

Annual Report for the Arts Council of New Westminster November, 2021

The NWPC has been active in New Westminster for over 65 years. Our 40+ members come together to foster the art form and appreciation of photography through meetings, workshops, outings, competitions and more.

Our club is open to photographers of any skill level. Actual residence in New West is not required. We meet on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month from September through early June. For information, please contact info@nwphoto.org. Either the President, Glenn Marcus, or the Vice-President, Nancy Matheson, will get back to you ASAP. You can also visit our website at <https://nwphoto.org/>

2020-2021 Events and Activities: Of course, the recent year was unique; we learned to meet via Zoom, and for a time, all of our “gathering” was virtual. We enjoyed some excellent speakers, including **Rick Hulbert**, **Elizabeth Gray** and **Ian MacDonald**, as well as many interesting in-house presentations. Our virtual format allowed us to include members from quite far away.

Our usual monthly outings were disrupted by public health orders. However, when it was permitted, we have enjoyed a number of group outings, including treks to **UBC – An Empty Campus**, the **Brunette Fraser Regional Greenway**, and the **Lonsdale Quay and Northshore Walkway**. We also enjoyed exhibiting our images at **Art in the Park**, and at **Riverfest**.

The NWPC hosts online photo Themes throughout the year. Members submit images incognito to receive helpful feedback, and to participate in a little in-house competition. The top-10 images for each theme are shared at meetings, and can be found on the Club’s excellent website. Recent themes include: **Closeup**, **Smoke & Fog**, and **Weather**. While a number of external competitions were derailed, we did participate in the North Shore Challenge.

Early on in the pandemic we launched a Facebook presence to increase our ability to interact remotely. We have hosted two online challenges through the group, and are forming an active online community.



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