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#### **EDITOR'S NOTES**

Hello fellow Tygertogs,

While in the middle of putting together this month's newsletter, the clock has ticked over and all of a sudden we are into the second half of 2019! And after seeing this month's Set Subject challenge, sometimes I wish we could apply slow-shutter speed techniques to the days as they fly by!

This month's newsletter includes some new additions to the normal fare – there is a page entitled "Members in the news", which I hope will be ongoing – and it will be, just as long as there is good news! Next month, the section will focus on our latest member to reach "Master" status, and I hope to follow that up with some information on the other two members who already enjoy that honour.

My thanks to Trudi du Toit from the PSSA for the Member article this month. It is taken directly from the May edition of the PSSA Western Cape Newsletter. It features André Stipp, someone who has really embraced the love of photography and has grown unbelievably over the few years that he has been with TPS. An inspiration for all of us!

The other changes are these:

- at last month's Club meeting, a slide with some guidelines on how images are scored for judging purposes was presented. I have included these in this month's newsletter, plus added a link to what I think is a very well-thought out article on the subject. These notes will feature as an Addendum to future newsletter publications.
- Finally, where applicable, links to brochures on upcoming Salons have been included with the closing dates for entries. See page 19 for details.

Getting back to my comments in the first chapter – when you want to do something, the best time to do it is right there and then. We had our Salon last month, and I had every intention of supporting it, but am embarrassed to say that by the time I got around to doing it, I was away on holiday with appalling internet connections. So it never happened! My sincere apologies to all the folk who gave their time to organize and control the event – it's the first time since I joined over five years ago that I haven't participated in our salon, and should have supported you!

My thanks to Freda Marais, our June overall winner, for the details on her image. See page 9. The "How I got the shot" section (originally suggested by Erwin Kruger-Haye – thanks Erwin!) has been very popular with members, and hopefully future monthly winners will also be willing to share the information with the rest of us.

To end off this month, I would like to again thank all those of you who contribute to the newsletter, whether directly or indirectly. (Christo – really missed your photos this month, though I know you would have taken them if you could have!) And I ask again that if anyone has any suggestions or contributions for future editions, please contact me at <a href="editor@tygerphoto.co.za">editor@tygerphoto.co.za</a> – I would love to hear from you.

Till next month - Cheers!



# From the desk of the Chairman

So this month sees the finalising of our TPS salon, and HUGE thanks go to all involved! From the judges, to the organising, to the finances - but I have to mention the following people specifically: Martin Kleingeld, Francois du Bois, and Bennie Vivier - the enormous amount of work put in by you is truly valued and incredibly appreciated. We thank you!

To our members who assisted, judged and entered - thank you for your efforts! It is through such teamwork that our TPS flag is able to fly so high!

This month also sees the first half of 2019 done and dusted, so it is a good time to take stock and perhaps recalibrate one's goals. As far as our club strategy is concerned I think the committee has acquitted itself admirably in terms of making this year a one of learning and of growing our junior members. The outings/workshops have been held in line with our Learn & Share events, and based upon the feedback from quite a few members both have proved to be an enormous success.

We have also successfully hosted our salon and look forward to celebrating with you at the exhibition on Thursday 11th of July. This evening will be held in place of the July Learn & Share evening.

If you have any ideas or suggestions for our club, please do feel free to get in touch with me!

For the next half of 2019, give those salon entries a go.... you might do a "Wayne Weimann" and bag a medal on your first go!

So, from a beautiful sunset here on the banks of the Crocodile River in the Kruger Park..... chat soon and keep on clicking!



