



# Latow in Focus

SUMMER 2009

## Putting Latow and its members *In Focus*

The first edition of *In Focus* is packed with news, even though official Latow activities are on hold over the summer.

First, a note about your new Latow newsletter. *In Focus* will be a monthly publication, except for a single edition covering the summer months. It will be primarily distributed by email, with perhaps a small number of print copies available.

It's intended to be a two-way communication tool, conveying not only the information your executive wishes to deliver to members, but a way for members to communicate with each other.

The format will evolve a bit with the first few editions; it will be partially determined by what members would like to see in their newsletter.

It's hoped that you will contribute information you'd like to share: interesting photo shows and events in the GTA, photo opportunities, members' shows, recommended websites, items to buy and sell etc. That's where your input will help develop regular sections of the

newsletter over the coming months.

Your feedback and suggestions will always be welcome as we work to make *In Focus* a truly valuable communication tool for our membership.



### Photo of the Year

Congratulations to Bob Walling! His image *Cedar Glade in Winter* was selected as the Photo of the Year from the 2008/2009 Evaluations.

## Up front with Toni

*Toni Browning, President*

I am so pleased we have a newsletter again to keep the members up to date. A new executive was elected on May 6 and we have been working very hard. An extra meeting was held so that we will be ready for 2009/2010.

The program will be a bit different than other years; our goal is to have much more member involvement.

September 8 will be our **first meeting** of the year. That evening the group leaders will give a brief review of their program. Our guest speakers will be Jim and Sue Waddington. Over

the past several years they have photographed the sites where the Group of Seven painted. In 2010 they are going to have an exhibit at the McMichael Gallery in Kleinburg where many original Group of Seven paintings are on display. I expect this will be a very interesting showing.

On September 29 we have **new members night**, but even if you are an "older" member, make sure you attend; you can talk to new members about what Latow means to you. We will go over the program in detail, explain the Christmas Sale and

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Soup Bowl events, 4 club night, Kaleidoscope, BAC volunteering, Arts Burlington, field trip details etc. Most of us were lost during the first year and we may have lost some members because of it. Let's get it right this year.

The **new program** will be out very soon. The group leaders have been very helpful providing me with their upcoming events. It will be posted on the website as soon as it is finished.

Several members have been canvassing to have photographs for sale and in the rental area of the Burlington Art Centre's shop, **Art Etc**. We have a commitment from Executive Director Ian Ross that photography will be included for the coming year. In September there will be a call for 20 new artists and if the quality is acceptable, Ian guarantees there will be 5 photographers among the new artists. You will have to submit 2 or so entries for review. So this is a heads-up for everyone to choose your images to submit. I have told Ian that I expect at least 10 photographers' submissions. Details will be available soon and I am counting on all of you.

We have seven **field trips** scheduled. First one is scheduled for October and you will find out more about them in future editions of the newsletter.

There are a few other things I would like to let you know so that you can think about and/or shoot images for:

October General Meeting: *Summer Essays*, show us what you did during the summer, maximum 5 minutes; music would be nice, but not necessary.

December General Meeting: Potluck, *short member AV presentations*. We have a lot of new members and even if your AV has been shown before, as long as it is short, bring it in. Spouses/partners are always invited to this evening and they will enjoy seeing what our members do.

February General Meeting: *Famous Photographers – Your images in their style*. You can give a commentary and music is not necessary. Presentations should be no longer than 5 minutes so that we can have as many people as possible presenting their work in the style of a famous photographer.

As you can see, your new executive is looking forward to an exciting year.



**Jim Wallace's Hassan 2 Mosque** was selected Best Photograph at **Kaleidoscope**. Congratulations Jim!



Congratulations to **Kirk Johnston**, winner of the **1st Annual William Warren Proficiency Award**. This award recognizes the cumulative totals of 6 images in each of the evaluations, with no more than 4 in any one category. Bill Warren is seen presenting the award to Kirk.

### Latow Photographers Guild 2009/2010 Executive

President: Toni Browning  
Vice-President: Leonie Holmes  
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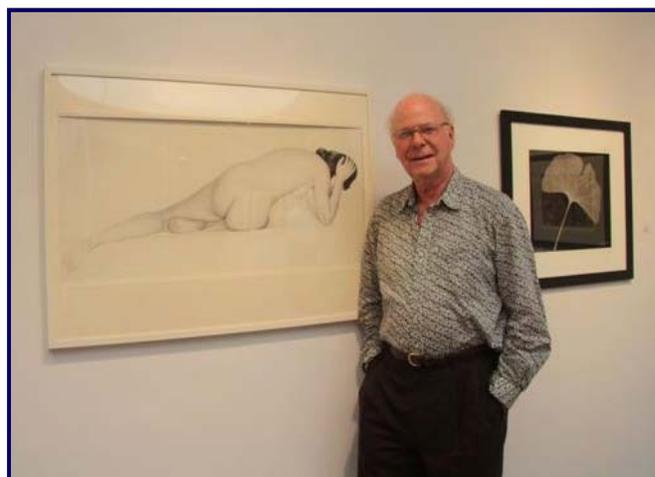


Tom Stephens' image *Flags on Parliament Hill* appears in the July edition of Photo Life. Look for the Showtime pages, featuring Canada Day photos. Way to go Tom!

### More Member News

Jim Wallace and Glen Jones both had prints selected by Arts Oakville for an exhibition now on display at the Oakville Town Hall along with other visual art media.

Here's what **Kaleidoscope** judges John and Marilyn Leonard had to say about this year's Latow showing: "The photography was exceptionally strong. In three decades of judging & adjudicating I have never seen more exceptional work in this area. We would make particular note of *Hassan 2 Mosque*. We felt it to be of exceptional merit & if we could select a best in show it would be awarded to Jim Wallace for this piece."



Here's **Bill Warren** with his winning photograph from this year's Latow Juried Show, titled *In Repose*.

*Photo by Tom Bochsler Imaging*

### Buy, Sell (and Free)

Attention film folks: I have a Kodak Ektagraphic projector and three trays. If you can use them, they are free to the first person who contacts me. Email Frank at [frank.myers@cogeco.com](mailto:frank.myers@cogeco.com). These are courtesy of TVCOGECO where, as you may have guessed, slides have not been used for some time.

Note: Space will be available in each edition of *In Focus* for members to buy, sell or recycle photographic equipment.

### A word from the editor:

That's it for the first edition of *In Focus*. We hope you'll make this newsletter your own by:

- Submitting news about our members: their shows, awards, recognition etc.
- Recommending photographic exhibitions and events in the GTA.
- Pointing out photo opportunities for members.
- Recommending interesting or informative websites.
- Submitting short articles and photos about your travels.
- Advertising items to buy, sell, trade or available for free.

Your participation will help determine how successful this newsletter will be. Feedback and suggestions will always be welcome. Please contact the editor Frank Myers in person or at [fmyers4@gmail.com](mailto:fmyers4@gmail.com).

