

NEWSLETTER

"Photography is the simplest thing in the world, but it is incredibly complicated to make it really work."

Martin Parr



"Emperor Gum Moth
Caterpillar"
Andrew Raff

Well, hasn't this year simply flown by? It's November – our AGM has been held, the Christmas decorations are in the shops, and before we know it, it will be 2015!

The attendance at our AGM was disappointing, to say the least, with only 15 members making the effort to attend. However, an election was held, and for the year 2014-15, the Committee will stay almost the same as previously. See inside for more details.

Our Christmas celebration date has been decided (again, see inside for details). Please make the effort to come along to share the fun and relaxation of getting together at the end of the year. As usual, all family and friends are welcome – there's even a chicken and champagne breakfast for those who can't make lunch.

Don't forget – the December competition is ONE PRINT ONLY – bring it on the night – large or small, colour or monochrome. All members in attendance on the night will vote for the most popular. It's just a fun, end-of-year event – please join in and enjoy the night.



A note from the President's Desk.....

The AGM is over for another year and the Committee has been re-elected. Please refer to the list of the Committee members' names in this Newsletter.

Who has been to the zoo lately? All three locations (Melbourne Zoological Gardens, Healesville Sanctuary and Werribee Zoo) offer many photo opportunities, from plants, flowers and insects in the many garden beds, to the animals themselves.

If you are patient, you may get some rewarding results in the butterfly house. You need take a little care when taking a camera in there. On a cool day, you may find the lens fogging up on you. Patience is important because you will have to wait for them to sit still.

At Werribee Zoo, if you pay extra, you can have a drive right up close and personal to the animals on the savannah. It is a worth while experience. They take a maximum of 12 people in an open truck so you don't have dirty reflective glass to contend with when you are taking your photos.

Of course, animals rarely co-operate for photographers, but one thing I've wanted to do for while but not had a chance to, is to a series of many photos of the Meerkats and then make an Audio Visual of them bobbing up and down to music.

Happy snapping everyone!!



“Allo Allo”
Wolfram Steinke



CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30

Rosebud Foreshore
(opposite Aldi Supermarket)

Join us for a
Chicken and Champagne breakfast
from 9.30 am

and/or

Lunch from 12 o'clock

BYO Food and Drinks

Family and friends welcome

Free raffles! BBQ's available on site

NOVEMBER
MEMBER OF THE MONTH

Julie Barnes

**PLEASE SEE OUR WEBSITE TO CHECK OUT JULIE'S
WONDERFUL WORK!**

Don't Forget:

For our December meeting, we'd like you to bring along your favourite print - any subject, large or small.

The most popular print will be chosen by each member voting for the one they like best.

“Inspirational Imhoff” by Terry Lane

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Please refer to Terry’s website: dpexpert.com.au

Robert Imhoff, a photographer of “creative brilliance” according to Paul Burrows, is the subject of a monograph and an exhibition running at the Art Gallery of Ballarat. Burrows, the editor of the book, says that Imhoff, without the benefit of Photoshop, created “the fantastic, in-camera, using his knowledge of lighting, optics and photochemical processes to take his images into a whole new world of visual magic.”

All absolutely beyond dispute and well worth making the trip to Ballarat or buying the book *Imhoff: a life of grain & pixels* to see for yourself. (\$34.95 www.writelight.com.au/contemporary-photographers)

Imhoff, like many fine photographers, started young. When he was seven, at the time of the Melbourne Olympics in 1956, he was given a Kodak Box Brownie E. He showed immediate promise as a determined photographer, prepared to go the extra distance to get the memorable shot, by crawling between the legs of the adoring crowd to get a photo of HRH, the Duke of Edinburgh. And because he is also a meticulous archiver the photo is in the book.

One day an obsessive researcher will count up the number of famous photographers who got their start with a Box Brownie. The lovely thing about the Brownie (we speak from experience – we got ours when we were twelve) is that it enticed a child into exploring the physics and chemistry of film. Digital seems a little cold by comparison with 620 monochrome film, with the image magically appearing in the darkroom. But that was then and this is now, and one thing hasn’t changed: any child with an interest in photography should be encouraged. When we last wrote about cameras for children the prices were a deterrent, but right now camera companies are finding compact cameras hard to sell, so there are bargains to be had.