### **WINNING IMAGES- JUNE 2019**

Digital Set Subject and **OVERALL** Winner "Dune abstract" by Freda Marais



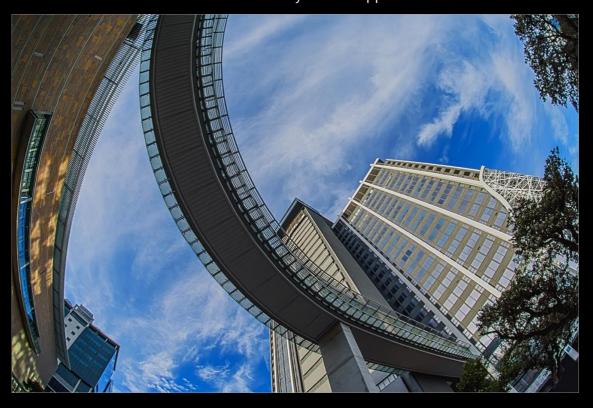
Digital Set Subject Runner-up

"Cement and steel spiral" by Gary Scholtz



## **WINNING IMAGES - JUNE 2019 (cont.)**

Digital Open Winner
"Cross over" by André Stipp



Digital Open Runner-up
"Beyond repair" by Hugo Coetzee



## **WINNING IMAGES JUNE 2019 (cont.)**

Print Set Subject Winner

"Baobab reflections" by Stephen Burgstahler



Print Set Subject Runner-up
"Off to the big wild world" by David Barnes



# **WINNING IMAGES JUNE 2019 (cont.)**

Print Open Winner
"The storm" by Gary Scholtz



Print Open Runner-up
"Running on water" by André Stipp



#### "HOW I GOT THE SHOT"

By Freda Marais

#### "Dunes abstract"

#### Camera and settings:

- Canon 70D with a Canon 70-300 f/4-5,6 IS II USM lens
- Pattern metering
- ISO 100
- Speed: 1/200 sec
- F Stop: 6,3
- Focal length: 165mm

The image was taken at the Sossusvlei dune area in Namibia, early morning, to catch the long dark shadows.

In post processing the contrast was increased and the orange of the dunes slightly enhanced. It was cropped from a slightly larger image with the "abstract" in mind, to focus on visual design elements, and then flipped upside down to increase the abstraction.

Ed's note: Here is the image again. Have a look at the innovative way in which it has been cropped. Definitely something to bear in mind as an option for presentation of future images.



