



# Latow in Focus

Burlington, Ontario

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## The Prez sez...

*Keith Marshall, President*

When you read this the annual Juried Show exhibition will be open in the Lee Chin Gallery running until May 24. For the first time we have all the guilds juried and curated shows on at the same time. Even if you didn't enter, bring your family, friends or co-workers to have a look at the great work that our guild and the other guilds produce.

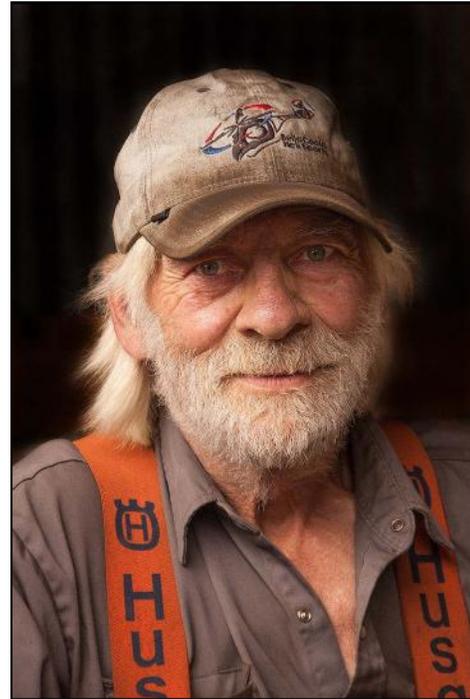
Just a reminder that we still have seven more Tuesday evenings of exciting programmes before we take a summer break. One of them that you won't want to miss is the AGM on May 5. This is the night that we elect our board for the 2015/16 session. I know you are all eager to make a contribution to the running of the Guild so please contact [Tom Stephens](#), who is the chair of the nomination committee. Also that evening we will have the fourth evaluation results which had an optional theme "Architecture".

Soon we will have to start organizing the activities for our next year; so now is the time to contact any of the board members with ideas on what you might like the Guild to include in our programme.

Our June General Meeting will be our year end awards evening and following the results of the survey we conducted last year; it will be an informal evening where you are encouraged to bring a guest. I am sure that the Evaluation committee will be forwarding more details as the event draws nearer.

"A camera is the 'save button' for the mind's eye.

**Roger Kingston**



*Ed the Inventor*, by **Keith Marshall**, was picked as the Juror's Choice in the Art Gallery of Burlington's First Annual All-Guilds Show. The exhibition runs until May 24 in the Lee Chin Gallery.

## Annual Board Elections & AGM

*Tom Stephens (Nominating Committee)*

Latow's annual business meeting and elections are coming up soon -- at the general meeting on May 5.

It's vital that we have a quorum for this event; if you cannot make it in person, remember that we now allow proxy voting. If you want a proxy form (which must be used for this purpose), please [contact me](#). All members in good standing (i.e., paid up) are

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entitled to a vote; a family membership gets two votes.

At this stage, we have a full slate of nominees, with the important exception of President. If you think you might be even a little bit interested in helping out your guild while gaining heaps of glory and gratitude, let's have a no-obligation chat! And I'd be happy to have your suggestions of worthy candidates who are just waiting to be asked.

Here are the nominees for the positions up for election this year:

President - ?  
Vice-president - Jim Hamilton  
Treasurer - Debbie Forbes  
Secretary - Jim Lait  
Director - Joel Waterman.

It's great to have willing and able nominees for these positions, but nominations from the floor will be accepted on May 5.

## CEO Sought for Prestigious Camera Club

**Responsibilities:** Chair monthly meetings of experienced Board (including past president in an advisory role), shape the program for the upcoming year, introduce weekly meetings, keep members informed of opportunities via e-blasts and announcements, act as cheerleader for the Guild, liaise occasionally with other guild presidents of the AGB.

**Qualifications:** enthusiasm for the Latow Photographers Guild and its aims, ability to work well with others, familiarity with Guild procedures and policies. Previous experience with the board of Latow or another not-for-profit will be considered an asset.

**Perks:** Gratitude and support of members, honour and prestige among cultural elite of Burlington, nice addition to your resume. Generous compensation package to be discussed.

**Term:** one year starting June 30, with the possibility of a one-year renewal. The selection process will be completed on May 5.

**Contact:** For further information or to apply: Tom Stephens, [905-582-4035](tel:905-582-4035) or [tom@tomstephens.ca](mailto:tom@tomstephens.ca).

## Members' News

Congratulations to the following Latow members who were accepted into the 2015 Beaux Arts Open Juried Show:

- **Glen Jones.** black and white print *Up the Down Staircase* won top show honours with First Place.
- **Dan Jones'** print *Down Memory Lane* won an Honourable Mention.
- **Tim Story's** print *Pond Reflections* was jury accepted into the exhibition.

