

June 2021

## Message from the President

*James Elliott*

One of the things I like about photographing people is that it often allows me to meet and connect with individuals that I would not otherwise encounter. To build on that connection and create a successful photograph is something I find very rewarding.

Similarly, one of the joys of being President of Latow has been encountering and getting to know individuals who otherwise I would not. I hope, though, unlike my interaction with the subject of a photograph, which tends to be brief, the relationships I have built while being President will be longer lasting.

Kas Stone was certainly a joy to meet and work with. If you attended the Photo Weekend I'm sure you would agree, as she's the same person in front or behind the camera. I just got to spend more time with her! If she ever decides to lead a photo tour through Gros Morne National Park you can rest assured I'll be there.

But it is not only "celebrity" that I was privileged to get to know better. We often seem to put ourselves in a bubble as we pursue our interests and, consequently, fail to notice what is happening around us. I was certainly content devoting myself to studio photography.

Becoming President quickly pushed me out of my self-imposed bubble. I became aware of what a diverse bunch we truly are, from street shooters to darkroom devotees to astral adventurers to flower fanatics to luminous landscapers to portrait people to abstract advocates to motivated macro makers! It's been a pleasure to expand my horizons and to really appreciate the talent we have in this club. I have enjoyed getting to know the members of Latow better.

I must mention how appreciative I am for the support and friendship of the club's many volunteers. Without those willing to become group leaders and board and committee members my job would have been impossible. But it is your passion for the club, enthusiasm to help and dedication to this craft we all love that made it a pleasure.

Thanks everyone! It's been a fun ride.

## Exciting news about the Niagara Generating Station

Here's a new, exciting photo opportunity. The following was shared by the Niagara Parks Commission:

### Introducing: Niagara Parks Power Station!

The Niagara Parks Power Station will officially open its doors to the public as our newest landmark attraction on July 1st this year! - 2021.

<https://www.facebook.com/niagaraparks/videos/479669933069064>



This month we are featuring more top-scoring images from Evaluation #4. Watch for Annual Awards photos in the September edition. This dramatic architectural image is of the Ottawa Aviation Museum, by **Gerda Wolker**.

# A Photo Weekend Surprise?

## *The Photography Weekend Organizing Committee*

Two weeks after our Photography Weekend, every ticket-holder was sent a short survey to gather some feedback on our first-ever virtual Seminar, Workshops, and AV Festival.

Of the 36 people who responded, 32 reported attending the Seminar, while slightly fewer attended the workshops. In other words, most people replying attended all three of Kas Stone's events. So what did they think?

The survey asked how people felt about the sessions of 3 hours with one or two short breaks. Fully 86% said that the length was about right; only 8% said that 3 hours was too long.

When asked what format they would prefer, if they had a choice, 44% said a live event while a (surprising?) 38% favour an online event.

So now the big question – which we did not ask: How much of your satisfaction is due to the superb presentations by Kas, and how much would transfer to another speaker in another year?

Not surprisingly, Kas received some superlative reviews, and these attendees would probably have been happy sitting on a bed of nails watching her: "excellent! So thrilled that I got to attend this amazingly talented artist's sessions!"; "The weekend with Kas Stone was fabulous. The integration of technique and vision made for an inspiring perspective. The presentation was well organized, well paced and reflected a high investment of her time and care. Thank you to all the people who supported her effort and made this happen;" "The online sessions were well moderated. Kas is very good at delivering in that mode."

We also learned that some people could not have attended if it was a live-only event. We had attendees from England, Nova Scotia, PEI, New Brunswick, Alberta and BC, in addition to the usual ones from Ontario and Quebec. And even some multi-year customers wrote in to say they really appreciated the online event because they could no longer handle the 2-hr drive to Burlington.

What is the upshot of all this feedback? In all likelihood, the Organizing Committee will want to look at a hybrid event in the future -- live if we are permitted by COVID, with live streaming for those persons who prefer their learning at a distance. So it was wonderful to learn recently that the AGB is acquiring some AV gear that will make this possible.



The Photo Weekend organizing committee would like to thank these sponsors and media partners whose support contributed to the success of this year's event.



## New and important volunteer opportunity!

With the launching of the new website, there is a new volunteer position emerging with the Communications Committee. The **Website Content Coordinator** will be responsible for updating the website content as needed, thus being a key provider of information to the membership and public.

Skills required are an understanding of WordPress **or** a desire to learn the process under David Walther's tutoring. Also required is a good knowledge of Guild activities.

Our webmaster, David Walther, as well as the rest of the Communications Committee including Annette Gerard and Frank Myers, will be on hand to guide you in the updating process.

If you have an interest in this volunteer position or require more information, please contact Frank Myers at [frankmyers4@gmail.com](mailto:frankmyers4@gmail.com).

## What's Happening in June?

With the advent of summer-like weather, June is typically a winding-down month for Guild activities and this year is no exception. There are just a couple of events, plus a transitional meeting for the new Board.

Even though we've been limited to meeting by Zoom, our Program Committee has done a fabulous job and member turnout has been outstanding.

We're hoping for at least a partial return to in-person meetings in September and looking forward to what the Program Committee has in store for the new season.