### **MEMBER SUBMISSIONS JUNE 2019 – FINAL SCORES**

| Lastname                   | Firstname         | Club Star Rating | Category Name                       | Title                                | ScoreTotal | Awards       |
|----------------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------|--------------|
|                            |                   |                  | • ,                                 |                                      |            |              |
| Barnes                     | David             | 5<br>5           | Digital Open                        | Eyeliner                             | 24         | G<br>S       |
| Barnes<br>Barnes           | David<br>David    | 5                | Digital Open Digital - Set Subject  | Love You Tea Time                    | 22<br>23   | S S          |
| Barnes                     | David             | 5                | Prints - Set Subject                | Off to the big wide world            | 24         | G~2S         |
| Beyers                     | Johan             | Master           | Digital Open                        | Kogelbaai                            | 22         | S            |
| Beyers                     | Johan             | Master           | Digital Open                        | Yawning                              | 24         | S            |
| Beyers                     | Johan             | Master           | Digital - Set Subject               | Multiple colours                     | 22         | S            |
| Beyers                     | Neels             | Master           | Digital Open                        | Perskes                              | 22         | S            |
| Beyers                     | Neels             | Master           | Digital - Set Subject               | City in red                          | 22         | S            |
| Beyers                     | Neels             | Master           | Prints - Open                       | Kitesurfer leaving a wave            | 22         | S            |
| Bothma                     | Marius            | 3                | Digital Open                        | Under the Grand stand                | 22         | S            |
| Bothma                     | Marius            | 3                | Digital Open                        | The calm before the game             | 22         | S            |
| Bothma<br>Bothma           | Marius<br>Marius  | 3                | Digital - Set Subject               | Get on to the other side             | 20<br>22   | S<br>S       |
| Burgstahler                | Stephen           | 5                | Prints - Open Digital - Set Subject | Thirsty Elf Volcanic                 | 22         | S            |
| Burgstahler                | Stephen           | 5                | Prints - Open                       | Who Are You-1                        | 24         | G            |
| Burgstahler                | Stephen           | 5                | Prints - Open                       | Encouragement                        | 23         | S            |
| Burgstahler                | Stephen           | 5                | Prints - Set Subject                | Baobab Reflections                   | 24         | G~1S         |
| Bussiahn                   | Waldemar          | 2                | Digital Open                        | End of the day                       | 22         | G            |
| Bussiahn                   | Waldemar          | 2                | Digital - Set Subject               | Brokeness                            | 22         | G            |
| Coetzee                    | Hugo              | 3                | Digital Open                        | Polishing will not fix it.           | 21         | S            |
| Coetzee                    | Hugo              | 3                | Digital Open                        | Beyond Repair                        | 24         | G~20         |
| Coetzee                    | Hugo              | 3                | Digital - Set Subject               | SA Reserve Bank                      | 22         | S            |
| Donaldson                  | Karen             | 4                | Digital Open                        | Shapes in Architecture               | 22         | S            |
| Donaldson                  | Karen             | 4                | Digital Open                        | Together we stand                    | 22         | S            |
| Donaldson                  | Karen             | 4                | Digital - Set Subject               | Abstract patterns                    | 23         | S            |
| Donaldson                  | Karen             | 4                | Prints - Set Subject                | Colour and petals                    | 21         | S            |
| du Bois                    | Francois          | 5                | Digital Open                        | Cape Town Stadium                    | 21         | S            |
| du Bois                    | Francois          | 5                | Digital Open                        | Bateleur take off                    | 21         | S            |
| du Bois                    | Francois          | 5<br>5           | Digital - Set Subject               | The eye of the hurricane             | 21<br>24   | S<br>G       |
| du Bois<br>du Toit         | Francois<br>Nelis | 3                | Prints - Set Subject                | The shock wave Pillars and curves    | 24         | G            |
| du Toit                    | Nelis             | 3                | Digital Open Digital - Set Subject  | Memoirs of a tree                    | 23         | G            |
| Greeff                     | Johan             | 3                | Digital Open                        | Tiny Mushroom                        | 22         | S            |
| Greeff                     | Johan             | 3                | Digital Open                        | Facing the sun                       | 21         | S            |
| Greeff                     | Johan             | 3                | Digital - Set Subject               | Trawler and Harbour lights1          | 22         | S            |
| Jones                      | Alta              | 3                | Digital Open                        | The Art Lies In The Old Border Fence | 22         | S            |
| Jones                      | Alta              | 3                | Digital - Set Subject               | The Magic Tea Pot                    | 21         | S            |
| Jones                      | Alta              | 3                | Prints - Open                       | Peonies                              | 22         | S            |
| Jones                      | Alta              | 3                | Prints - Set Subject                | Head Of Roses                        | 20         | S            |
| Jones                      | Richard           | 3                | Digital Open                        | The moon remains a puzzle            | 21         | S            |
| Jones                      | Richard           | 3                | Digital - Set Subject               | The man in the moon is a myth        | 22         | S            |
| Jones                      | Richard           | 3                | Prints - Set Subject                | Teaching penguins to fly             | 22         | S            |
| Kruger-Haye                | Erwin             | 4                | Digital Open                        | The Lansdcape Photographer           | 22         | S            |
| Kruger-Haye                | Erwin             | 4                | Digital Open                        | Fresh from a dive                    | 22         | S            |
| Kruger-Haye                | Erwin             | 4                | Digital - Set Subject               | Cricket                              | 21         | S            |
| Kruger-Haye<br>Kruger-Haye | Erwin<br>Lynne    | 5                | Prints - Open Digital Open          | Nossob Sunrise Wilmarie Mono         | 20<br>23   | S<br>S       |
| Kruger-Haye                | Lynne             | 5                | Digital - Set Subject               | Broken                               | 24         | G            |
| la Grange                  | Christo           | 5                | Digital Open                        | Dandelion Reflections                | 22         | S            |
| la Grange                  | Christo           | 5                | Digital - Set Subject               | Resurrection                         | 22         | S            |
| la Grange                  | Christo           | 5                | Prints - Open                       | Withered Dandelion                   | 22         | S            |
| la Grange                  | Christo           | 5                | Prints - Set Subject                | Ballerina in the Woods               | 24         | G            |
| La Grange                  | Marleen           | 5                | Digital Open                        | Strand building mandala              | 23         | S            |
| La Grange                  | Marleen           | 5                | Digital - Set Subject               | Tears of the past                    | 22         | S            |
| La Grange                  | Marleen           | 5                | Prints - Open                       | Trans Agulhas 2019                   | 24         | G            |
| La Grange                  | Marleen           | 5                | Prints - Set Subject                | Do not be afraid of the snow wolf    | 22         | S            |
| Labuschagne                | Desmond           | 5                | Digital Open                        | Hout Bay Harbour                     | 22         | S            |
| Labuschagne                | Desmond           | 5                | Digital Open                        | The End of the Day                   | 22         | S            |
| Labuschagne                | Desmond           | 5<br>5           | Digital - Set Subject               | Abstract Architecture                | 24<br>24   | G<br>G       |
| Labuschagne<br>Marais      | Desmond<br>Freda  | 1                | Prints - Open Digital Open          | Cattle Egret Glass Curves            | 22         | G            |
| Marais                     | Freda             | 1                | Digital Open                        | Kaas en wyn                          | 22         | G            |
| Marais                     | Freda             | 1                | Digital - Set Subject               | Dune Abstract                        | 25         | G~1S~Overall |
| Marais                     | Jan               | 5                | Digital Open                        | Guitar Woman                         | 23         | S            |
| Marais                     | Jan               | 5                | Digital Open                        | KWV 10                               | 22         | S            |
| Marais                     | Jan               | 5                | Digital - Set Subject               | Wildegans vlekveer                   | 22         | S            |
| Minter                     | Rob               | 5                | Prints - Open                       | Waterblommetjies                     | 24         | G            |
| Minter                     | Rob               | 5                | Prints - Open                       | Pure elegance                        | 22         | S            |
| Minter                     | Rob               | 5                | Prints - Set Subject                | lkea lily                            | 19         | В            |
| Nel                        | JP (Ohna)         | 1                | Digital Open                        | Footprints in the sand               | 20         | G            |
| Nel                        | JP (Ohna)         | 1                | Digital Open                        | Suzys Portrait                       | 20         | G            |
| Nel                        | JP (Ohna)         | 1                | Digital - Set Subject               | Shades of Green                      | 21         | G            |
| Nel                        | JP (Ohna)         | 1                | Prints - Open                       | Droplets world                       | 20         | G            |
| Nel                        | Ronel             | 3                | Digital Open                        | Preekstoel                           | 20         | S            |