**Andrzej Pradzynski's** photo *Inca Ruins* was selected to be published in the Spanish version of *Viajes National Geographic Magazine*, issue 183 on sale in June 2015.

**Don Corby's** Corby Custom Framing is hosting their 18th annual *Artists in the Country* show on June 6 and 7.

There will be 15 artists represented, including Fine Art Guild members and photographers Glen Jones, Fred Oliver, Peter Young and Don Corby.

It's a free show running all weekend, rain or shine.

Info at [www.artistsinthecountry.ca](http://www.artistsinthecountry.ca) or call Don Corby at 905-689-1976.



The Art Gallery of Burlington's annual Volunteer Appreciation evening on April 14 included some nice recognition for three Latow members. **Tom Stephens, Ort Baldauf** and **Frank Myers** were presented with Leadership Awards for their service to Latow. In the photo are Tom Stephens, Frank Myers, Gary Beaudoin (who nominated the recipients), Ort Baldauf, Latow President Keith Marshall, Director Joel Waterman and AGB Board member Jim Commerford.

## This Month . . .

### May at a Glance

Tuesday, May 5	General Meeting and Board election
Tuesday, May 12	New Exposures: bring an image for friendly critique
Sunday, May 17	Outing: Grimsby Beach Victorian cottages
Tuesday, May 19	Digital Group: Bring an image & explain your technique
Tuesday, May 25	Studio Group: Show and tell

### Guild Outing—May 17

Come out Sunday, May 17 for a group outing to the colourful [Grimsby Beach Cottages](#).

If you're not familiar with these charming homes, check out the link above.

Directions, time etc. will be coming in an eblast early in the month.

### Latow Juried Show—to May 24

*Glen Jones*

I'm proud to announce that 32 fine art photographic prints were accepted into the Art Gallery of Burlington's first All Guilds Show. This event replaces the juried exhibitions previously held by each guild and runs until **May 24** in the Lee Chin Gallery.

This year's judge was professional photographer Matthew Schonewille who was chosen by AGB curator Dennis Longchamps. Matthew did an incredible job selecting and gave an evaluation of all the artwork in the show and others that were not. Many thanks for all his hard work.

A total of 70 prints were submitted and it was great to see some first time submitters. The top three honours were awarded to:

**Keith Marshall's** *Ed the Inventor* - 1st Place

**Dan Jones'** *The Proposal* - 1st Honourable Mention

**Jim Lait's** *Great Egret* - 2nd Honourable Mention

Congratulations to all!

### New Exposures—May 12

*Don Munro*

We have had a great year with New Exposures. I would like to thank you all for bringing in your images and sharing them with us.

The last New Exposures evening of the year will be held on May 12. This session will be open to whatever you feel like bringing in. It can be a photo that you would like some help with or you may just want to share a picture you really like. You may even choose to bring two photos; one you have previously shared at one of our sessions as well as a version that you have worked on to improve.

If you plan to participate, please arrive a bit early so Tim can get them ready to show on the computer.

### Digital Group—May 19

*Paul Sparrow*

This is our final meeting of the Digital Group this season and as usual it will be our annual "Bring an Image" night.

This is where you get to bring images you've worked on and show the group how you created them.

I'll put them on the computer and you get to show the group what special techniques you used and enlighten us on the procedures you've developed to bring your creations to life.

The idea is to reveal not only how you did it photographically but how you used software like Photoshop/Lightroom or other programs and/or plugins to create the final result.

Please bring "layered" composite versions of your files if you can, to show the making of your images and before and after versions.

### Studio Group—May 26

*Andrzej Pradzynski*

For the studio group we are planning a traditional "Show and Tell" evening on May 26.

I would also ask studio group members to bring some ideas for next year's group activity.

**"Like all photographers, I depend on serendipity. I pray for what might be referred to as the angel of chance."**

**Sally Mann**

# Photography Weekend 2015: Report Card

*Tom Stephens, Committee Chair*

Our Guild's annual Photography Weekend is now history: Tony Sweet and Susan Milestone have gone on to the next workshop in their crazy schedule, the audiences have dispersed with their session notes and door prizes, the big 21' screen has been taken down, and Lee Chin has returned to its usual role as an exhibition space -- now with the All-Guild Juried Show.

Attendance for the Saturday seminar was 128, the same as last year but down from the average of 200-225 three to four years ago. This may be the new normal now that GTCCC stages a competing event in April, and this year area clubs also hosted Darwin Wiggett and Richard Martin within a week of our event. The calendar is getting crowded!

