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Newsletter of the Hermanus Photographic Society
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Aim lower for better long-term outcome

Plan to boost participation of 'real' and 'mature' juniors

Our committee has come up with a plan to use our monthly set subject to encourage more junior photographers to get involved in club activities.

There are two categories of junior photographers, and we need more of both.

The first category is what could be called "mature" juniors. In this case "junior" refers to photographic experience, but not to age. They are regarded as members with a Three-star rating or lower. They are endemic to a town with more mature people like Hermanus, and we have often had



Untitled image by Thomas Leuthard, as an example of minimalism, our club's set subject for June. Members will decide at the meeting on 2 June if the monthly set subject should be opened up to youngsters from our local schools.

a healthy number of them in the club. During the last two years we have been running out of them as they progress to senior (Four-star) status.

Then there are "real" junior photographers, who are both young and less experienced. They are usually defined as between 14 and 19 years of age, and are often still at school.

The committee's approach is, firstly to invite all juniors of any age to get involved in all club activities, and secondly to get the club's approval to open up the set subject to local school-going photographers.

Starting to enter images for the club's set subject could also be the point of entry to various events that form part of the youth programme of the PSSA (Photographic Society of South Africa).

One of these opportunities is the annual youth division salon, which is open to all youth members of the PSSA worldwide, as well as all photographers younger than 19 residing in South Africa. The closing date is 17 July, and there is no entry fee. The brochure is available on the PSSA website, as are particulars of other opportunities for young photographers.

Depleted juniors stand their ground

Despite the small number of active junior members in our club, we still do well in the monthly competition for junior club members (Three-star or lower) organized by the PSSA (Photographic Society of South Africa).

During April, the tenth month of the competition, our juniors moved up from third to second place in the Western Cape, and from 17th to 15th place nationally.

In the senior competition, for Four-star members and higher, we are still first in the Western Cape, and fourth nationally.

In the competition for individual PSSA members, we have two club members in the top ten nationally – Charles Naudé (eighth) and Elizma Fourie (ninth). First overall is Nicol du Toit of Cape Town, PSSA regional director for the Western Cape.

These competitions end on 30 June.



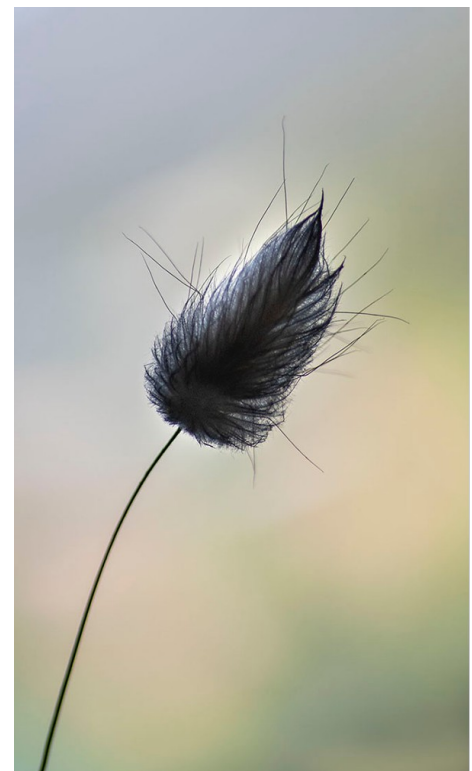
Our May senior entry, Carina de Klerk's "Scottish Wind Turbines"



Our May junior entry, "I wonder what is behind that door" by Sheron Pretorius

Seniors after ten months			
Club	Score	W Cape	National
Hermanus	340	1	4
Creative	323	2	8
Tafelberg	276	3	21
Cape Town	270	4	26
Helderberg	260	5	31
Paarl	260	5	31
Fish Hoek	247	7	35
Swartland	232	8	40
Witzenberg	230	9	41
Tygerberg	102	10	53

Juniors after ten months			
Club	Score	W Cape	National
Creative	324	1	5
Hermanus	284	2	15
Paarl	272	3	22
Cape Town	271	4	23
Tafelberg	263	5	24
Fish Hoek	234	6	34
Witzenberg	215	7	39
Swartland	214	8	40
Malmesbury	178	9	47
Tygerberg	111	10	53



Our club's senior entry for April, "Misty Poplar Spires" (above) by Phil Sturgess, got a score of 31/45, and our junior entry, "Hare's Tail in Silhouette" (right) by Sheron Pretorius 32/45.

