



# Latow in Focus

Burlington, Ontario

November 2014

## The Prez sez...

*Keith Marshall, President*

Coming up we have two opportunities for you to display & sell your art. First we have the Christmas show in the Lee Chin Gallery and at the end of November through December we have a Guild show in the Fireside Lounge. You have been sent information about how to enter the Christmas show and shortly you will be getting info on how to register for the Fireside.

When you read this the first outing of the year will be history. The second outing to the Sanderson Centre in Brantford is one that I am really looking forward to. The numbers are limited for this event so get signed up early.

Whilst you are filling out your calendar don't forget to put down the Xmas potluck dinner on the 2<sup>nd</sup>. of Dec. Information about this event is in this newsletter.

## Images wanted

*Bill Warren*

Wanted from all members—a set of your favourite new images for possible inclusion in the Latow Audio-Visual Show being presented March 7, 2015 in the 3 Club Exhibition.

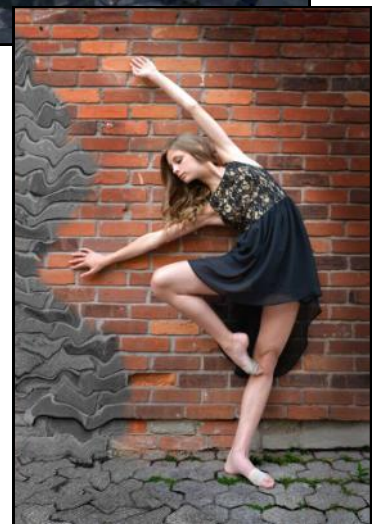
The AV show is being produced by Dave Lawson and image specs are the same as for Evaluations. We'd welcome up to fifteen of your images for consideration.

Place your images on a DVD or USB stick and give them to **Bill Warren** at a meeting up to February 3, 2015.

Contact [Bill](#) with any questions.



**Rolly Astrom's** *Ballerina Project* was featured in the AGB Fireside Room during October. At the show's opening, Rolly was joined by many of the young dancers he photographed in settings around Burlington and area.



**"Photography for me is not looking, it's feeling. If you can't feel what you're looking at, then you're never going to get others to feel anything when they look at your pictures."**

**Don McCullen**

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## This Month . . .

### New Exposures—Nov. 11

*Don Munro, Coordinator*

Our next New Exposures evening is November 11th. Please bring an 8x10 or larger print, or a digital image with the resolution of 1400x1050.

Let's keep these images as close to what you have taken with the camera as possible. We want to use this night as a educational night. We do not want to deter any new members from offering images for the first time. We can use our Evaluation evenings to share our more polished images.

### Digital Group—Nov. 18

Are you interested in making a digital photo book? Have some experience with book-making? The November digital evening will be devoted to this topic. **Tom Stephens** will share his experience using Blurb, My Publisher, and Photo book Designer, comparing features, bringing an example of each, and doing a live demo.

Tom is looking for other members to share their experiences with these or other bookmaking programs, and/or to bring your own books to share. [Contact Tom](#) if you have some experience to share on this topic.

#### November at a Glance

Tuesday, Nov. 4	General Meeting: Evaluation #1 results
Tuesday, Nov. 11	New Exposures
Tuesday, Nov. 18	Digital Group: making digital photo books
Tuesday, Nov. 25	Studio Group: posing and composing portraits
<b>Other Events</b>	
Saturday, Nov. 8	GTCCC and NFRCC Inter-regional Competition
Sunday, Nov. 23	Outing to Sanderson Centre in Brantford
Thursday, Nov. 27	Board Meeting

### Sanderson Centre Outing—Nov. 23

*Bob Melnyk, Outings Coordinator*

I have arranged for **thirty** Latow Members to have full access to the beautifully restored **Sanderson Centre for the Performing Arts in Brantford** for four hours (11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.). We will have an opportunity to go above the dome, under the stage, the upper and lower lobbies and of course the main theatre. And for those inclined, full access to the stage if you choose to perform.

We will enter through the stage entrance on Darling Street. A city bus parking lot is directly across the road and parking is free on Sundays.

It is very important that we arrive at 11:00 a.m. and go in as a group. The stage door is locked and no one will be there to answer if someone arrives late. A room is available to leave our coats, camera bags etc. For those who would like to bring a drink and snack this will serve as our lunch room. You are not obligated to stay for the full four hours. You may leave through the stage door at any time.

The cost for this Outing is \$8.00. I'm unable to offer refunds if you reserve then have to cancel, since I'm already committed financially. You are certainly welcome to transfer your reservation to someone else; just let me know of the change.

Please pay me directly at one of our Tuesday meetings if you wish to attend or you can mail payment to my home address. (36 Elgar Avenue Hamilton ON L9C 4E1). Cash or a cheque is fine. Include your name, phone number and e-mail address with your payment for my records. Questions: contact me at 905-389-0974.

