thursday 11 April. The challenge is "Emotion".

An interactive training session on Layers in Photoshop will be presented by Elizma Fourie from 18:00 to 20:00 on Thursday 23 May, at a cost of R100 per attending member. More details will follow by email.

A training session in Star Trails, presented by Cathy Bruce, is being planned. Details will be emailed to members.

Used photographic items for sale

Sigma 50-500mm lens, 12 years old, hardly used – R5 000 Manfrotto 728B Digi tripod with three-way pan/tilt head, hardly used – R3,600 Manfrotto 676B monopod, hardly used – R300 Wimberley "plamp", good condition – R100 Contact Charles Naudé at cmnaude@gmail.com

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