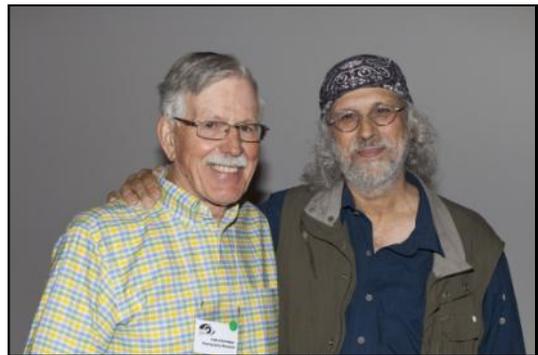
AV Festival attendance was 144 (vs. 155 in 2014); this is a more unique event and one that appeals to non-photographers (and is less costly to attend).

Our Sunday mini-seminars drew well: 128 tickets were sold (vs. 111 last year). The Photo Weekend returned a respectable surplus to Guild coffers; this would have been even better if we had not contracted to pay Tony in US dollars....

As always, thanks go to the Organizing Committee for their hard work: **Atchuta Alapati** (e-commerce and website design), **Ort Baldauf** (volunteers and door prizes), **Gary Beaudoin** (catering and facilities), **Debbie Forbes** (tickets and money), **Frank Myers** (design and promotion), and **Paul Sparrow** (AV Festival and seminar technical). And **many** Latow members who distributed flyers, helped out on Saturday and Sunday, or brought friends on Saturday evening. Many thanks to all. Next year's date is April 17-18, 2016. If you have ideas for a speaker, theme, topics, or anything else to improve our appeal, please get in touch.



Our seminar and AV Festival presentations in the Lee Chin Gallery featured a 21-foot screen and surround sound.



Photography Weekend Committee Chair Tom Stephens with Tony Sweet.



Denise Shaw (L) won this print by Tony Sweet (R) at our annual seminar. Proceeds from the ticket sales were \$460 and benefited Camelot Centre, represented by Bonnie Sylvia (centre). Tony's image was printed by Frank Myers and framed by Don Corby.

**"Visual ideas combined with technology combined with personal interpretation equals photography. Each must hold its own; if it doesn't, the thing collapses."**

**Arnold Newman**

# France – The Alsace Region

*Jim and Karen Lait*

Where do you go in France on your first visit? Well, Paris has got to be a given. You have to go to Paris, see the Louvre, the Eiffel Tower and, of course, Angelina's for the most decadent hot chocolate that you have ever had in your life. But where else?

On opening the guide book for France, the first province listed was Alsace. Why read any farther? All provinces look good so we decided to start with "A". And away we went.

The Alsace region borders on Germany and has, in fact, been German, been French, been German – well it has been switching back and forth since people started drawing maps. It is hard to say if the region is French with a heavy German influence or German with a heavy French influence



It has its own character full of half-timbered crooked homes, cobblestone streets, rolling hills covered in grape vines, hilltop castles and friendly people.



Many of the villages escaped destruction during the wars so buildings harken back to the 16<sup>th</sup> century. It is known for its white wines - Riesling, Gewürztraminer and Pinot Gris. Of course every region in France is known for some type of wine, but here, the whites excel.

And there are storks there! You just have to like a place that has storks. Many homes have stork nests on their roofs hoping for a spring arrival.



We rented an apartment in the village of Colmar – known as little Venice of the North. Colmar comes complete with a canal around the old part of the city with small boats to tour you around.

Our week went too quickly as we enjoyed exploring the surrounding villages, got to a restored castle and, of course, sampled some wine:). Now where do we go next?



## Did you know?

Do you know about Latow's **Facebook** group? Check us out and join at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/latow/>



"Once the amateur's naive approach and humble willingness to learn fades away, the creative spirit of good photography dies with it. Every professional should remain always in his heart an amateur."

Alfred Eisenstaedt

## CAPA Club Competition Results - Two Bronze Certificates!

Jim Lait

Good news - our newsletter received a Bronze Certificate in the CAPA Newsletter competition. This is the second year in a row that our newsletter has received an award - Congratulations Frank!

Our club entry to the CAPA theme competition on "Light" also received a Bronze Certificate Award. From all the submissions for our club entry, images from **Tom Stephens, Craig Gidley, Bob Walling, Chuck Burdick, Dan Jones** and **Glen Jones** were selected by our internal panel to represent Latow's entry to this competition. Checkout our [web site](#) to see the images.

Well done all!

## CAPA Competitions Slideshow Creator Required

Virginia Stranaghan

This position would require a volunteer who has *ProShow Gold* or *Producer* and would be available to create Slideshows, with transitions and music for each of the 14 CAPA Digital Competitions held throughout the year between September and June.

The volunteer would be supplied with the Winning Entrants information, winning images, placements and scores, so that all the information is at hand when creating the slideshows.

