



The Prez sez...

Tom Stephens

We live in an age of -- among other things -- infrastructure. The "Age of Infrastructure" doesn't quite have the ring of previous ages like the Age of Enlightenment or the Age of Discovery. Nevertheless, most people recognize the importance of roads, bridges, sewers, and ... yes, constitutions! Like other bits of infrastructure, constitutions need occasional renewal. Latow's Constitution is no exception.

On November 29, you will have a chance to consider the Board's proposal for updating our Constitution and Bylaws. On page 3 of this newsletter is a summary of the principal changes proposed, and the full description of all changes is available online in the Members' section of the Latow website.

The main changes involve term limits for Board members, the election of Board officers, and financial reports to Guild members. I hope you will have a look at this material, come out on November 29, and support the Board with a vote in favour of the changes. A two-thirds vote by members is required for changes to be ratified.

But there are still other reasons to come to the November 29 meeting: we'll round out the evening with a show of winners from some of CAPA's latest competitions.

Mark your calendar now, and if you have any questions about the proposed changes to Latow's Constitution and Bylaws, please ask me or any other Board member.

I began to realize that the camera sees the world differently than the human eye and that sometimes those differences can make a photograph more powerful than what you actually observed.

Galen Rowell



Cranberry Farm Truck: Infrared photo by Peter Young.

Round table session for all guild members

All guild members are invited to what promises to be a positive information-sharing session with meaningful discussion and fresh ideas.

The session takes place **Sunday, November 6, at 1:30pm** in the Rotary Room at the Burlington Art Centre.

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Topics will include:

- an overview of the Burlington Art Centre's structure and relationships.
- The BAC's Strategic Plan and its 4 Goals.
- sustainability for the Centre.
- developing the BAC brand and building awareness.

An agenda will be circulated with more information over the next few weeks. We hope you can join us.

The Working Committee:

Peter Young, Chair	Joyce Newman
Elaine Eastman	Ken Naunton
Toni Browning	Gail Forbes
Billie Miller	Tom Stephens
Dave Lawson	Marilyn Waller
Bob Pring	Ian Ross

Members' news

Don Mallory and **John Pingree** each have three prints selected for the McMaster Innovation Park, *Art in the Workplace* exhibit from December 3rd through March 8th. The grand opening is December 8th.

Tom Stephens' entry *Soccer* won an Honour Award in the CAPA 2011 Annual Digital Competition, with a score of 24 points out of a maximum 30. His entry will appear in the Winter 2011 edition of *Canadian Camera Magazine*, as well as on the CAPA Website.

An exhibition by **Ort Baldauf** is featured this month in the Fireside Room at the Burlington Art Centre. Be sure to check out Ort's great work!

Congratulations to **Peter Young**, who has been elected as President of Arts Burlington, subsequent to the resignation of Faye Booker.

Take your slide shows to the next level. **Paul Sparrow** is offering a ProShow Gold Workshop, Saturday, November 26th at Burlington Art Centre. Those interested can download the workshop [form](#) or contact Paul at (905) 523-5665 or psparrow@cogeco.ca

Shirley Dennis' solo exhibition *Highlights of the Escarpment* will be featured through November at the trail centre, Dundas Valley Conservation Area, 650 Governors Road, Dundas. The Centre's hours are 10am to 3:30pm Saturdays and Sundays.

Cranberry Cruise

Toni Browning

Thirty-three people had signed up and the weather forecast did not look good. Saturday morning was cloudy, maybe with rain to come.

However, everyone showed up and the weather was getting better and better. By noon the sun was out.

The cruise was on The *Segwun*, a steamship over 100 years old. We saw all the nice "cottages" around Lake Muskoka and then were served a delicious turkey dinner.

After we got off the boat, we enjoyed a tour at the Johnston Cranberry Farm and Winery in Bala.

The weather was getting better by the hour. They showed us around the cranberry fields and after we enjoyed a wine tasting. Yes, cranberry and blueberry wine, dry and sweet. It was a great day and enjoyed by everyone.

(Thanks to Peter Young for photos of the day!)



