



NEWSLETTER: April 2025

Pictures of the Month

Senior



Inspecting every angle – Pieter Mare

Junior



Soaring Cape Vulture – Claudette Gericke

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Message from the Chair

April 2025

The interactive zoom meeting (IZM) was the forum for presentation and discussion of the Set Subject images “Soft Curves”, which ensured healthy discussion around definitions, techniques and results. We will continue to promote the interactive meetings as a way to keep on talking about photography. The next interactive meeting will be held on 14th May with the theme “Blue”.

Members have asked that we use Photovault to enter images for all interactive zoom meetings as it helps them keep track of their images. The deadline for images for the IZM will be the same as the deadline for club night entries from now on i.e. 10th May for the upcoming month.

The deadline for images for the bi-annual competition “Solitary” will be 7th May to allow time for external judging of the images.

We continue to experience a relatively low turn out at club nights in comparison to previous years. This is a worrying trend, which we can hopefully reverse.

“Show and tell” at club nights

Anne Hrabar gave a short presentation on her trip to Iceland, with some stunning images of the Northern Lights and landscapes, as well as some of the backstory to her trip. It was an excellent presentation, and I am sure it reignited a few “bucket lists”.

Luana Laubscher provided some detail on her intriguing zebra/checkerboard image in response to questions after judging ended.

Tutorials and learning material

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 Garden Route Interclub Photographic competition has been launched. It will be run as a mini-salon with individual photographers affiliated to Garden Route clubs able to submit up to 16 images across four categories.

Closing date for submission is 31st May via Photovault. The access code is GRIP-25.

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.

Alan King

Salon Acceptances

WESTERN CAPE SALON

Peter	1
Alan	4
Carol	4
Kim	4
Cathy	6
Anne	5 W/Cape Silver Runner Up-Club Medal



AMBER CAMERA CLUB 3rd DIGITAL SALON

Carol	3
Cathy	4
Alan	4 includes 1 COM

PSSA 9TH NATIONAL SALON

Carol	3
Eileen	3 includes 1 COM
Cathy	5
Alan	8

BOSVELD 8TH NATIONAL SALON

Cathy	2
Carol	2 includes 1 COM
Alan	5
Willie	5

PSSA JUNIOR PICTURE OF THE MONTH OCTOBER 2024

Claudette came 9th shared with 5 photographers out of 45 entries



AERIAL VIEW

WEBSITE PICTURE OF THE MONTH MARCH 2025

Congratulations to Cathy as 1st Runner up



EVENING LIGHT

PSSA NEWS – IMPORTANT

PSSA released a note on the use of AI in photographs curated by PSSA, which makes for an interesting read.

Being a photography body, PSSA prohibits images that promote practices where all elements of images have not been created by the author by photographic means. Images created or modified using Generative AI technology are not allowed in any PSSA-affiliated event or competition.

These Generative AI restrictions apply whether or not text prompts are used in the AI generation process.

Generative AI technology consists of:

In-painting (where AI fills in generated elements not captured by the photographer or removes and replaces elements from a photograph with AI-generated content)

Out-painting (where AI extends beyond the original boundaries of the photograph using generated elements)

Image-to-image AI (where AI transforms an entire photograph based on text prompts or style references)

Text-to-image (where images are generated from scratch based on text entered into a prompt description)

For more detailed explanations of do's and don'ts see the link below:-

<https://pssa.co.za/photography-ai-faq/>

May Meeting

Judges

The judges for May will be Gill Maskell, Peter Oosthuizen and Anna Engelhardt APSSA, DPSSA , of the Cape Town Photographic Society.

Club Calendar – 2025

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

May and June

14/05/2025	6pm	Interactive club night - Theme: Blue	Zoom	Peter Oosthuizen
21/05/2025	6 for 6.30pm	Club night & biannual competition: Solitary	Oakhill School Drama Room, Uitsig Street, Heuwelkruin, Knysna	Deadline: 11.59pm on 7 May for competition and 10 May 2025 for club entries
31/05/2025	Midnight	Interclub photographic competition	Competition for all Garden Route photographic clubs, hosted by KPS.	Alan King. Deadline: 11.59pm on 31 May 2025
11/06/2025	6pm	Interactive club night - Set Subject: Shallow depth of field	Zoom	Peter Oosthuizen
18/06/2025	6 for 6.30pm	Club night and presentation by Peter Oosthuizen: Monochrome	Oakhill School Drama Room, Uitsig Street, Heuwelkruin, Knysna	Deadline: 11.59pm on 7 June 2025

National Salons

Information regarding salons is available at

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