



# New Westminister Photography Club

## *Report to the Arts Council of New Westminister*

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### Background

The **New Westminister Photography Club** has been a continuously active organization in this city for over 65 years.

### General Info

#### Our mandate/purpose statement:

"The **New Westminister Photography Club** strives to foster the art form and appreciation of photography among the residents of local communities by sponsoring varied educational programs, providing constructive feedback to members and sponsoring creative local photo outings, all independent of the artist's choice of media [i.e., film or digital]."

The Club is open to all interested people, regardless of photographic skill level, from beginner to advanced. **Visitors are always welcome** and can drop in to any of our meetings. The club is *not* restricted to residents of New Westminister; we have members coming to us from various areas in the Lower Mainland and even one former local resident who continues to participate online and attend occasional meetings since moving to Lillooet. Our oldest participant (also formerly from New West and one of the original founding members) is now 90 years of age and drives to club meetings from Maple Ridge.

**Bi-monthly meetings** are held at **7:30 pm** on the **first and fourth Tuesday** of the month, from early September to early June, in the main hall of Centennial Lodge in Queen's Park. Please **contact** the club president at [karenjustice@shaw.ca](mailto:karenjustice@shaw.ca) for more information, and visit our website at [nwphoto.org](http://nwphoto.org). The club also has an active presence on both Facebook and Twitter, established this year.

## Events & Activities

### Competitions

- The NWPC holds **in-house competitions** members approximately four times per club year (2 print and 2 digital). These informal comps provide entrants with helpful feedback, often in preparation for submissions to external competitions hosted by other photography-based organizations in the Lower Mainland. In-house comps also provide members with some judging experience in rating the technical and esthetic merits of a wide variety of images created by their peers.
- For the past several years, we have entered the **North Shore Challenge** (digital, B&W or colour, no particular theme; hosted by North Shore Photographic Society) the **Invitational Black and White Print** Competition (self-explanatory; hosted by Crescent Beach Photo Club), and the **Fraser Valley Invitational** (digital, with a specific theme; hosted by Langley Camera Club).
  - The theme for the 2015 FVI competition was ***Simplicity***. One of the entries presented by the NWPC:



- A few samples of NWPC entries to the North Shore Challenge:



## Themes

- The NWPC continuously runs **Theme competitions** throughout the calendar year. Once members in good standing log in to the club website, they can anonymously enter up to 3 images to a currently open theme. Members are invited to comment constructively on the images' strengths and make suggestions for improvement, and are encouraged to vote for their top three favourites. Once the voting period is complete, the winners and respective photographers' names are revealed and the #1 choice is displayed on the website's home page for a month. The top 10 images are projected at the next regular meeting. An image from the Landscape ICM (Intentional Camera Movement) theme:



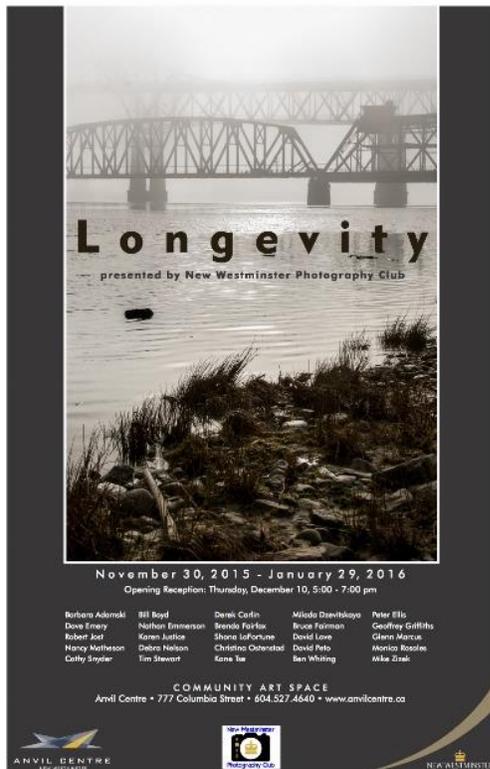
## Outings

- The club holds approximately 12 weekend outings a year; 2015 took us to some of the following venues and locales:
  - Granville Island, Vancouver Aquarium, Sun Yat-Sen Chinese Garden, O.W.L., BC Rail Museum and the Vancouver Halloween Parade.



## Speakers and Workshops

- **Programs** for NWPC meetings are designed to cover a variety of topics and techniques. Topics in 2015 included:
  - Street Photography
  - Abstracts and Photo Manipulation
  - Bird Photography
  - Long Exposure
  - Judging the Emotional Aspects of Photography
- We eagerly anticipate our upcoming exhibit in the **Community Art Space** at the **Anvil Centre**. Entitled **Longevity**, this diverse photographic display will run from **November 30, 2015 to January 29, 2016**, with an opening reception on **December 10<sup>th</sup>** from 5 to 7 pm.



**The New Westminister Photography Club** is a longstanding member of the **Arts Council of New Westminister**.