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March Images of the Month

Theme:



The theme for the month of March was *Australiana* and, with an American-based remote judge - photographer Gordon Haddow - the added challenge was to produce an image that would reflect the theme, while resonating with a non-Australian.

As expected, we saw versions of many well-known Aussie icons, from the cuddly koala to the Harbour Bridge, as well as an intriguing presentation of a very Australian brand of soup (Rosella). We also saw folks engaged in activities that were recognisably representative of Australian culture and a beautifully rendered image of a smoking ceremony performed by a well-known member of our local indigenous community.

However, no one can dispute that the winning Image of the Month, Trisha Curotta's *Bush Fly on Vegie*, captured the *Australiana* theme to perfection.

The judge loved the 'sense of humour of this image and poking of fun at one's nation', as well as the good composition and the fact that it was 'absolutely Australian'.

Open:

Christa Drysdale's Open entry, *Where Is The Itch*, could well have fit within the Theme category also, though as an Open entry, it impressed the judge in several ways.

Gordon Haddow enjoyed 'the story it tells and how the composition lends itself to this story', the two birds 'looking after one another'. He also liked how the 'triangular composition keeps the eye circulating through the image' and the 'textural contrast' between the wire and the birds' feathers.



While Trisha is not a stranger to photographic competition, as a new member this was her first entry for our Club, and she acquitted herself well. Likewise, with Kate Lamont's performance, with her first entry into competition earning her an award. Well done to all!

MUDCC Members Shine at Show

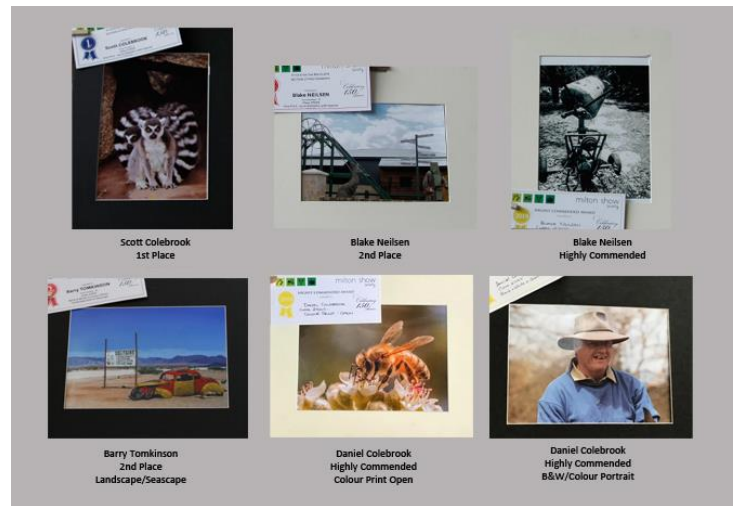
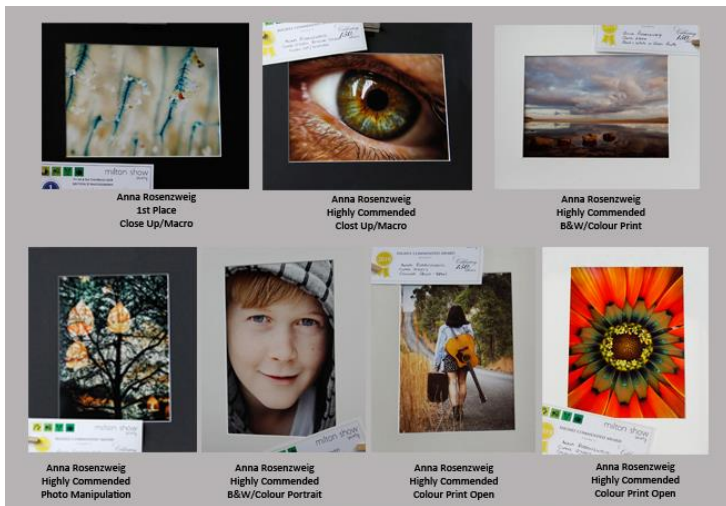


Once again, the photography section of the Milton Show saw a significant representation of MUDCC members and, as always, they did us proud.

Christa Drysdale took out the Championship award, along with several others, and Anna Rosenzweig achieved a total of seven awards in a range of classes. Barry Tomkinson, Daniel Colebrook, Scott Colebrook and Blake Neilsen also fared well.

