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Unusual visitors' favourite

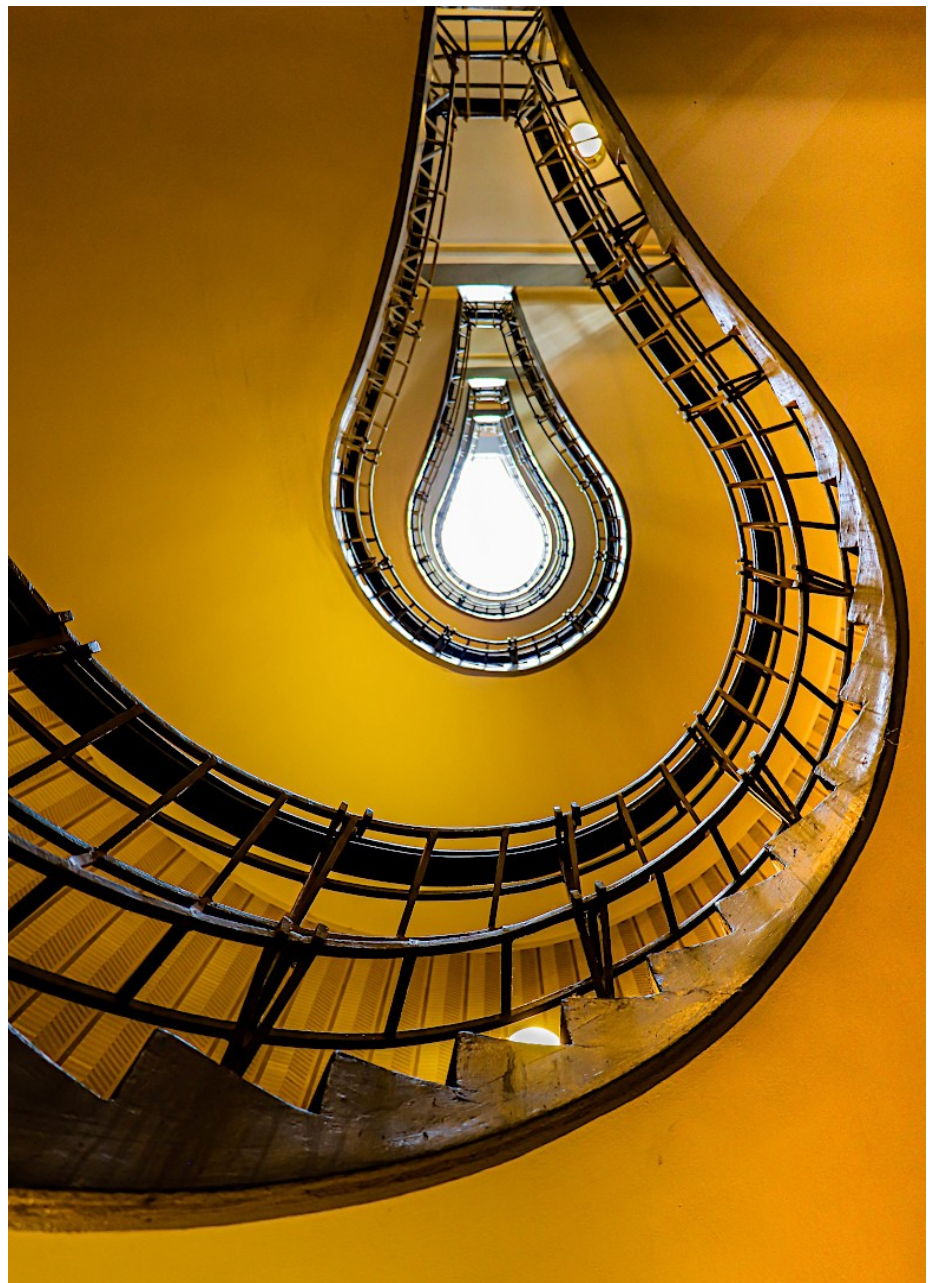
FynArts
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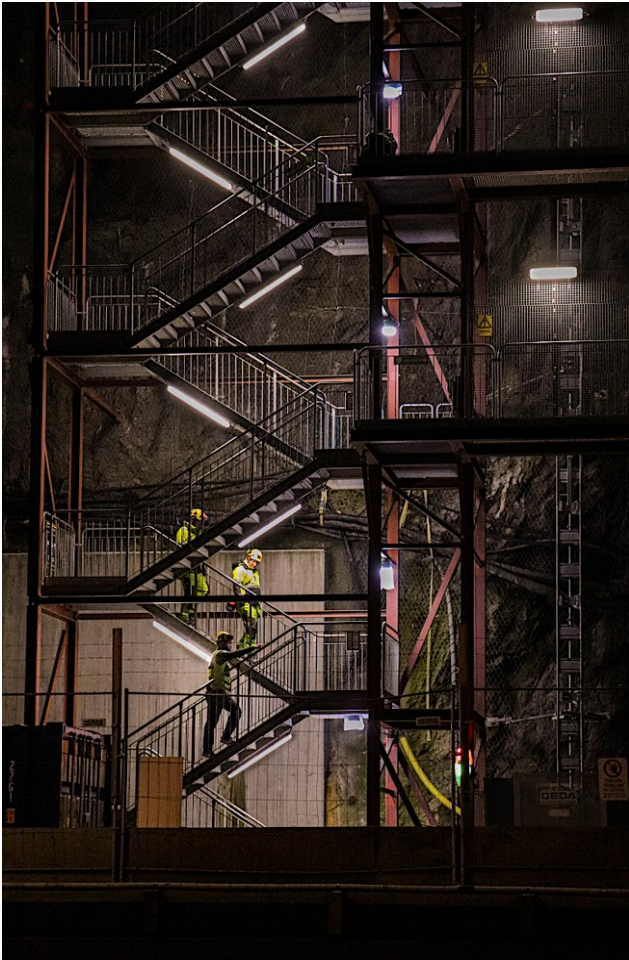
Nature and scapes used to reign supreme.

