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OBJECTS of the Society

To promote the advancement of nature photography in New Zealand. Nature photography to us means all aspects of the natural environment, including landscapes, flora and fauna, and close-up photography.

To promote friendship, cooperation and the exchange of information and ideas about nature photography among the members of the Society both within New Zealand and overseas.

Code of ETHICS

Nature photographers pursue their interest because they appreciate the value of the natural world. They hope that through their actions they will encourage all who participate in the enjoyment of nature, to do so in a way that best promotes good stewardship of the natural resource.

From the President:
Happy New Year to all Nature Photography Society Members!!!

I trust that most of you have had an excellent break over the Christmas period and have taken the time to take heaps of photos - I look forward to seeing what everyone has been 'shooting' at the next few meetings.



For Anne and me, along with many other Club members, 2009 started with deep sadness and shock at the untimely death of two of our extremely popular and talented Club members. Husband and wife team, Martyn and Kaye Hartley, were killed in a motorcycle accident near Motukarara on 28 December 2008, and the funeral was held on 7 January 2009. At the end of the service, members from several photographic clubs that Martyn and Kaye were members of presented a guard of honour using their tripods. Martyn and Kaye's families greatly appreciated this

honour and I would personally like to thank all who took part - especially as the guard was assembled at short notice.

Martyn and Kaye will be very sadly missed, not only by NPS but also CPS and Rangiora Photographic Society, as well as the other members contributing to the photographic magazine Vizualeyes. For me, this tragic event only reinforces the reality that we may indeed not be here tomorrow, so we must make the best of today. It is important that we get back out into the hills while we still can and continue doing the sort of things Martyn and Kaye were passionate about.

The Committee has been working on finalising the 2009 programme for speakers and field trips and it looks as though it is going to be yet another excellent year coming up. Watch this space!!

Our March meeting is, of course, our AGM where members have their say in who is going to be on the team to steer the club over the next year. I would ask that you give this a lot of thought as the Club always needs fresh ideas and enthusiasm to ensure its smooth running and survival. If YOU can contribute or can suggest a worthy candidate please let a Committee member know at the next meeting, or ring/email one of us.

This year Duncan, Priscilla, Michelle and I will be standing down so we really look forward to some new faces and skill sets.

I look forward to an exciting New Year, sharing our passion for Nature Photography together.

Best Wishes

PETE

IMPORTANT DATES

MONTHLY MEETING
Monday 19 January
COMMITTEE
MEETING
Monday 2 February
FIELD TRIPS
OAMARU
23-25 January
CHEVIOT
20-22 February



SUPPER HELPERS

To Be Organised.
Any Volunteers?

Thank you to Michele for doing the December Newsletter at short notice.

I am back on deck and looking forward to a hearty New Year behind my camera.

May 2009 be composed and focused for all NPS members.

Duncan.

January Meeting

Monday January 19th at 7.30 pm
HANCOCK HALL
Tankerville Road, Hoon Hay

Meg Errington
This is My Life

I will be talking about 'life before New Zealand' and how to get yourself a Kiwi husband!!! I worked for the Canadian Red Cross for 15 years and during that time spent time working in Africa on drought relief and refugees. My slides will show what I was doing there and some of the conditions. While it's not exactly nature (although some of it is) it could almost be said to be depicting a form of 'natural history' - of the indigenous populations in Somalia (refugees from Ethiopia), Tanzania (drought relief) and Malawi (refugees from Mozambique).

SOME CLUB NOTICES

(1) SUBSCRIPTIONS

By the time you receive this Newsletter you should also have received, by snail mail, a request for payment of your NPS subscription for 2009. If you have not received the letter could you please e-mail Ken Muscroft-Taylor (at muscroft_taylor@xtra.co.nz) or phone him at 03 318 8221 in case there has been an error in your postal address.

(2) HONOURS' APPLICATIONS

A reminder that Honours' applications close at the end of the month.

N.B. Applications are now going to Stephen Wright and not Michael Anderson. Stephen's details are on the new application form which is available for printing from the NPS website.

A Note from Stephen.

For those members submitting an application of digital files, the projector your set will be viewed on has a resolution of 1400 (horizontal) by 1050 (vertical) pixels. Sizing your images to either a maximum of 1400 pixels across for landscape-oriented images or to 1050 pixels high for portrait-oriented images will ensure your pictures are projected at optimum size. The colour space should be sRGB, this again will ensure optimal projection of your set.

For all submissions, prints and projected images (slides, digital files), remember you are presenting a portfolio of your work to the Honours Board to assess. While each image needs to be technically good (exposure, composition, use of light) there should also be a flow through the set. If you have never sorted through your work to put together a set of images which tells something about what you like photographing etc. the Licentiate is a great place to start. If I can be of any assistance, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Guest Speaker updates/changes

1. At our February meeting Shelley Ball will be speaking. Her subject will be "A Tale of Two Tundras" - work as a biologist in the alpine tundra of the Colorado Rocky Mountains and the tundra of the Canadian sub-Arctic.
2. March will be our Annual General Meeting.
3. June - Kevin Bowie.
4. July - Trenna Packer.

PHOTOSHOP CS4

Information from Kim Annan

When I upgraded to Photoshop CS4 there was a gift that I think everyone who upgrades gets. You can choose one of 4 things and I choose a free subscription to www.lynda.com - which until then I had never heard of.

The site has on-line training courses that run as Quicktime movies. It is fantastic. I am learning some wonderful Photoshop skills and the best thing is that the videos are aimed at photographers. There are more than 40 hours of videos on CS4 alone. If you don't get CS4 you can always subscribe for \$US25 for one month. There are so many courses on here it is a really great resource that I think lots of people would get great value and learning from.

FIELD TRIPS 2009

Your Committee has been busy drawing-up trips for the year and has the following programme currently scheduled. The list is also on the NPS website and will be updated there.

DAY TRIPS:

March: Totara stumps



D. Lindsay

September: South Shore Estuary

WEEKEND TRIPS:

January 23 - 25: Oamaru (Sunflowers, Moeraki)*



D. Lindsay

February 20 - 22:

Cheviot

March 21 - 24:

Central Otago

April 10 - 13:

Karamea

May 17 - 18:

The Boyle - Fungi

June 26 - 28:

Cass

July:

Akaroa - Digital Weekend

August:

Kaikoura



D. Lindsay

October 28 - 31:

Totaranui

November:

Tiritiri-Matangi ??(Hauraki Gulf)

December:

*** A REMINDER: If you have your name on the Oamaru Trip list and have not already paid your trip fees, please forward your money to the Treasurer as soon as possible.**

Meeting night is the absolute deadline to confirm your accommodation for the trip.

NZ CAMERA 2009

For those individual PSNZ members who didn't collect this year's NZ Camera book at the December meeting, the books will be available at the January meeting. For anyone who can't make the meeting please contact Stephen Wright to arrange collection.