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Newsletter of the Hermanus Photographic Society

May 2023

All set for more creativity

Fresh approach to our club's monthly Set Subject

Our club is about to reach the final stage of being set up for improving our technical and creative abilities through a fresh approach to the monthly Set Subject.

Initially our committee encouraged members to take the Set Subject more seriously by making it count most in the calculations to determine our club's junior and senior photographer of the year.



"Boat builder" by Luke Horsten – set subject of the month in May, with the topic Planes, trains, boats and automobiles. It is a good example of thinking outside the box, according to David Barnes of Tygerberg club, our guest judge. It is Luke's third Set Subject winner in twelve months.

In our advancement system the best set subject counts 5 club points, compared to 4 for a merit award, 3 for a gold, 2 for a silver and 1 each for a bronze, the image of the month, and the best senior and junior image.

(Members need club points, in addition to gold and merit awards, to advance to the next Star level or higher in our advancement System, which is explained under Rules and Regulations on our website.)

Then, to encourage member involvement, all those attending our monthly club meeting in April were given the opportunity to vote for next year's set subjects topics. The list of topics for 2024 has been published on our website.

So now we are all set for the final stage.

That will happen in June, when we will no longer be allowed to dig up an old image from our archives, put on some spit and polish, and present it as our entry for the monthly Set Subject.

"From June 2023 your image has to be taken within 12 months of the competition month," says Carina de Klerk, our club president, on our club website.

Why?

Because "the monthly set subject competition is intended to test and stretch the technical and creative abilities of our member photographers", she says.

Front runners close together



"Nesting material" by Luke Horsten – our club's May entry for the senior club competition organized by the PSSA.



"Beady eyes" by Glynnis Schutte – our club's May entry for the junior competition.

Five Western Cape clubs are still among the national top ten in the monthly club competitions organized by the PSSA (Photographic Society of South Africa), with another two months to go.

The tables below show that their accumulated scores over the first ten months are close together.



"Twisted camel thorn" by Phil Sturgess – our club's April entry in the senior competition of the PSSA, which was given a score of 34/45.



"Icy stares" by Riette de Kock – our club's April entry in the junior competition, which was given a score of 31/45.

| Top five WC Seniors after ten months | | | |
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| Club | Score | W Cape | National |
| Creative | 351 | 1 | 2 |
| Cape Town | 347 | 2 | 3 |
| Hermanus | 342 | 3 | 5 |
| Swartland | 342 | 3 | 5 |
| Fish Hoek | 340 | 5 | 7 |

| Top five WC Juniors after ten months | | | |
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| Swartland | 338 | 2 | 4 |
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| Creative | 325 | 5 | 8 |

Salon activity increases with a bang

Our club's activity on the salon front increased last month with the participation of four members instead of the usual one or two. A brand new participant was Judy Armstrong, 2-Star photographer, who had no less than seven images accepted for exhibition in the PSSA Up & coming salon.

The fourth participant was Carina de Klerk, who returned after taking a break.

Rustenburg club national salon

Charles Naudé – 1 image accepted for exhibition

PSSA Up & coming salon

Judy Armstrong – 7 images accepted for exhibition

PSSA national salon

Carina de Klerk – 5 images accepted for exhibition

David Wilson – 3 acceptances

Charles Naudé – 2 acceptances

Hibiscus club national salon

David Wilson – 2 images accepted for exhibition

International salons

David Wilson – 1 Silver medal, 1 FIP Ribbon, 2 diplomas and various acceptances from various salons

Our membership just keeps growing

Our membership has grown again – for the third time in three months.

This month's new members are Max and Glynnis Schutte, and Bryce Bell. This brings the total to seven after another three last month, and one in February.

Next month is print exhibition month

A total of 60 images have been selected for what has become our club's traditional print exhibition as part of the Hermanus FynArts festival in June. Those images comprise 53 by our club members, and 7 by members of the Hermies club, which is based at Hermanus High School.

It is the first time that Hermies members take part.

The exhibition, in the downtown Checkers Station Mall, will run from 14 to 17 June. The images were selected by a panel consisting of Lawrence Brennon, Gilly Shreeve and Alida Heine, with input from committee members.



Forthcoming events

Our June monthly meeting will be in the Hermanus Dutch Reformed Church Hall on Wednesday the 7th at 19:00. Members may enter up to three images of their choice, and one on the Set Subject, "Creative shutter speed set at 1/10 second" / "Kreatiewe sluiterspoed gestel op 1/10 sekonde", all for evaluation. All submissions must be via Photo Vault Online, and all scores will count for promotion.

The guest judge will be Cathy Bruce-Wright of Cape Town photographic club (and former member of our club).

The set subjects and judges for the next three months are

July – Still life / Stillewe (Steff Hughes from Cape Town)

August – Your favourite book, film, poem or music as a photo / Jou gunsteling-boek, -rolprent, -gedig of -musiek as 'n foto (Nicol and Trudi du Toit of Cape Town club)

September – A photo taken in July 2023 / 'n Foto wat in Julie 2023 geneem is (Anne Hrabar from Knysna)

More information can be found on the club website under Club Notices.

A skills development session on portraiture will be presented by Lynne Kruger-Haye of Ignite club on Saturday 24 June.

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

Kriel 27 May

SA Visual Arts Society 3 June

PSSA national AV salon 10 June

Western Cape Youth Photographers 24 June

The First Friday Art Walk is from 17:00 to 20:00 on the first Friday of the month. Our club print exhibition which forms part of this, is at Hermanus FotoFirst.

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