For a list of the competitions please refer to <http://capacanada.ca/wp-content/assets/Complete-list-of-CAPA-Competitions-2014-2015-PDF.pdf>

Please note shows for Note Card, Greeting Card and Print competitions are not created. The successful candidate will be put in touch with the previous slideshow creator so that a smooth transition can be made.

## GTCCC Interclub Competition

Tom Stephens

The annual interclub competition organized by GTCCC is now history, as the awards ceremony took place on April 18. Latow was one of 16 clubs (out of 23) whose 278 members submitted 1347 images in five categories – nature, natural things, pictorial, color print, and B&W print.

**NJ Pradzynski** won an HM in the Natural Things category, and four Latow members achieved "acceptances" -- **Atchuta Alapati** (2 in Pictorial), **Wayne Elliott** (1 Pictorial), **NJ** (1 Pictorial), and **Tom Stephens** (1 mono print).

The Interclub is a unique opportunity for Latow to test ourselves against other camera clubs, not only in overall achievement, but simply in participation. In the latter department, we did much better than last year, with 10 members submitting 49 entries. In contrast, Richmond Hill submitted 294 entries by 45 members. In the process, they handily won three of the five categories and the overall club title. This year's winning images are on the [GTCCC website](#).

This year, Latow hosted the Pictorial division, which meant organizing the 385 entries from all clubs, reviewing these to ensure they met the criteria for the category, and attending the judging to record scores. Helping out were **Rolly Astrom, Tom Stephens, Chuck Burdick, and Wayne Elliott**.

Next up with GTCCC: the interregional competition - - GTCCC vs NFRCC (Niagara/Buffalo clubs) in November. Watch this space for details.

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# Kaleidoscope

Virginia Stranaghan

Each year Arts Burlington puts together Kaleidoscope to give Guild members the opportunity to show/sell their artistic endeavours. Arts Burlington receives 15% of all sales at this event.

There is a \$10 entry fee for the Lee Chin Gallery and Shoreline/Rotary Room and a \$10 per table entry fee for the Unframed Room.

There are three options:

1. Framed Work in the Lee Chin Gallery – members may bring in 3 photographs framed and ready to hang (with wire hanger on the back of the frame). Please provide Virginia with your name, print title and price (if for sale). Virginia will ensure appropriate labels with prices are made up and displayed with the image.
2. Framed Work in the Shoreline/Rotary Room – members may bring in framed work to be displayed on easels in the Shoreline/Rotary Room. Please provide Virginia or Glen Jones with your name, print title and price (if for sale) so appropriate labels can be made to display with the work.
3. Unframed work in the Fireside Room – members may reserve a table to display their unframed work, usually matted prints, greeting cards and framed work that does not exceed 8 x 10 inches (outside dimensions). Members participating in this room have their items clearly marked with the prices for our potential clients.

All members of Latow are encouraged to participate in this event. It is an excellent opportunity to have your photographic work viewed and possibly sold.

Please contact [Virginia Stranaghan](#) if you have further questions regarding entries to the Lee Chin Gallery or the Unframed Room. Please contact [Glen Jones](#) if you have further questions regarding the entries for the Shoreline/Rotary Room.

## A word or two from the editor:

This is the second last edition for the year and a good time to begin thinking and planning for next season. Our members seem to enjoy reading *In Focus* and find it helps keep them informed about Latow activities. However, as editor, I feel there is still room for improvement. One area worth exploring is how to better integrate the information found here with the Latow website.

It's also time to evaluate the types of information currently presented in the newsletter: Is it serving our needs? Are some important areas being missed? Is time and energy being wasted on areas of content that readers do not value?

Over the next few months I'll be looking for input on the future of the newsletter. All your thoughts and suggestions will be welcome and appreciated. Please speak with me at a meeting, call me at 905-635-8259, or email [fmyers4@gmail.com](mailto:fmyers4@gmail.com).

## Random images from Evaluation #3



*Behind Bars*

David Low



*Long Point*

Lise Bennett



*Taj Sunrise*

Gary Beaudoin

## About Latow Photographers Guild

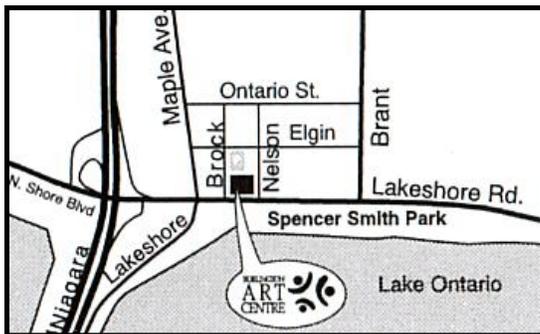
We meet every Tuesday night at 7:30pm from September to June at the [Art Gallery of Burlington](#). General meetings take place on the first Tuesday of the month and the group meetings on the following Tuesdays each month.

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

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

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