*Please view the Centre's website for [directions](#).*

### Studio Group—Nov. 25

*Andrzej Pradzynski, Co-coordinator*

On Nov 25 the studio group will have a session focused on posing and composing portraits. We are considering an interactive and instructive seminar-like session and will have a model booked for the evening. Participants are invited to bring their cameras but we also expect people to actively contribute to the session sharing their ideas and experience.

## Photography Weekend April 11-12: Member Survey Now Underway

Tom Stephens, Committee Chair

As promised last month, Latow members are being sent a very short (8 questions!!) survey to assess preferences for the mini-seminar topics proposed by our guest speaker, Tony Sweet.

The topics are:

- *Delightful Decrepitude* (photographing old buildings, cars, other decaying objects)
- *Macro Floral Photography* with [Susan Milestone](#)
- *Plug-ins for Image Editing* (e.g., Topaz, Photomatix)
- *Your Personal Style*: What it is and how to get there

Three of these topics will form the program on Sunday April 12, and will be announced in next month's update and on the [Weekend website](#). The website is also the place to check for other news on the Weekend events throughout the fall and winter.

The survey will take only a few minutes to complete but we are still offering a sweet inducement: the name of one person completing the survey will be drawn at random and will receive a [Wacom Intuos Pro Tablet](#), generously provided by last year's seminar speakers, [Jay and Varina Patel](#).

To be eligible (and useful to the organizers), completed surveys need to be returned by the deadline on the survey cover letter. If you have not received your invitation to take the survey, check your junk mail folder so you don't miss out.



*Texture blend (trees) by Tony Sweet*



*iPhone image (square, Broken Mirror) by Tony Sweet*

### Marketplace

For Sale:

**Nikon D3 DSLR**, 2 batteries, charger; \$1350.

**Sigma lens 150mm f/2.8**, macro (1:1) \$350

Also, to give away, I have two 5x7 view cameras, and a wide (24") HP inkjet printer. The printer is several years old but has only been used a few times.

Contact **Harry Hersh** at [hahersh@gmail.com](mailto:hahersh@gmail.com), or [905-320-9378](tel:905-320-9378).

For Sale:

**Nikon D2X camera** \$250

**Lenses:**

AF 80-400 4.5-5.6 D \$600

AFS 24-70 2.8 G II ED N \$1400

AFS 70-200 2.8 G II ED N \$1600

Contact **Ed Franko** at [efranko2@cogeco.ca](mailto:efranko2@cogeco.ca) or [905-333-0005](tel:905-333-0005)

### Interregional Competition

Tom Stephens

GTCCC Event: Interregional Competition of GTCCC clubs (including Latow) against NFRCC clubs.

Saturday November 8 in Niagara Falls.

A full day of competition including live judging, education session (on Luminosity Masks), and interclub social. \$10 admission fee.

[Details and tickets](#). Inquiries: [Tom Stephens](#).

### Worth seeing:

[Wildlife Photographer of the Year](#) – Opens Nov 22 at the ROM and runs until March 23. An annual display of first-class images that is always worth a visit.



## Christmas Potluck—reserve now!

*Nichala Cutts, Coordinator*

It's that time of the year again! Latow's annual Christmas Potluck is just around the corner.

Please join us with your guest on the evening of December 2 for some great food, fun and entertainment!

It will be held in the AGB Rotary room, with the food intake at 6:00 p.m. and dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Please send an e-mail to confirm your attendance and if you are bringing a guest to [nichalaphotography@gmail.com](mailto:nichalaphotography@gmail.com).

Also indicate which of the following you'll be bringing: appetizer, buns, salad, vegetable dish, meat/main dish or dessert. See you all there!

## Show your work—Members Fireside Room Exhibition

Entry date: Tuesday Nov. 25, 6.30 to 7.30 pm at the Latow Finishing Room. Bring one framed piece ready for hanging.

Conditions of entry are the same as for the Juried Exhibition or Christmas Show and with no adult content.

Exhibition space is limited, so first come first served basis will apply in selection and hanging.

There is no entry fee.

Exhibition dates: Wednesday Nov. 26 to takedown Tuesday Dec 23. (If you can't take the photo down on Dec. 23, the framed work will be stored in the Latow Finishing Room.)

For display labels please send the following information by email:

- Title
- Medium
- Sale price (or NFS)
- Your name
- Phone #

Questions?

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## Promoting Latow at Cultural Days



**Doug Adams** and **Ort Baldauf** were on duty at Latow's booth during Burlington's Cultural Days in the central square at City Hall on Friday, Saturday and Sunday September 26 to 28.

The other Guilds from AGB were also present to introduce themselves to the public while creating original artwork and showing some of the art created in their Guilds. **Glen Jones** had a separate display of Studio 3 prints at the entrance to City Hall.



On Saturday and Sunday Latow offered free portraits in our portable studio. On Saturday we were located in the main gallery at the Art Gallery of Burlington and on Sunday at the Burlington Performing Arts Centre. Digital images were taken of those who wished a portrait and the images emailed to those individuals. Here are Joel Waterman and Dave Fernandez with the portable portrait studio.

