

New Westminster Photography Club *Report for Arts Council of New Westminster AGM ~ November 2016*

The **NWPC** has been a continuously active organization in this city for over 65 years. Our **mandate** states: "The **New Westminster 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 [film or digital] media."

The Club is open to all, regardless of skill level. Guests are always welcome and can drop in to any meeting. Though most members are local, the club is *not restricted* to those living in New Westminster. Our oldest participant (formerly of New West and a founding member) is now 91 years old and comes to club meetings from Maple Ridge.

Meetings are at **7:30 pm** on the **first and fourth Tuesday** of the month, from Sept to early June in Centennial Lodge at Queen's Park. For more info, contact karenjustice@shaw.ca and visit our website at nwphoto.org. The club is also active on Facebook & Twitter.

2016 Events & Activities: The NWPC holds both print & digital **in-house competitions**, informal events that provide club entrants with helpful feedback on their work. We also enter external competitions hosted by various photography-based organizations in the Lower Mainland, such as the **North Shore Challenge** (North Shore Photographic Society) and the **Invitational Black and White Print Competition** (Crescent Beach Photo Club). The Langley Camera Club's **Fraser Valley Invitational** took a hiatus in 2016, but returns next year with a digital, *Music*-themed competition that we look forward to participating in.

- The NWPC runs online **Themes** throughout the year, where members can anonymously submit up to 3 images to a currently open theme. All members are invited to comment constructively on the images, as well as vote for their top 3 favourites. The winning image is displayed on the NWPC home page for a month and the top 10 are projected at the next regular meeting. *Right:* an image from the 2016 *Glass* theme.
- **Monthly outings** in 2016 took us to various venues and locales, including Hastings Racecourse, Iona Beach, Steveston and Nitobe Memorial Garden.
- **Programs** at NWPC meetings cover a variety of subjects. Topics in 2016 included: Travel Photography, Use of Colour in Composition, Digital Storytelling and Photo Impressionism.



We look forward to continued creative and stimulating experiences in **2017**, in particular our exhibit in the Gallery at Queen's Park in July, entitled *This City, Our Way: New West through the Lens*.

New Westminster Photography Club is a proud member of the **Arts Council of New Westminster**. For more info, please contact the President at karenjustice@shaw.ca and visit our website at nwphoto.org