The 100 year old steam ship *Segwun* is a popular Muskoka tourist attraction.



Thirty-three Latow members enjoyed a great autumn day in Muskoka. The trip included a sampling of Johnson Cranberry Farms' fine cranberry and blueberry wines.

Summary of Principal Changes Proposed for Latow Constitution for Membership Vote, 29 November 2011

Term limits

Currently, there are no limits on the number of years that a director can sit on the Board. The Constitution specifies a one-year term for the President and a two-year term for all other Board members, and a limit of two successive terms in the same office. But “office” is not defined and there is no limit on the total time a person may sit on the Board.

The Board proposes the following limits:

- All Board members except Past-President: maximum of 6 years in any combination of positions (new limit).
- Former Board members: may run again after sitting out for 2 years (new limit)
- VP, Treasurer, Secretary: 2 terms of 2 years each = 4 years maximum in the same position (clarifying wording in current Bylaws).

Rationale: these limits would promote orderly turnover of Guild officers, prevent dynasties from developing, and make it clear that all Guild members have an opportunity to participate in managing the Guild’s affairs.

Election of officers

Currently, the Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary are chosen by the Board of Directors from among the members of the Board.

The Board proposes to change this as follows:

- The Nominating Committee puts forth names for these positions, as is now done for the President’s position
- Guild members vote for the Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary.

Rationale: there is a greater chance of finding able and willing candidates for these officer positions if the Nominating Committee recruits candidates explicitly for these positions. And it is appropriate that Guild members have a say in the selection of all the Guild’s officers.

Treasurer’s duties

Currently, the Treasurer is required to report on “receipts and disbursements” on an annual basis. It is not specified to whom this report is to be made, but it has not traditionally been the general membership of the Guild.

The Board proposes the following:

- The Treasurer will report quarterly to the Board.
- The Treasurer will report annually to the Guild membership.
- Reports will include summaries of income, expenditures, assets, and liabilities.



For the full text of the current Constitution and bylaws, proposed changes, and the rationale for each, see: “**Proposed Constitution_Oct15_2011**”, available as a PDF to download from the Members’ page of the Latow website or check the attachment to the email sent to members by Tom Stephens on October 26.

While there is perhaps a province in which the photograph can tell us nothing more than what we see with our own eyes, there is another in which it proves to us how little our eyes permit us to see.

Dorothea Lange

Digital Group – November 15th

Paul Sparrow, Digital Group Coordinator

Building a computer system for image processing and digital AV production

This month, just in time for Christmas, we'll look at what to consider when assembling a computer system for both image production and digital AV production. From memory to hard drive requirements, to graphic card specs, monitors and sound-handling capabilities, we'll give you tips on what's needed in building a new system, or how to upgrade an existing system for these image processing tasks.

Tim Story will handle the image processing side of the question and I'll handle the AV requirements. Because the technology changes so quickly this session will be of interest to everyone looking at getting into a new system.

Photo opportunities

Linda Lee

The annual **Pumpkin Parade at Sorauren Park** (in the Roncesvalles area) takes place November 1st.

The locals bring their carved pumpkins to the park and line them up along the park's walkways for all to see. It is a big community event and a few years ago, when I went, they counted over 1000 pumpkins!

If you go just after sunset, there are lots of young families there. I found it hard to take photos without kids running into my tripod/camera, though having people streak by gives a nice effect.

If you go after 7:30 pm, most young families will have gone home. I have seen photos online from other years, and it looks like the street lamps in the park were turned off, providing better photos.

The park also offers a nice view of the downtown skyline.

The City of Toronto picks up the pumpkins the following day for composting.

<http://www.soraurenpark.com/>

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Dragonfly on Iris by Ort Baldauf.

Decorating expertise wanted

Tom Stephens, President

Latow has a nice opportunity to showcase our Guild, and some decorating skill is required to take full advantage of this.

From November 22 through January 17, Latow will have the use of the three display windows in the BAC hallway outside the staff offices.

To start this off, we received a mid-century Goldi folding camera, made by Zeh in Germany, from a former BAC Board president.

