



# NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND INC.

MARCH 2010

## President's Column

At our next meeting we will be holding the AGM. It is difficult to believe that nearly a year has passed since I began in my new role with NPSNZ. Fortunately Lynda, Ken, Trish, Pam, Jono and Stephen are all prepared to stay on the committee next year, and so far we have two new people standing for election: Nick Webb and Linda Gabites. There are still a few spaces left for volunteers, though, and if you know someone you would like to nominate for any committee position, please feel free to do so.

Graham Dainty showed us some of his amazing images at our last meeting, and you will certainly be regretting it if you missed this treat. Not only did Graham have captivating and original work to show us, but he also revealed his extensive knowledge and appreciation of the wilderness that is Fiordland. It made me, for one, wonder why I don't go there more often. When I lived in Invercargill it was my weekend playground, but from Christchurch it always seems a long way to go to get wet. Graham's atmospheric shots taken in stormy weather will hopefully inspire me to return more often. Good to see lots of members' work, too, and thanks especially to Kim Annan and Richard Studholme who each showed a single image that had sufficient impact I still picture it in my mind.

I was disappointed to learn that Edith Mitchell plans to resign from our Society after 16 years membership. She was one of a select group of Foundation Members, and we shall miss her cheery presence at meetings and on field trips. Edith feels she no longer has sufficient energy to participate in Society activities, but we hope that we may continue to see her from time to time.

I look forward to seeing you all at the AGM this month. Although this is an important event, we try to keep the business part of the evening as brief as possible, and leave plenty of time to show the successful Honours sets, as well as members' images. In addition, we have prevailed on Stephen Wright to give a short presentation of his landscape images.

Happy photographing, *Pol (Pauline)*



Waimakariri River - Pam Cumming

## THIS MONTH'S MEETING

15 March at 7.30pm

HANCOCK HALL, Tankerville Road, Hoon Hay

# A.G.M.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE OF THE SOCIETY  
PRESENTATION OF HONOURS

Stephen Wright will present some of his wonderful landscape work.

## IMPORTANT DATES

MONTHLY MEETING

Monday

15 March

AGM and Presentation of Honors

COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, 5 April

FIELD TRIPS

Weekend of

23 - 25 April

LAKE BRUNNER

Weekend of

28 - 30 May

RAKAIA GORGE AREA

## SUPPER HELPERS



Kath Varcoe  
Elizabeth Burt

## NPS Honours

Congratulations to the following members who have been awarded their Honours this year.

*Doug Hueston - Licentiatehip*

*Trish Brown - Associateship*

*Elizabeth Passuello -*

*Fellowship*

Honours sets will be shown at the AGM.

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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.

# Otago Peninsular Field Trip - 5/6/7 February 2010

Judy Ashton

For this trip there were only 9 of us - the numbers for field trips seem to be dropping which is a sad state of affairs as field trips are a great way to get to know other club members and to pick up valuable tips to improve your photography. We have several very talented photographers amongst us who are always willing to share their knowledge. Even if you have been somewhere several times there is always something else to see or experiment with.

The 9 of us had a very pleasant and enjoyable weekend. Linda Harper had organised her brother, Ray, to be our guide on the Saturday. As he lives on the peninsular he had very good ideas as to where we could go to photograph interesting things and great landscapes. The weather was perfect and we covered a lot of ground on foot and in four-wheel drives.

Of course the penguins (found in various places), and albatross (at the foot of Taiaroa Head), were of great interest and we had several encounters. We spent an interesting hour or so watching and recording the antics of a big raft of sea lions at Seal Point and walked out to the Chasm and Lover's Leap - very rugged and spectacular coast line. We visited Papanui and Hoopers Inlets. Altogether a very interesting day.

On Sunday it was raining but Lynda's other brother Alf, took some of the group to search for geckos. Then everyone gradually meandered home. My husband and I went further south to visit a friend in Tuatapere and he took us over the Borland Saddle through the Grebe Valley and out to the southern arm of Lake Manapouri. This is somewhere that could be an interesting field trip but it would have to be a longer trip than a weekend given the time it takes to get there.

Here are some of the photos from the weekend.



Looking towards Dunedin



Some activities less strenuous !!



Spoonbills on the wing



Lookout at The Chasm



Above & right - Judy  
Two studies of the  
Royal Albatross  
Left - Lynda



Our leader !!



For detailed information on up-and-coming field trips, members galleries, online forums & discussions etc. the NPS website is a great way of finding out what's going on within the Society. So next time you are online don't forget to look at the website...

[www.naturephotography-nz.org](http://www.naturephotography-nz.org)

## APRIL FIELD TRIP

Moana - Lake Brunner.

23 - 25 April

Staying at the Mill House

Cost of accommodation \$32.00 for the two nights  
Activities will include fungi chasing, streams, lake etc.

We may be able to get some out on the lake so anyone with canoes should bring them.

Sat night shared meal, other meals self catered.

Bring sleeping bag, clothes, food, tea towels, wet weather gear, fly rods, togs etc

There are pillows but **bring pillow case.**

\$2 coin operated dryer on site.

Trip Leader - Owen Ragg

Email: [oragg@clear.net.nz](mailto:oragg@clear.net.nz)

More details at the March Meeting



### Tree Competition

After our highly successful 'Cloud Competition' we thought you might appreciate another challenge. So how about 'My Favourite Tree'. The image should feature a single tree, of any kind you like. As we are a nature photography group, you are asked to provide a title that includes the name of the tree to show that you can identify it. We don't mind if it is growing in cultivation or in the wild, though. And again, the prize will be the honour, the glory, and something chocolate! Please bring your images to the June meeting. Pol

For example:

Mountain beech (*Notofagus solandri* var. *cliffortioides*)

Creative Autumn Photography workshop :  
Rarangi Beach, Blenheim

May 5<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> 2010 Tutor : Sally Mason

The autumn vineyards in Marlborough create a stunning palette of colour.... not to mention the wines they produce.... Join like minded souls for 5 days of exploration of our minds and our cameras - learn with experimentation, laughter and sharing. We will immerse ourselves in a range of Marlborough landscapes and experiences. All will stay at Rarangi Beach where the workshop will be based.

Please contact Sally for details and  
Registration Form

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### **DON'T FORGET TO PAY YOUR SUBS**

Bring to the meeting, or send to the Treasurer.

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