



NEWSLETTER: January 2025

Pictures of the Month

Senior



Hellnar church – Anne Hrabar

Junior



Greater Double Collared Sunbird – Claudette Gericke

Message from the Chair

January 2025

Welcome to 2025! Here's hoping that we fulfil our photographic ambitions this year as well as all our other objectives for 2025. A calendar of planned events is available on the KPS website. There will be four bi-monthly formal Set Subject theme months and two formal Competitions (May and November). The monthly interactive zoom meetings will cover both the formal Set Subject months as well as the informal alternate months.

We've held two meetings so far this month – the interactive zoom meeting loosely themed around developing photographic vision and the regular club night judging and learning session at Oakhill School. Both events were well attended, with several visitors at the club night.

Jon Kerrin, an ambassador for Nisi filters and an accomplished photographer, conducted two demonstration workshops with KPS members on Plettenberg and Sedgefield beaches respectively. We were blessed with the weather, cloud cover and tidal timing especially for the Sedgefield shoot, which was well attended. Hoping to see many of these images pitching up over the next few months at club. Jon followed up with a great presentation on long exposure shooting on club night.

I would love to continue this idea of talking about photography this year. This is probably the best way to improve our images for all levels of expertise in the club.

“Show and tell” at club nights

This will continue as part of our club nights. It's important to discuss images while they are still fresh in mind. Due to the Jon Kerrin presentation, there was no “show and tell” at this meeting, but we will resume from the February meeting.

We will also begin a regular series of short 15 - 20 minute presentations to start off club nights, with the aim of introducing concepts to members for discussion and consideration. For experienced members this may lead to introspection and review of techniques they are already familiar with, for less experienced members it may introduce new ideas.

Tutorials and learning material

We have managed to secure Martin Barber for a 90 minute Zoom session on Visual Art – what it is and how to assess it. This is scheduled for 26th January. Martin is an excellent photographer across many genres, but specialising in Visual Art, Open Colour, Monochrome and Portraits, and the 2024 overall winner of the PSSA Impala Trophy.

Peter Oosthuizen continues to manage this portfolio and has provided links to many valuable sites dealing with various aspects of photography and post processing. ANY suggestions regarding content, themes and topics are welcome and should be communicated to Peter directly, or to any committee member.

Interclub collaboration

The possibility of arranging interclub events has been raised. These include workshops, competitions and joint outings. This will be firmed up after the end of year breaks.

George Camera Club has organised a musical picnic on Swartvlei Beach on the 24th January called "Sax on the beach" and invited KPS members along for the event. GCC will arrange for a dancer to be there for exciting sunset photographic opportunities.

Obie Oberholzer is a renowned South African photographer and author, known for thinking out the box. He will be presenting two sessions in George on the 15th March at the Arts Theatre in George. One session will be on his latest book "Going Dutch" and the other on some of his photographic lighting techniques.

We are liaising with the Regional Director for the Garden Route clubs to host an interclub competition later this year.

Survey

The committee will send out a survey to members early in the year to see what if any changes might be envisaged to improve the sustainability and effectiveness of the club. Growing our membership will be one of the topics.

PSSA Guidelines

KPS is aligned with the photographic guidelines adhered to by PSSA. Our photographic categories, guidelines and procedures conform to PSSA requirements. This is important if members participate in Salons and Competitions run by PSSA or indeed by international organisations which follow the same rules.

However, images submitted at club nights will not be marked down if the judges feel they have been entered into the wrong categories. The judges simply offer advice on what they feel would be more appropriate categories. This is not meant to be prescriptive or limiting at club level, simply to prepare members for participation in PSSA sanctioned events.

Alan King

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Salon Acceptances

JANUARY 2025:

3RD SPRINGS PHOTOGRAPHIC CLUB SALON

Cathy	1
Alan	3
Peter	3
Carol	6

Members' Achievements

PSSA JUNIOR PICTURE OF THE MONTH NOVEMBER 2024

Claudette came 6th shared with
8 photographers out of 43
entries

LEOPARD TORTOISE



PSSA SENIOR PICTURE OF THE MONTH NOVEMBER 2024

Pieter came 8th shared with 8 photographers out of 44 entries

BLACK THROATED MANGO IN THE RAIN



PSSA WEBSITE PICTURE OF THE MONTH NOVEMBER 2024

Cathy came 6th shared with 2 photographers out of 35 entries

FLY ON YELLOW



PSSA WEBSITE PICTURE OF THE MONTH NOVEMBER 2024

Eileen came 8th shared with 5 photographers out of 35 entries

RAIN APPROACHING



Next Meeting

19 February 2025 – live at Oakhill School

2 images may be submitted - deadline for submission – 8 February

Judges

The judges for February will be Luana, Anne and Pieter Mare

Club Calendar – 2025

Please refer to our website <https://www.knysnaphotosoc.com/calendar>

February Meetings

12/02/2025	6pm	Interactive club night - Set Subject: Shades of White	Zoom	Peter Oosthuizen
19/02/2025	6 for 6.30pm	Club night and presentation by Alan King: Flow in photography	Oakhill School Drama Room, Uitsig Street, Heuwelkruin, Knysna	Deadline: 11.59pm on 8 February 2025

National Salons

Information regarding salons is available at

<https://pssa.co.za/category/salons/calendar-results-for-year-ending-june-2025/>