To make an attractive display, we could add other old-time cameras and some more recent ones, and maybe some small framed prints. Other ideas are welcome.

If you have some design/decorating experience and can help, I'd love to hear from you: tom.stephens@cogeco.ca, tel. 905-582-4035.



U.S. Navy Pilots, shot at the Windsor Air Show by Arun Bala.

Membership update

Sandi Yacobucci, Membership Chair

Well it is almost two months since our new photography year began and I hope you are all getting settled into a routine with Latow.

It is great to see so many new faces and also so many returning members; the current count is 19 new members, and 86 returning members bringing our membership total to 105.

I'd like to extend a warm welcome to our latest new members **Bert Smith, Bob Edwards, Joseph Evers** and **Tom Henderson**.

Just in case I missed telling any of the new members, Latow offers a mentorship program for the first year of membership. This means we can match you up with a more "seasoned" member who can answer questions and help you take advantage of all our guild has to offer.

[Contact](#) me if you are interested and I will get you matched up ASAP.

Christmas Potluck - Dec 6th

Toni Browning

Our annual Christmas Potluck will take place at the BAC on Tuesday, December 6th at 6:30pm. It's a fun evening and a chance to get to know your fellow Latow members. Your partners are welcome too.

Please let me know if you are attending and whether you will bring an appetizer, salad, main or dessert.

You can contact me by [email](#) or at 905-319-7914.

New Exposures - November 8th

Peter Young, New Exposures Coordinator

On November 8th, I invite everyone to bring one image that you would like comments on. The night is organized in such a fashion that we as a group will view the images presented, then comment on the positive and negative attributes of each image. Our purpose is to offer suggestions which will assist the photographer.

The following rules apply:

- The medium can be projected or prints. Please mount the prints if possible.
- The minimum size of prints should be 8x10.
- For digital images, the resolution is to be no more than 1280 X 1024. With 1280 being the maximum horizontal dimension and 1024 being the maximum vertical dimension.
- Images should be in a jpeg format. Compression should be no less than medium; i.e. submit files with the minimum amount of compression.
- Bring your image on a flash key or a CD before our 7:30pm start time.

We will start promptly at 7:30 as this is a full night and I anticipate we will have the pleasure of viewing numerous images.

On the Web

From Ort Baldauf

I like visiting [The Digital Photography Connection](#) for helpful tutorials on Photoshop and Lightroom. By clicking on Photoshop or Lightroom at the top of the page, a list of free tutorials will appear (along with some for paying members of the website). There are also some helpful tips under the Photography heading.

From Linda Lee

The winning photos for the World Press's Annual Photo Contest were on display at the Allen Lambert Galleria in Brookfield Place (Toronto). Unfortunately, the exhibition closed October 26th. However, Latow members can still view these amazing photos [online](#).

November at a Glance

Tuesday, Nov. 1 General Meeting:
Evaluation No. 1 results.

Thursday, Nov. 10 Board Meeting.

Group Meetings:

Tuesday, Nov. 8 New Exposures:
constructive critiques of
your images.

Tuesday, Nov. 15 Digital Group: Building a
computer system for
digital image and AV
production.
Evaluation entries due!

Tuesday, Nov. 22 Studio Group: ABCs of
studio portrait lighting.

Tuesday, Nov. 29 Bonus Tuesday: Bylaw
changes & CAPA
winners.

Other Events:

Nov. 17 to 20 Christmas Sale and
Soup Bowl

Through November Ort Baldauf exhibition in
the Fireside Lounge



Single Stem Pool by Bob Russell.

A word or two from the editor:

In Focus welcomes your contributions and feedback. In particular this season, I'd like to celebrate our members' achievements: exhibitions, awards, images accepted into juried shows etc., so let us know what's up with you and other members.

Further, if you'd like to write a short article that would be of interest to our readers, get in touch with me to discuss topic and space available. The deadline for December's edition will be Nov23.

Contact the editor [Frank Myers](#) by email, speak with me at a Latow meeting, or call 905-635-8259.