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| Lastname         | Firstname | Club Star Rating | Category Name                      | Title                                    | ScoreTotal | Awards |
|------------------|-----------|------------------|------------------------------------|--|------------|--------|
| Nel              | Ronel     | 3                | Digital Open                       | Butterfly                                | 20         | S      |
| Nel              | Ronel     | 3                | Digital - Set Subject              | Redpoppy time in UK                      | 22         | S      |
| Pentz            | Marc      | 2                | Digital Open                       | I am out of here                         | 20         | S      |
| Pentz            | Marc      | 2                | Digital Open                       | Cooling down                             | 22         | G      |
| Pentz            | Marc      | 2                | Digital - Set Subject              | Penguin Foot prints                      | 22         | G      |
| Read             | John      | 3                | Digital Open                       | Jumping Spider                           | 22         | S      |
| Read             | John      | 3                | Digital Open                       | Nose Fly                                 | 22         | S      |
| Read             | John      | 3                | Digital - Set Subject              | Star Seeds                               | 22         | S      |
| Rossouw          | Daniel    | 4                | Digital Open                       | Powerlines                               | 21         | S      |
| Rossouw          | Daniel    | 4                | Digital Open                       | Dizzy looking up                         | 21         | S      |
| Scholtz          | Gary      | 3                | Digital Open                       | City Sunrise                             | 23         | G      |
| Scholtz          | Gary      | 3                | Digital - Set Subject              | Cement and steel spiral                  | 24         | G~2S   |
| Scholtz          | Gary      | 3                | Prints - Open                      | The storm                                | 24         | G~10   |
| Scholtz          | Gary      | 3                | Prints - Set Subject               | My City abstract                         | 22         | S      |
| Seket            | Erik      | 4                | Digital Open                       | Golden Eagle                             | 24         | G      |
| Seket            | Erik      | 4                | Digital Open                       | Loosening up                             | 20         | S      |
| Stals            | Anette    | 1                | Digital Open                       | Misty Morning                            | 22         | G      |
| Stals            | Anette    | 1                | Digital Open                       | Go Girl                                  | 22         | G      |
| Stipp            | Andre     | 5                | Digital Open                       | Cross Over                               | 24         | G~10   |
| Stipp            | Andre     | 5                | Digital Open                       | Natures Puzzle                           | 24         | G      |
| Stipp            | Andre     | 5                | Digital - Set Subject              | Face to Face                             | 20         | S      |
| Stipp            | Andre     | 5                | Prints - Open                      | Running on Water                         | 24         | G~20   |
| Stipp            | Leney     | 3                | Digital Open                       | Flamingo                                 | 22         | S      |
| Stipp            | Leney     | 3                | Digital Open                       | No 3321                                  | 22         | S      |
| Stipp            | Leney     | 3                | Digital - Set Subject              | Circle of colors                         | 22         | S      |
| Stipp            | Leney     | 3                | Prints - Open                      | Peaceful Flamingo                        | 22         | S      |
| Van Wyk          | Johan     | 3                | Digital Open                       | Dropped Catch 2                          | 22         | S      |
| Van Wyk          | Johan     | 3                | Digital - Set Subject              | Tangled Forest                           | 20         | S      |
| Van Wyk          | Johan     | 3                | Prints - Open                      | Colours Of Devotion 2                    | 23         | G      |
| Van Wyk          | Johan     | 3                | Prints - Set Subject               | Suburban Train                           | 22         | S      |
| Venter           | Coert     | 3                | Digital - Set Subject              | My Wall                                  | 22         | S      |
| Venter           | Coert     | 3                | Prints - Open                      | Extraterestrial                          | 23         | G      |
| Venter           | Coert     | 3                | Prints - Open                      | Octagenarian                             | 22         | S      |
| Venter           | Coert     | 3                | Prints - Set Subject               | Unmasked                                 | 22         | S      |
| Venter           | Isak      | 3                | Digital Open                       | Wheely                                   | 21         | S      |
| Venter           | Isak      | 3                | Digital Open                       | G force                                  | 20         | S      |
| Venter           | Isak      | 3                | Digital - Set Subject              | Blurred Vision                           | 22         | S      |
| Venter           | Isak      | 3                | Prints - Set Subject               | Upside down                              | 22         | S      |
| Visser           | Mariana   | 4                | Digital Open                       | Imagine                                  | 23         | S      |
|                  | Mariana   | 4                | · ·                                | Ĭ.                                       | 22         | S      |
| Visser<br>Visser | Mariana   | 4                | Digital Open Digital - Set Subject | Glasball abstract Argitektoniese abstrak | 22         | S      |
| Visser           | Mariana   | 4                | Prints - Set Subject               | Katelin in abstract                      | 23         | S      |
| Vivier           | Bennie    | 5                | Digital Open                       | Skud die stof af                         | 23         | S      |
| Vivier           | Bennie    | 5                | Digital Open                       | I am wet and the dove got away           | 23         | S      |
| West             | Michael   | 2                | Digital Open                       | Thirsty Bush Buck in Etosha              | 20         | S      |
| West             | Michael   | 2                | Digital Open                       | Effects of drought in Namibia            | 21         | S      |
| West             | Michael   | 2                | Digital Open Digital - Set Subject | Crazy canal waterfall                    | 22         | G      |
| Wyeth            | Clifford  | Master           | Digital - Set Subject              | Early morning                            | 22         | S      |
| Wyeth            | Clifford  | Master           | Prints - Open                      | Nature creeping up                       | 22         | S      |
| Wyeth            | Clifford  | Master           | ·                                  | Information stand                        | 22         | S      |
|                  | Clifford  | Master           | Prints - Open Prints - Set Subject | Christchurch                             | 20         | S      |
| Wyeth            | Cilliolu  | ividStel         | r mits - set subject               | CHIBCHUTCH                               | 20         | 3      |