In other artistic categories, Lorraine Robertson and Margaret Peppitt achieved success, earning a number of awards.

Congratulations to all and apologies to anyone I may have overlooked.



Chasing the Birds

While only a few members were able to attend the Club excursion on 16 March, those that did were treated to a fabulous day. Contrary to forecast, the sun shone brilliantly, without too much heat, and the birdlife did not disappoint.

After meeting at the Lions Park at Burrill Lake, the small group proceeded to the wetlands area around the lake and Bada Dam, soaking up valuable information and helpful tips on bird photography from their guide Charles Dove, while taking advantage of every opportunity to photograph the plentiful wildlife. Ending the morning with a coffee at a Burrill Lake café, all agreed it had been a rewarding and enjoyable morning. Many thanks to Barry Holden for organising it and to Charles Dove for his support.



Credit: Sue Caine

Trivia Triumphs



Attendance at the Club's fundraiser and Trivia Night on 23 March was also not as strong as hoped, but oh, what a great night! We were delighted to be joined by a team from Bay and Basin Camera Club, even if they did wipe the floor with us! They were a lovely group and added to the overall fun, as did the guests who joined Barry and Penny Tomkinson's team.

The night was very well organised by Colin Talbot, who ran the evening like clockwork. The content, while challenging, certainly provoked discussion and, in the end, guesswork played a large role - to the advantage of some! And, most importantly, it was a very enjoyable night! Big thanks to Colin for hosting it and for his generosity in offering a limited edition, framed photo and calendar as two of the lucky door prizes. Pictured to the right is a very happy Barry Tomkinson who was the lucky winner of the framed print.



Let the Exhibition Begin

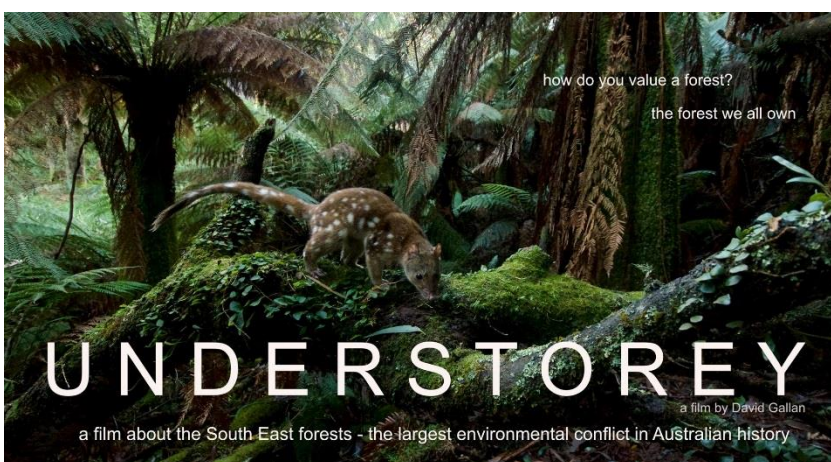
The MUDCC photographic exhibition, in The Alley gallery at the Dunn Lewis Centre, will run throughout the month of April and will be formally launched on 5 April by Shoalhaven Mayor Amanda Finley.

The launch function will begin at 6.00pm and all members are invited to attend and offer their support.



Shoalhaven Mayor
Amanda Finley

Next Meeting



With great regret, Megan Lewis has advised that she is unable to attend our next meeting to present her talk on photojournalism due to work commitments.

Instead, on 8 April, the presentation will be a screening of the film "Understorey" by the award-winning filmmaker and wild life photographer David Gallan.

With the use of infra-red cameras, the documentary captures rare insights into the behaviour of local species and features some outstanding wildlife photography within the 'understorey' of our local forests.

Next Competition

The competition on 22 April will be a print competition featuring the theme *Autumn*, for which the following guidelines are provided:



Autumn is such a special season for photography. The light is warmer, the shadows are less harsh, and the colours are magnificent. Of course, the deciduous trees in all their glory make wonderful subjects. Perhaps it is a single tree that appeals to you; or perhaps a whole stand. Maybe it is the fallen leaves or the detail in a particular leaf. Autumn sunrises and sunsets can also be striking, as can Autumn fog and mist. The weather can be dramatic too. If you'd prefer to photograph inside, Autumn produce is perfect for an appealing still life. In Australia, Autumn also means Easter. How can you best showcase Autumn?