(Thanks Kirk Johnston for these photos.)

## Travelogue: From South to North

*Claudette Mancini*

This year we did a lot of travelling. The first trip was a flight to Puerto Rico, an American “colony.”

This island has an interesting history, colourful people and an “old town.” We always try to see and stay in areas that have maintained their “old towns” because you get a better sense of the history, character and architecture of past periods of time.

We stayed in a hotel by the water, and because it was at sea level, we simply trekked up the hilly roads on foot, or took the free trolleys to amazing historic and picturesque sites in the area.

The architecture was amazing, the food out of this world (any kind you fancied), and there were photo ops at every turn. One particular spot to visit was Bio Bay. You need to go there at night, preferably on one without a moon (we had a partial moon), and in June when the site “performs” better. Well, it was February, and although out of season, we still witnessed the luminescence of the water. To do this, we needed to get into a small boat, then use paddles to stir up the water, and, lo and behold, it shone a greenish luminescence! Fascinating. But at this time of year, not easily photographed.



This photo is a shot of a typical side street in Old Town. The area is a colourful hodgepodge of food, characters, and interesting shops, galleries and museums. We loved the tranquil pace, and much preferred this destination to any of the other Caribbean destinations.

The second trip was a flight to Yellowknife, to view and photograph the Aurora Borealis. We weren't

disappointed, even though there were forest fires burning in the area, with residual smoke causing a lot of overcast and hazy conditions.

Our B&B was situated right on the shores of Great Slave Lake in the Old Town. There was a huge wrap-around balcony where one could take photos of the aurora, if and when it appeared. It appeared only on the first night, after midnight. The rest of the time it was totally overcast, apparently not a common condition in September.



I set up the camera on a tripod on the deck to await the phenomena, but after a short period, the camera refused to work. It's a new digital point-and-shoot, but I was unaware that the batteries in digital cameras are very cold-sensitive, as I'd never before tried to take shots in the cold after midnight! So, we went indoors and warmed up the beast, then I set it to hand-held night photography and took some shots that may not be as crisp as they would have been on a tripod, but are still very spectacular.

Days were spent searching for and buying old license plates (shaped like polar bears) to place on a number of family motorized vehicles, and photographing other interesting sites, like the historic homes on Ragged Ass Road! We also bought a copy of the street sign to install on a property in Dundas. The food was spectacular, and we brought back some wild meats to enjoy at home. I'd live up there if I could were it not for the long winters!

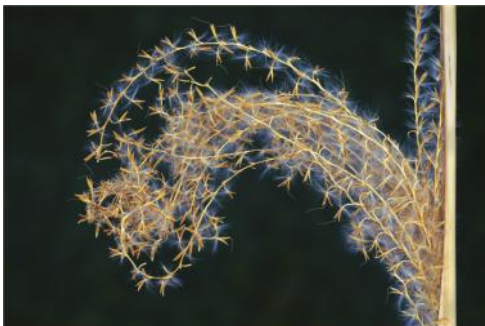
A random selection of images from the 2014 Latow Annual Awards.



Climactic Clematis  
by Claudette Mancini



Dark Thoughts  
by Andrzej Pradzynski



Winter Grass  
By Gunter Haibach



Kestral Feeding  
by Leonie Holmes



End of the Line  
By Chuck Burdick



St. Cyrills in Pseudo IR  
by Bob Walling

### **A word or two from the editor:**

Thanks to everyone who contributed to this months edition. We're still strangely lacking in news about our members, such as images published or accepted in juried exhibitions, awards received etc. I know there is plenty happening in this regard but need the info from you to let others know.

I'd also welcome some feature or technical articles. If you have an idea, get in touch so we can discuss suitability and the space available.

Remember, this newsletter an only be successful with your contributions. Please contact the editor [Frank Myers](#).



## About Latow Photographers Guild

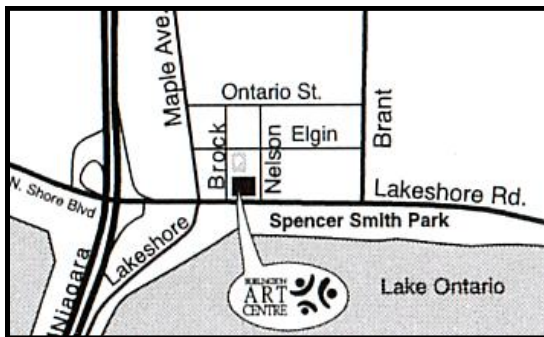
We meet every Tuesday night at 7:30pm from September to June at the [Art Gallery of Burlington](#). General meetings take place on the first Tuesday of the month and the group meetings on the following Tuesdays each month.

Board meetings are held monthly and any Latow member in good standing is welcome to attend.

For more information about Latow, visit our [website](#).

### Latow Board

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