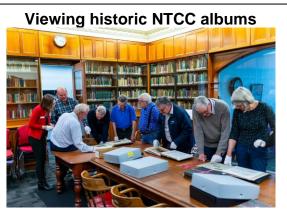


A Tale of Two Events in October Historic NTCC albums and Focus Stacking flowers



Several members took the opportunity to view historic images in NTCC albums which are held at the Launceston Library. Librarian Catherine Pearce (above, red cardigan) brought out albums from storage including the first album made, and the album of the first field trip for the club to Lilydale. An impressive aspect of the albums was that details of each photograph e.g. location, date, event, fstop and exposure time had been recorded

It was reassuring that images taken by members more than a century ago have been preserved in good condition. Catherine demonstrated that all the images had been scanned at high resolution and can be viewed by entering Northern Tasmanian Camera Club on the Libraries Tasmania website.





Trish Routley, Rosemary Cox and Chris Hagen working through issues at the focus stacking workshop.

Sixteen keen photographers fronted up on Saturday morning at the Lions club to be tutored by Jenelle Gavin from Sydney on focus stacking. Many had robbed their gardens for suitable flowers.

A degree in environmental science fostered her interest in native flora and she applied her longstanding interest in photography to her studies. Initial attempts to photograph plants were less than satisfactory due to low depth of focus. This led Jenelle to using focus stacking techniques. The process is time-consuming, requires a lot of patience with many images discarded. Winning images make it worthwhile

Jenelle led participants through the theory of focus stacking and illustrated her presentations with numerous examples of her work on focus stacking, especially of plants. She simplified what is potentially a very complex area. Jenelle reassured participants that it was not necessary to have all the high-tech equipment to produce focus-stacked images of acceptable quality.

Next Club Meeting: Tuesday 12th November at 7.00pm Guest speaker: Nic Haygarth speaking on Herbert King

Appreciation Awards

The Appreciation Award for November 2019 is shared between two people.



Catherine Pearce, librarian at the Launceston Library, for putting on the viewing of historic NTCC albums by NTCC members. The white glove brigade members were able to browse through images taken by eminent club photographers more than a century ago. Catherine's assistance and information e.g. about accessing these photos on the internet were very helpful. Thank you, Catherine.

Jenelle Gavin, tutor who travelled from Sydney to present the Focus Stacking workshop for club members



Course leader, Jenelle Gavin, demonstrating to participants the techniques for processing sequentially focussed images for focus stacking.

Participants were inspired by the quality of Jenelle's images of flowers. They were simply stunning. Thank you Jenelle for travelling down from Sydney to present the workshop. We appreciated the straight-forward presentations and simplifying the process of focus stacking.

October Guest Speaker



John Douglas presented a fascinating talk about his special interest area, spiders. John explained the two major types of spiders. There are 150 different groups of spiders worldwide, of which 40 types have been found in Tasmania. Two species of spider have recently established in Tasmania from elsewhere in Australia.

John's main scientific endeavour is the identification and classification of spiders. The pinnacle of his achievement was to identify a new species of spider and have it named after him.

John demonstrated the equipment he uses, and the innovative flash set up (see above). One of John's techniques to photograph spiders is to photograph them on the back of his hand. He uses photo stacking extensively to bring the spider into focus from front to back. Thank you, John for a fascination talk.

November guest speaker Nic Haygarth



The guest speaker for the November meeting is **Nic Haygarth**, historian and freelance writer. Nic will deliver an illustrated talk about Herbert John King, one of the giants of the early Tasmanian wilderness photographers, and a leading member of the Northern Tasmanian Camera Club.



Steve Whitworth has been awarded the high honour of "Best of the Best" image entered in the Photographic Society of America 2018 – 2019 Inter-club Competition. His image "Moonlight Serenade 2" was judged the top image entered during the four rounds of competition in Group C and received the Gold Medal. Congratulations Steve on your incredible success.

END of YEAR COMPETITIONS 2019

Our End of Year competitions have received a bit of a facelift this year. The Print Competitions have been replaced with Colour & Monochrome Digital Image Competitions. Entries can be submitted on a USB drive at our November club meeting on Tuesday 12th November. Alternatively, entries can be emailed to <u>ntcc.competition@gmail.com</u> by Friday 15th November. Prize winners will be announced at the Christmas 'End-of-Year' meeting on the 10th December 2018.

The all new, DOROTHY MACKRILL TROPHY Judged by Nick Monk

for MONOCHROME Projected Digital Images

The all new, ROBERT MACKRILL TROPHY Judged by Cam Blake

for COLOUR Projected Digital Images

Members are asked to enter <u>Four PDIs</u> into each of the two competitions. Competition placings are then decided on the <u>Sum Score of those Four Images</u>. The competitions are intended to show the photographers 'diversity'. Images entered should therefore display <u>Different Photographic Genres</u>. Images should conform to our standard sizing and naming requirements as detailed below.

For details, refer to the attached full document.

October Club Competitions Judged by Belmont 16's Photography Club **OCTOBER 2019 OPEN COMPETITION – COLOUR PDI's – PLACED IMAGES** 2nd Place - Dinghy 3rd Place – A Happy Baby 1st Place - Bone Dry Ruth Timperon Rod Oliver Sara Barritt **Highly Commended** Sunrise over Sugar Loaf Rock Robyn Whishaw Mendenhall Glacier Sunny War Capsicum **Fiona** Carter Felix Staub Jim Jacob Working Girl Bron Mathews OCTOBER 2019 OPEN COMPETITION – MONOCHROME PDI's – PLACED IMAGES 2nd Place - Resting 3rd Place – Mount Roland Morning Bron Mathews Fiona Carter 1st Place – Brayden Sara Barritt **Highly Commended** Bull Ride 901 Troy Andrews **Train Tracks** Little Coal Miner Robyn Whishaw Jim Jacob **Ruth Timperon** Sara Barritt Phillipa Alexander and Ron Camplin at the focus

Fiona Carter and Liz Price at the focus stacking workshop

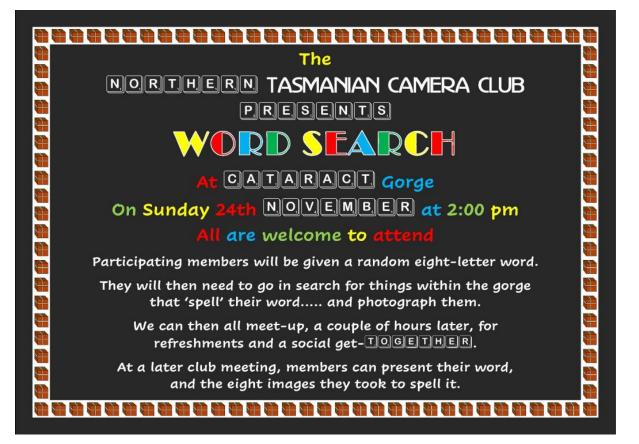
stacking workshop



Northern Tasmanian Camera Club Photographic Society of America - PID Interclub Entry November 2019



Northern Tasmanian Camera Club Photographic Society of America - Nature Interclub Entry November 2019





The Centenary Trophy for 2019

For your images of other club members participating in club activities.

Members may enter up to three images each.

The winning image will be judged by members attending our end of year club meeting on Tuesday 10th December. Entries close on Sunday 1st December

(photo by Rod Oliver)