Further inspiration and ideas can be found in the inspirations folder on the Club Facebook (facebook.com/pg/miltonulladullacameraclub/photos/?tab=albums).

Our judge will be the ever-popular June Andersen (natureofphotography.com.au).

Exhibitions

New Horizons: Shoalhaven HSC Art 2018

An exhibition showcasing 2018 HSC Visual art from high schools across the Shoalhaven including Bomaderry High School, Nowra Anglican High School, Nowra Anglican College, Nowra High School, Shoalhaven High School, St John the Evangelist Catholic High School, Vincentia High School and Ulladulla High School

Venue: Shoalhaven Regional Gallery, 12 Berry Street, Nowra

Date: 16 March to 6 April

Hours: Tue to Fri, 10am-4pm; Sat, 10am-2pm. Closed Sun, Mon and Public Holidays

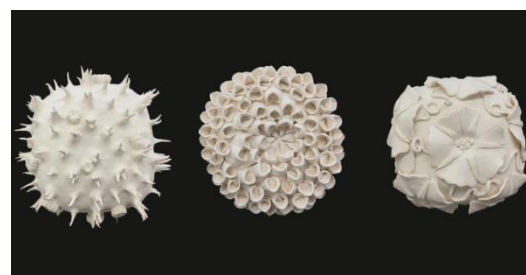


Photo Credit: Savannah Smith

75th Anniversary Exhibition

The Wollongong Camera Club is holding an exhibition of photographic prints and video presentations at the Wollongong Art Gallery to celebrate its 75th anniversary in 2019. The exhibition will include a collection of archival prints dating back to the 1940's, as well as colour and monochrome prints from recent years. Video's covering the Club's history will also be shown, along with others featuring many of the processes that have been replaced by computer software.



Venue: Community Access Gallery, Wollongong Art Gallery, Cnr Burelli and Kembla Streets, Wollongong

Date: 6 April to 26 May

Hours: Tue to Fri, 10am to 5pm; Weekends, 12noon to 4pm. Closed Mondays and Public Holidays.

For more information contact secretary@wollongongcameraclub.com

2019 FCC Topshot Exhibition



The exhibition and awards from the Federation of Camera Club's 2019 Top Shot Competition will be hosted by St George Photographic Society.

Venue: St George Leagues Club, 124 Princess Highway, Beverley Park

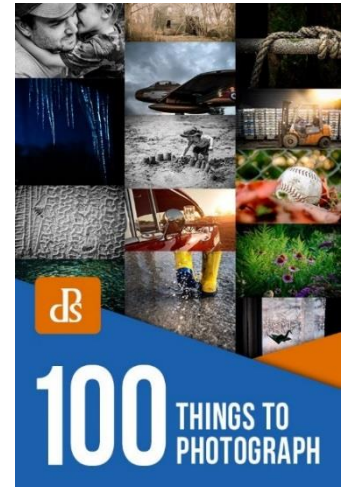
Date: 26 May

Time: 10.30am

Useful tips

While many of us are flat out finding the time to photograph the things we want - especially when it comes to our monthly competition themes - there are time when we might feel that we have run out of ideas or we want to try something different for a change. This article by Canadian photographer Mat Coker, posted through Digital Photography School, may provide some useful ideas.

digital-photography-school.com/100-things-to-photograph-when-youre-out-of-ideas/?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Mar-1419



Credit: Mat Coker

Inspiration



Credit: Sweet Corn Seller by Bahidir Bermek, Turkey

Stephanie Kay-Kok's posts on The Photo Argus website, thephotoargus.com, provide an excellent source of inspiring photography that covers a broad range of subject matter.

Stephanie also offers some very helpful suggestions on how to look for, and create, these images.

The first link thephotoargus.com/40-inspiring-examples-of-street-photography/ will take you through to some examples of beautiful street photography.

Or, for something closer to home, here are some suggestions on how we might creatively capture a subject matter that is in plentiful supply in our region – shells.

thephotoargus.com/beautiful-images-of-seashells/



Credit: The Conversation by Bernard Spragg, NZ

Quote of the Month

A good photograph is knowing where to stand.

– Ansel Adams