Art in the Park a great success

Such was the interest in our club's participation in Art in the Park that we sold 16 printed images, and ran out of membership application forms.

We will be back. In fact, we have booked a spot for the rest of the year in this arts market, which happens at the Hermanus Country Market venue on the first Sunday of each month. All club members are welcome to join in.

Salon medals, merits and acceptances

PSSA National Salon

Carina de Klerk – 3 Merits and 5 acceptances

Phil Sturgess – 1 Merit and 8 acceptances

Elizma Fourie – 1 Merit and 6 Acceptances

Charles Naudé – 6 acceptances

David Wilson – 2 acceptances



"Savouring the Moment" – Merit for Carina de Klerk

Kosmos Salon

Charles Naudé – 1 Merit and 1 acceptance

Phil Sturgess – 8 acceptances

Carina de Klerk – 5 acceptances

Elizma Fourie – 5 acceptances

David Wilson – 2 acceptances



"Titbit" - Merit for Charles Naudé

Creative Camera Club

Phil Sturgess – 1 Merit and 10 acceptances

David Wilson – 1 Merit and 1 acceptance

Carina de Klerk – 4 acceptances

Elizma Fourie – 4 acceptances

Charles Naudé – 4 acceptances



"Vermont Cascade" - Merit for Phil Sturgess

Hibiscus Coast

Phil Sturgess – 1 Merit and 10 acceptances

Elizma Fourie – 1 Merit and 5 acceptances

Treurnicht du Toit – 1 Merit and 4 acceptances

Carina de Klerk – 3 acceptances

David Wilson – 2 acceptances



"Giraffe against Horizon" - Merit for Elizma Fourie

International

Treurnicht du Toit

NPS Gold Medal and 8 more acceptances in Oztan Ozatay Memorial Salon

1 Diploma and 6 acceptances in Rhino Cup Salon

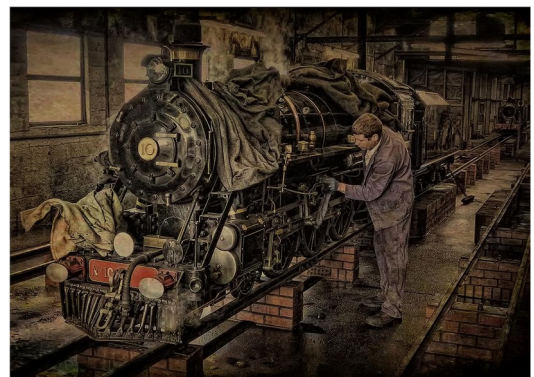


"Frightened" - Gold Medal for Treurnicht du Toit

International

David Wilson

Bronze Medal in Photo Addicts Salon and 40 acceptances in various salons



"Loco Dr Syn in Shed" - Bronze Medal for David Wilson

Forthcoming events

Our June monthly meeting will be in the Hermanus Dutch Reformed Church Hall (Covid permitting) or on Zoom on Wednesday the 2nd at 19:00. Members may enter up to three images of their choice, and one image on the Set Subject, "Minimalism" / "Minimalisme", all for evaluation. All submissions must be via Photo Vault Online, and all scores will count for promotion.

The set-subject image of the month is usually decided by voting. The photographer of the chosen image may speak briefly on it, while the lead judge may comment on any of the set-subject images.

The next First Friday Art Walk will be on 4 June. Our club print exhibition which forms part of this will be at Hermanus FotoFirst.

Art in the Park at the Hermanus Country Market venue will be on Sunday 6 June, starting at 09:00. Local photographers wishing to take part, contact the club president at 064 745 3552 or info@hermanusphoto.co.za.

FynArts – Our club returns to this festival, after last year's Covid-cancellation, with our regular photographic exhibition at the Hermanus Dutch Reformed Church, from 16 to 19 June. This year's theme is "Mainly Monochromatic" / "Hoofsaaklik Eenkleurig".

Kalfiefees – Our club will join the Hermanus Kalfiefee's in conjunction with the First Friday Art Walk on 6 August.

Forthcoming Salons, with closing dates (details on the PSSA website):

Vanderbijlpark National 15 May

Sasol Highveld National 22 May

Witzenberg Digital & Print 3 July

Youth National 17 July

TAF National 31 July

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