



Milton Ulladulla District Camera Club Inc

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Welcome to the inaugural newsletter for Milton Ulladulla District Camera Club!

Images of the month

January Theme: Christa Drysdale won the Image of the Month for the theme "Triptychs" with this exquisite photo titled "Life Cycle of a Flowering Gum Blossom".



January Open: Bob Milo earned Image of the Month for this vibrant image titled "The Rocks Flasher" taken during the Australia Day wheelchair races at The Rocks, Sydney

February Theme: New member and B grader, Cathy Ward, took out Image of the Month for this stunning image titled "East", with the theme Contre Jour or *Against the Light*. Well done Cathy!



February Open: Christa Drysdale's "Curious Cheetah" wowed the judge, earning Image of the Month in Open. The pin sharp focus, direct eye contact and the capture of every rippling muscle, leaves the viewer feeling like he or she might be on the menu for dinner!

Bloomin' Beauty!

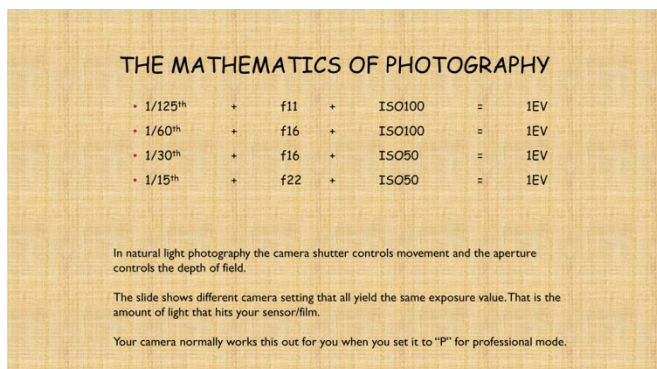
On Thursday, 11th February two of our club members - Annette Potter and Christa Drysdale - launched an exhibition of their work featuring Christa's *textured flowers* and Annette's *frozen flowers*, at Cupitt's Winery. Members of the club were invited to join them for the launch. If you haven't already, try and get out to see it in the coming weeks. It is definitely worth it. Beautiful work, ladies!



Congratulations!

Big congrats to Bronwynne Kidson and Christa Drysdale, both of whom achieved acceptances in the 2016 Maitland International Salon of Photography <http://maitlandsalon.org/>. The high standard of entries in this global competition is testament to the skill of these ladies. They are in excellent company. Well done!

Exposed to Exposure



This month's learning theme was Exposure with Annette Potter delivering a presentation prepared by Ollie Cool. It is never easy to present someone else's work and Annette did a great job, giving us plenty to think about, including the importance of reading our camera manuals and becoming familiar with *clippings* and *histograms* to provide feedback on our exposure. Bob Milo reinforced this with

an equally thought provoking presentation on Long Exposures, how to adjust factors such as aperture and ISO (light sensitivity) to compensate for a long shutter speed. The tips will come in handy for the April competition theme where photos must be taken at 20 seconds shutter speed (+/- 5 seconds).

Showtime!

Please note that the date of the Club Excursion in March has been brought forward by a week to 5th March and the venue will be Milton Showground where members will meet at 10.00am. The variety of activities on offer will provide opportunity to practice panning and motion blur techniques. Wearing your FCC ID card is a good idea as children may feature in some of your images and it can be reassuring for parents to have evidence of your purpose in photographing them. If you don't have one, contact Christa on christa_john9@hotmail.com

Change is good

We will be introducing a couple of minor changes for the 2016-2017 photo competition. First, we will be increasing the sizing of Digitally Projected Images, likely in line with FIAP and other external competitions. You will be advised of the new size prior to the next competition year. And secondly, it will no longer be necessary to attach your member numbers to the mounts for print competition.

2016-2017 Program

The Committee is busy working on next year's program and have been considering some exciting new competition themes and interesting presentation ideas. Don't forget, if there

is a special theme that you'd like to try, or a photographic topic about which you would like to learn more, now is the time to let us know, not after the program is finalised!

Testing the waters

A number of our newer members entered competition for the first time this month with some pleasing results. Cathy Ward took out a Merit and *Theme Image of the Month*, while Barry Tomkinson took out three Credits from four entries. Denise and Scott Colebrook also entered for the first time and, although there were no awards this time, they both put up some great images. Well done, everyone. Keep them coming!

Free mounts

Just a reminder that Ulladulla Picture Framing in Boree Street Ulladulla (just down from Coles) has a basket of off-cut mats out the front and members of MUDCC are welcome to help themselves. You will need to cut the aperture but they do some in handy for presenting images that don't conform to the standardised A4 size.

Coming Up

Note that our next meeting is Monday, 14 March (**not** 7 March!) and Colin Pass will be returning to enlighten us on more Photoshop techniques. Our competition theme for 28 March will be Long Exposures which will be exposures of 20 seconds +/- 5 seconds. Have fun with it and don't forget, you will need a tripod!

It is a DPI (digitally projected) competition so entries will need to be sent to Bob (bob.milo@bigpond.com) by 14 March. For now, sizing will remain at maximum horizontal of 1024px and maximum vertical of 768px, with maximum file size of 500KB. Our judge is Dave Bassett from Canberra Camera Club.

Tips and inspiration

Check out these 50 Quick Photography Tips for Beginners written by an American photographer, Patrick Bogan. He makes some insightful observations and offers several valuable tips, even if you don't agree with all of them. <https://youpic.com/learn/97/50-quick-photography-tips-for-beginners>

Six photographers were invited to a studio to shoot. What they didn't know was that the studio was empty – completely empty. No props or selfies were allowed. Check out the results in this video

https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=Uis4EanV15o

Creativity and imagination are like muscles – the more they are exercised and challenged the stronger they become!