### Annual Awards: June 1

*Toni Browning*

Annual Awards results will be presented on Tuesday June 1, so make sure you watch for the Zoom invitation from James.

The Annual Awards are presented for the best images of the year, as chosen by a panel of three judges.

### Studio Group presents Renée Robyn: June 8

*James Elliott*

The Studio Group is very pleased to present Canadian photographer and digital artist Renée Robyn (<https://www.reneerobyn.com>) on Tuesday June 8th starting at 7:30pm.

Renée will be discussing her work, demonstrating some of her creative compositing techniques as well as sharing a few tips and tricks! You'll not want to miss it. It'll be a great way to finish off the season!

To hear Renée's amazing story of how she became a full time photographer and artist check-out this YouTube video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UblxncmkDRI>.



## Members' News

In the recent CAPA competition for individual members, **Tom Stephens** scored an Honourable Mention for the aggregate of his four mages on the theme 'Lines and Curves.' Congratulations Tom.

Congratulations also to **Monique Campbell** who was awarded second prize in the *Everything Beaux* exhibition at Beaux Arts Brampton for her print *Montreal Sunrise*. Additionally Monique and **Frank Myers** have been notified their images (Monique's *Montreal Sunrise* and Frank's *Pals*) have been selected by the Brantford BIA to be used in store window displays this summer.

Four Latow members were recently juried into the Artworks Oakville 21st Annual Juried Show. Congratulations to **Mark Emerson**, **Rolly Astrom**, **John Pingree** and **Glen Jones**. To see all the selected artwork for the exhibition type in [artworksoakville.ca/2021](http://artworksoakville.ca/2021). The show will also hang in the gallery at Queen Elizabeth Park Community Gallery and Cultural Centre from November 6 to 18.

**Gerda Wolker**, **Micheline Godbout** and **Frank Myers** recently completed a course in conceptual photography. *Photography with Intention* was offered by the Art Gallery of Burlington and based on a part-time course from the Ontario College of Art and Design (OCAD). Watch the AGB website for future photography courses.

### June at a Glance

(All events via Zoom. Watch for invitations in your email.)

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| Tues., June 1  | Annual Awards presentation                      |
| Tues., June 8  | Studio Group presents guest speaker Renée Robyn |
| Thurs. June 17 | Board Meeting. Members are welcome              |



## The Latest from O3C

Tom Stephens, Latow rep

Since reps of the 36 O3C clubs met on Saturday, 21 May, there is a little more than usual to report:

- The optional theme for next year's Open Challenge was announced and it's **Food & Drink**.
- Latow's submission for the 2021 Open Challenge has just gone in, with results expected after the summer. Nine Latow members submitted 101 images. Submission numbers from other clubs are reportedly lower than usual.
- In October 2021, O3C will take its turn to host the annual Interregional competition with the 23 clubs of NFRCC. The O3C entries are always chosen from the winners of the Open Challenge just being submitted now. But since Latow is also a member of NFRCC, there will be another chance to enter the Interregional Competition. Andrzej Pradzynski is our NFRCC rep and will have details closer to the date.
- O3C has linked up with Photo Trekkers to offer a nice range of photo tours at good prices. These start in September and if that's too soon for comfort, there are dates late into 2023. For details and to book, or for just dreaming, check out the [O3C website](#).

### Next season's Evaluation themes:

After balloting by the Program Committee and then the Board to break some third-place ties, we have the list of themes for next year.

The themes (and their order) are:

- Weather
- Roads
- Mood
- Blue

Members may wish to keep these in mind when shooting this summer and into next season.

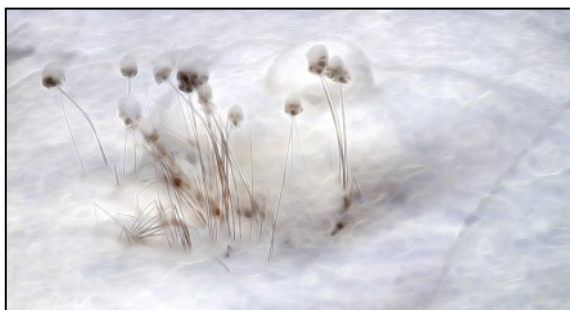
A few more top images from Evaluation #4



*Includes AC*  
by **Tom McCormack**



Rowhen by **James Elliott**



*Winter's Whisp* by  
**John Pingree**



*Mmm . . . Cookie* by  
**Jay Trout**

## About Latow Photographers Guild

We normally meet every Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m. from September to June at the [Art Gallery of Burlington](#).

General meetings take place on the first Tuesday of the month and other meetings on various interests and topics occur on other Tuesdays and Thursdays each month.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions affecting the Art Gallery of Burlington facilities, Latow is making all meetings available via ZOOM, so that members have the option of participating from the comfort and safety of home.

Board meetings are held monthly and any Latow member in good standing is welcome to attend. There are also many special events throughout the year, often on weekends.

To ensure you do not miss any of these great offerings, there is an annual calendar that is frequently updated on the Latow website at: [latow.com](http://latow.com). For your convenience a hard copy can be downloaded and printed.

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