

Newsletter of the Hermanus Photographic Society
August 2023

Our Gold Master gets 30/30

Two accolades on one day for Phil Sturgess



"Sossusvlei shoreline" by Phil Sturgess, which was given a score of 30/30 at our club's August meeting.

It took Phil Sturgess only about nine months to advance from the Master Bronze level to Master Silver – and then just eleven months more to become our club's first Master Gold photographer.

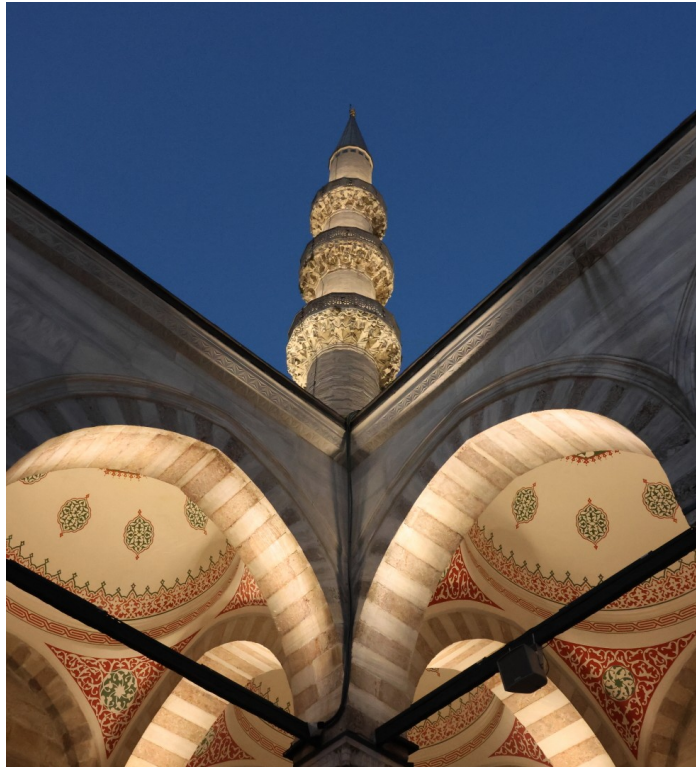
His latest Gold status was announced at our August monthly meeting on Wednesday the 2nd. To crown this achievement, one of his images was given a perfect score of 30/30 later that same evening.

The image, "Sossusvlei shoreline", had been entered for our regular monthly evaluation. That was done by guest judges Nicol and Trudi du Toit, both members of Cape Town club and PSSA (Photographic Society of South Africa) management.

Based on its top score, it was chosen as our club's image of the month and our entry in the senior monthly club competition organized by the PSSA. Our entry in the junior competition is "Blue hour mosque" by Ingrid Grundlingh.

Phil is one of a dozen Master photographers in our club. The PSSA had recognized only one Master level until 2000, but then split it into five levels – Bronze, Silver, Gold, Platinum and Diamond.

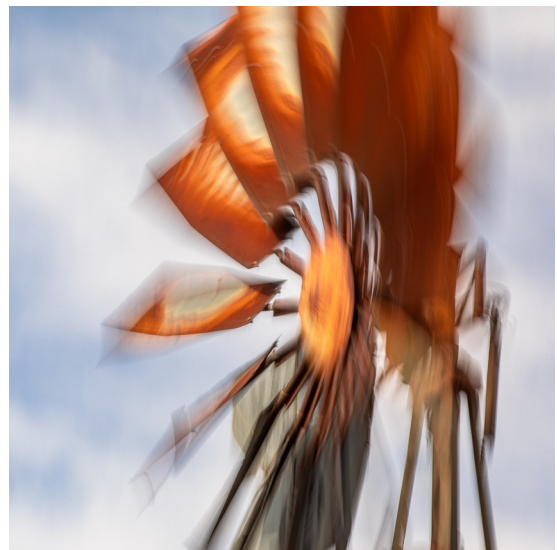
To advance through the senior levels, from 4-Star to 5-Star, and then to each of the successive Master levels, a club member needs 145 points and 40 Gold or Merit awards. A full explanation of the advancement system can be found under Rules and Regulations on our club website.



"Blue hour mosque" by Ingrid Grundlingh, our entry for the PSSA's August club competition for junior members.



Above: "Found in my oupa's trunk" by Judy Armstrong, which was given a score of 32/45 in the July junior monthly club competition. **Right:** "Windflower" by Carina de Klerk, (30/45 in the senior competition).



Our club made a slow start in the monthly club competitions. After one month we are ninth out of nine participating Western Cape clubs in the senior competition. In the junior competition we are eighth out of eleven, jointly with Hermies club of Hermanus High School.

Growing, growing, and still growing

Our membership has grown again – for the sixth time in six consecutive months.

Our latest new member is Louise Kruger.

Forthcoming events

Our September monthly meeting will be in the Hermanus Dutch Reformed Church Hall on Wednesday the 6th at 19:00. Members may enter up to three images of their choice, and one on the Set Subject, “A photo taken in July 2023” / “’n Foto wat in Julie 2023 geneem is”, all for evaluation. All submissions must be done via Photo Vault Online, and by Wednesday 30 August. All scores will count for advancement.

The guest judge will be Anne Hrabar from Knysna.

The set subjects and judges for the next three months are

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

November - Urban regeneration or decay / Stedelike ontwikkeling of verval (Peter Hardcastle of Swartland club)

December – An equine subject / ‘n Onderwerp wat met perde te doen het (Robbie Aspeling from Sandton)

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

Workshops

The Basics of Photography presented by Phil Sturgess in association with Hermies Photography Club at the Hermanus High School – 9 September

Street Photography presented by Daniel Reddie at the Dutch Reformed Church, followed by a walkabout in town – 16 September at 10:00

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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