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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.

President's Column

I learned a lot from our latest guest speaker, Graeme Guy, who spoke at our Monday meeting and whose presentations I attended at PSNZ's annual Convention in Nelson. This was both at the time, and afterwards, as I contemplated his words and images. We are really fortunate that such a talented and dedicated nature photographer is a member of our Society. I learned that everyone has a different approach to nature photography, that rules for competitions are arbitrary, and that to produce excellent images of nature, knowledge and understanding of our subjects is essential. We must also take care to represent them with honesty and integrity.

Whether to use placed perches for birds, or the occasional artificial background is a call to be made by each individual, as is the degree of 'gardening' perceived necessary or allowable to acquire images of native plants and fungi. What we choose to do is our decision, but in sharing our images with others we have an obligation to honestly relate what we did to gain that image. Also, as members of the Nature Photography Society we have ethical standards that commit us to promoting good stewardship of the natural resource, so we should take the utmost care that nothing we do harms our subjects.

Graeme also encouraged us to hold exhibitions of our work, and coincidentally Trish Brown gave the first notice of the exhibition we plan to hold in the City Library in August. Our theme is 'Celebrating the Natural World' a theme that is probably open to as many interpretations as there are photographers in our Society. To me, that can only be good. However, we do have a few guiding principles.

The theme is all-inclusive regarding location, so please contribute your excellent images from New Zealand and around the world. The emphasis is on 'natural' of course, so please avoid including anything manmade or human-induced (garden plants, etc.). My expectation is that the selectors will be looking for the best possible images to convey the simplicity, intricacy, diversity, activity, and wonder of life on our amazing planet, notwithstanding the contradictions implicit in this. So please support Trish and her team to put together our best ever exhibition!

Happy photographing,

Pol (Pauline)

IMPORTANT DATES

MONTHLY MEETING

Monday 17th
May

COMMITTEE MEETING

31st May

DAY TRIP

Banks Peninsula
June 12

FIELD TRIP

Rakaia Gorge
May 28 - 30

Cass, Winter Trip
June 9 - 11

SUPPER HELPERS



**Maureen
Pierre**

**Monday, May 17th at 7.30 pm
HANCOCK HALL
Tankerville Road, Hoon Hay**



**Elizabeth
Passuello**

From the Earth
to The Sky



Its wonderful to have one of our own members as a speaker again this month, to showcase the great talents that we have within our society. Elizabeth received her Fellowship with NPS this year, having already been awarded a Fellowship with PSNZ. 'From the Earth to The Sky' will be a review of her images from the mid 90s down to today, showcasing fungi, astronomy and fantails.

HANMER SPRINGS (April 17)



Pauline, Stephen, Meg, Lorraine, Murray, Sue, Kath and Glenda met in Hanmer on a beautiful autumn day. This was my first visit to the Acheron Valley and will be on my list of places to go again now for sure. We were rewarded with the most amazing display of autumn colours - along with strong autumnal winds unfortunately, which was a challenge. The gorge close by, usually a place for lovely reflections, was just a bit too windy this time – but lovely to look out over the lovely deep rock formations. A great day out with great company. Thanks Pauline for organising it.

Cheers, Meg

Report & Photos - Meg Errington

LAKE BRUNNER (April 23 - 25)



On Friday night we were welcomed in that old fashioned West Coast way. RAIN! And so it stayed for the whole weekend. Most of us set off to the Station House Cafe for dinner. We almost got lumped in with the Vintage Machinery Club smorgasbord meal. One of our number even tried to sell them a spare tractor. Despite all the liquid sunshine we ventured out on Saturday after a sluggish start to the Arnold Walkway. Most got “lost” in amongst the fine display of fungi and forgot about

both the weather and the reporting time back at the start of the track where we sheltered for lunch. The afternoon was spent at the Crooked River Gorge. Alas Linton was unable to hook the elusive trout for tea. As is tradition we dined



like royalty from the shared evening meal. On Sunday there was a little less moisture at times, which allowed the bird watchers to stalk their prey in a little more comfort. Eventually we all headed off home. It was great to have Mike Godfrey and Murray Cave join us town based members for the weekend.

Report - Owen Ragg

Photos: Fungi - Pam Cumming
White Heron - Ken Muscroft -Taylor



MAY FIELD TRIP

Ashley/ Rakaia Gorge Area

28 – 30 May

Baptist camp in Sleemans Road,
Glenroy

There is no shortage of bunks and beds so it would be great to get some good numbers along this month. The cost is **\$15 per night!** What to bring - pillow, bedding, towels and tea towels etc. All your personal requirements and food for breakfast and lunches and something for a pot luck on the Saturday night. There is a full kitchen with microwaves etc. We will be exploring the gorges and Washpen Falls along with other places of interest in the area. The camp phone number is 03 318 6856 and cell phone coverage is not always possible. There will be directions and much more info at the May meeting.

Trip Leader - Judy Ashton

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August Exhibition 2010

Please submit **TWO** images for our exhibition

‘Celebrating the Natural World’

Choose your two best images and size them as follows:

Long side: approx. 2400 pixels (12 x 8 inches)
300dpi, jpeg, sRGB colour.

Use your own name and the title of your image in the file names: e.g. T.Smith-Bullens Mollymawk.jpg, T.Smith-Winter Wonderland.jpg

Option 1: Take the two images on a **CD or memory stick to Photo and Video**, Merivale Mall and tell them these are for the **Nature Photography Society Exhibition**. They will be printed borderless, on matt paper. P & V have offered us a **special discount price of \$5.00** for the two prints.

Option 2: You can submit your images through **Photo and Video's website www.photo.co.nz** and **pay online**. Go into web-prints and follow instructions. In the ‘comments’ box please type in ‘these images are for the NPSNZ exhibition’, and only \$5 will be charged to your credit card. Photo and Video will keep all the prints together, and hand them to the Exhibition selectors at the **END OF JUNE**.

Tree Competition **JUNE MEETING**

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.

NEXT MONTH'S MEETING — Ron Willems