But this time the popular choice of visitors to our annual print exhibition was an image in the contemporary category.

"Spiral staircase" by **Marié Botes (right)** received 29 of 408 votes cast by 136 visitors.

The exhibition, from 9 to 17 June, was part of Hermanus FynArts festival.





During our previous five print exhibitions, a contemporary image was voted into the top five favourites only once.

Two more unusual choices were of images in the photojournalism

category in second and joint third place - **“Workers at night” (top left) , also by Marié Botes, with 22 votes, and “Clean-up after the burn” (top right) by Daniel Reddie (21).** It was also only the second time during six exhibitions that a photojournalism image made it to the top five.

Two nature images still made it into the top five. They were voted into joint third place and fifth place - **“Wet wet wet” (bottom left) by Charles Naudé (21 votes) and “Togetherness” (bottom right) by Phil Sturgess (20).**





Could the visitors' choice of a contemporary image be part of a general growing interest in creative photography?

A significant development in the Western Cape emphasising this trend was the founding of Ignite, the online photographic club which aims to develop photographic artists by encouraging and exploring creative photography.

Marié's "Spiral staircase" was taken at the Czech Museum of Cubism in Prague. It is also called Light bulb staircase.

The final five prints in the visitors' top ten choices are, clockwise from top left, **"Autumn trees and dark skies"** by Carina de Klerk (18), **"Just like mum"** by Phil Sturgess (18), **"Please save water"** by David Wilson (14), **"Secretary bird in silhouette"** by Judy Armstrong (14) and **"Brown hyena at Sossusvlei"** by Carina de Klerk (13).



Our FynArts exhibition of 52 printed images by members of our club, and another 7 from the Hermies Photographic Club of Hermanus High School, was attended by well over 400 visitors despite the stormy rains and cold weather, and Eskom power cuts, both planned, and caused by the weather.

For the Hermies prints 95 votes were cast. The visitors' favourite was **"Modern vintage"** by **Enya Zipfel with 24 votes (right)**.

The photographers of the most favourite images are to receive printing vouchers from Lawrence Brennon of Overberg Studios, who did all the printing for the exhibition.



Final countdown for club competitions



Left: "Vulture passion" by Phil Sturgess, senior entry

Above: "Working on fire" by Victor Korsten, junior entry

Our entries for June, the final round of the 2022-'23 senior and junior club competitions of the PSSA (Photographic Society of South Africa), are respectively "Vulture passion" by Phil Sturgess and "Working on fire" by Victor Korsten. The next round starts in July.



"Nesting material" by Luke Horsten – our club's May entry for the senior club competition organized by the PSSA, which was awarded a score of 35/45.



"Beady eyes" by Glynnis Schutte – our club's May entry for the junior competition. Its score was 31/45.

Our membership just keeps growing

Our membership has grown again – for the fourth time in four months. This month's new member is Lochner Slabbert.

Forthcoming events

Our July monthly meeting will be virtual on Zoom - on Wednesday the 5th at 19:00. Members may enter up to three images of their choice, and one on the Set Subject, "Still life" / "Stillewe", all for evaluation. All submissions must be via Photo Vault Online, and all scores will count for promotion.

The guest judge will be Steff Hughes from Cape Town.

The set subjects and judges for the next three months are

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)

October – A photo taken in the rain / 'n Foto wat in die reën geneem is (Frank Heitmuller from Sandton)

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

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

Highway (digital) 1 July

Witzenberg (digital and print) 29 July

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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