A quick survey of the on-line auction and stock remainder vendors, some acting for big local retailers, reveals some bargains that would be nice stocking fillers for the budding photographer in the family.

A Canon Ixus 150, with a 16mp sensor and 8X zoom, can be had for \$89 if you do a bit of web searching. We have also seen a Nikon Coolpix L29 camera with similar specifications for \$80 plus postage. Although these cameras are relatively inexpensive they produce good results, and nothing will kill a child’s enthusiasm for the art faster than consistently disappointing output.

These days the darkroom magic is in the computer and both Apple and Windows operating systems come with the darkroom built in – iPhoto in the Mac and Photo Gallery Live in Windows.

Give the kid a camera for Christmas – it worked for Robert Imhoff.



"Steam Train"
Denis Burnham



"Seawinds in Autumn"
Bernice Gilbert



"Devonport"
Jill Fidler



"Wisteria Covered Doorway"
Trish McKeown

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WHAT'S ON IN NOVEMBER.....!

From music, gardens, Agricultural Shows, polo, a rodeo and V8 supercars to draught horses, there's plenty on around the State to give you inspiration for your photos!

REMEMBRANCE DAY - TUESDAY NOVEMBER 11

The Spring Racing Carnival is on until November 23.

Archibald Prize Exhibition - Mornington Peninsula Regional Gallery
Now till November 16

The Wimmera and The Great War - Horsham - till November 23

Daylesford-Macedon Ranges Open Studios - 35 Artists
till November 16

Healesville Heritage Festival - November 8 and 9

Koroit Agricultural and Pastoral Show - November 8

A Taste of Scicily in the High Country - Mansfield - November 8

Beechworth Celtic Festival - November 7 to 9

Holey Plains Heritage Festival - November 8 and 9

Trafalgar Holden Museum Opening - November 8 and 9

33rd Southern Classic Historic Motorcycle Races
Broadford - November 8 and 9

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Open Garden Day at Lonsdale Park on the Yarra
Launching Place - November 8 and 9

Melbourne Cup Polo - Werribee - November 9

Hepburn Springs Swiss & Italian Festa - November 12 to 16

Cavendish Fleece and Flower Show - November 14

Healesville Music Festival - November 14 and 15

Garden Designfest - Open Gardens around Melbourne
November 15 and 16

Royal Mail Hotel Dunkeld Cup - November 15

Petanque Triples Tournament - Avoca - November 15

Ironman 70.3 - Ballarat - November 16

Kyneton Agricultural Show - November 14 and 15

Budburst Food & Wine Show - Kyneton - November 14 and 15

V8 Supercars - Phillip Island 400 - November 14 to 16

Ruffy Art Festival - November 14 to 16

MountainGrass - Australasia's National Bluegrass and Country Music
Convention - Harrietville - November 14 to 16

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Mansfield Agricultural Show - November 15

Leongatha Rose Show - November 14 and 15

Equitana - Melbourne Showgrounds - November 22 and 23

Australian Masters Golf - Metropolitan Golf Club - November 20 to 23

Wandin Draughthorse & Machinery Festival Weekend
November 22 and 23

Open Gardens Marysville - November 22 and 23

Blues in the Barrel Hall - Willow Creek Vineyard - November 21

Sports and PWC Expo - Bonnie Doon - November 22 and 23

RACV Energy Breakthrough - Maryborough - November 20 to 23

St Arnaud Family Fun Day - November 23

Phillip Island Jazz Festival - November 21 to 23

Rokewood Rodeo - November 22 and 23

Waterford Crystal Polo - Albert Park - November 29

Warratina Lavender Farm - Seville - November 29 and 30

Frankston Christmas Festival of Lights - November 29

Marche Francais - French Market

Dominique Portet Winery - Coldstream - November 30