#### **SCORES COMMENTARY**

- In total, 126 images were judged during the evening. Of those,
  - o 37 (29%) received Gold awards,
  - o 88 (70%) received Silver awards, and
  - o 1 (1%) received a Bronze award.
- Of all the images submitted, only one (the overall winner) received more than 24 points!
- The judges for the evening were Antenie Carstens and our very own Joe Inns. Our sincere thanks to them both for their time, expertise, and valuable feedback.

#### **SCORES COMMENTARY (cont.)**

| IMAGE SCORING GUIDELINES (points out of 30)  |  |  |  |  |  |
|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| POOR (0 – 15)  | FAIR (16 – 20)   |  |  |  |  |
| Not in focus (unless on purpose)  Exposure issues (over / under)  Does not fit Set Subject rules  Just a snapshot  No impact | Basic techniques correct  Light / colour well-handled  Average composition  Little impact                                |  |  |  |  |
| GOOD (21 – 26)   | WOW (27 – 30)  |  |  |  |  |
| Techniques correct  Good composition  Well processed  Well presented  Has impact   | Brilliant quality  Great technically  Excellent composition  Draws one in / tells a story  An image to own  Great impact |  |  |  |  |

• Please note that the above is a general guide only, and the list is not exhaustive. For further reading on the subject, please have a look at the following link:

MKD Criteria for judging a photo contest

• It is also important to note that some judges will value some of these areas more than others. We are all different in our approach to photography, and as a result we are all different in what we value in a photograph.

#### **SALON ACCEPTANCES – MAY 2019**

#### Salons entered:

Brandpunt; 15th Up & Coming; TPS; Sandton; Vigex Print Salon; Malmo-Sweden; Exhibition Vision; Vila Almenaro; Quillat; Apollon.

|                     | National      |            |                         | International |                 |             |                 |
|---------------------|---------------|------------|-------------------------|---------------|-----------------|-------------|-----------------|
| Members             | Sum of<br>Acc | Sum of COM | Sum of<br>Runner-<br>Up | Sum of<br>1st | Sum of<br>Acc-2 | Sum of COM2 | Sum of<br>Medal |
| Alida Heine         | 4             |            |                         |               |                 |             |                 |
| Alta Jones          | 2             |            |                         |               |                 |             |                 |
| Andre Stipp         | 12            | 2          |                         |               |                 |             |                 |
| Barbara van Eeden   | 3             |            |                         |               |                 |             |                 |
| Carolyn Kewley      | 4             |            |                         |               |                 |             |                 |
| Christo la Grange   | 17            | 3          | 1                       |               | 10              | 2           |                 |
| Clifford Wyeth      | 4             |            |                         |               |                 |             |                 |
| Coert Venter        | 5             |            |                         |               |                 |             |                 |
| David Barnes        | 3             |            |                         |               |                 |             |                 |
| Desmond Labuschagne | 13            | 1          |                         |               |                 |             |                 |
| Erik Seket          | 7             |            |                         |               |                 |             |                 |
| Erwin Kruger-Haye   | 9             | 2          |                         |               |                 |             |                 |
| Francois du Bois    | 4             |            |                         |               |                 |             |                 |
| Freda Marais        | 2             |            |                         |               |                 |             |                 |
| Gary Scholtz        | 10            | 2          |                         |               |                 |             |                 |
| Isak Venter         | 3             |            |                         |               |                 |             |                 |
| Jan Marais          | 12            | 1          |                         |               |                 |             |                 |
| Johan van Wyk       | 15            | 1          |                         | 1             |                 |             |                 |
| Kerryann Collier    | 2             |            |                         |               |                 |             |                 |
| Lynne Kruger-Haye   | 8             | 7          |                         | 1             |                 |             |                 |
| Mariana Visser      | 3             |            |                         |               |                 |             |                 |
| Marleen la Grange   | 17            | 1          |                         |               | 11              | 2           |                 |
| Monique Jones       | 1             |            |                         |               |                 |             |                 |
| Neels Beyers        | 10            |            |                         |               |                 |             |                 |
| Ohna Nel            | 7             |            |                         |               |                 |             |                 |
| Richard Jones       | 1             |            |                         |               |                 |             |                 |
| Robert Johnson      | 5             |            |                         |               |                 |             |                 |
| Stephen Burgstahler | 5             |            |                         |               | 8               |             | 1               |
| Grand Total         | 188           | 20         | 1                       | 2             | 29              | 4           | 1               |

#### **COMMENTS ON SALONS**

By Christo la Grange

We at TPS are all used to our enthusiastic Club members achieving Salon Acceptances. To receive 100 acceptances per month is quite average for us, but to put it in perspective, most Clubs are very proud to receive 10 per month.

This month we received no less than 188 National Acceptances.....an outstanding achievement!!

On top of that we must add 20 COMs, plus 1 Runner-up and 2 Silver PSSA Medals as well!! What helped was the fact that we at TPS hosted our own Salon and no less than 23 members received acceptances!

The Salons of Brandpunt, Sandton and the Junior Competition were also major contributors.

It is also worth mentioning that 3 of our members also did very well with their International entries and received 29 Acceptances, plus 4 COM's and a Medal as well.

It all boils down to the fact that TPS has an abundance of photographic talent! We can be very proud of our Club's achievements.

It was also quite exciting to see the names of some of our members for the 1<sup>st</sup> time on the list of Acceptances, e.g. Alida Heine, Alta Jones, Monique Jones, and Ohna Nel.

All of us can probably still remember the extreme excitement after our 1<sup>st</sup> Salon Acceptance. Congratulations to all of you!

Regards, Christo la Grange

Ed's note 1: I have received a request from Phillip de Lange, the Competition Co-ordinator for the WESTERN CAPE Junior & Youth COMPETITION 2019, encouraging any member who is 3-star or less to enter the competition. Entry is FREE! And a great way to start on the road to salon entries! We have a number of members who would qualify and stand a great chance of getting acceptances. Closing date for entries is 27 July. Brochure here.

Ed's note 2: My thanks to all members who have agreed to share their award-winning images with the rest of us. These follow on the next two pages.



#### **AWARD-WINNING IMAGES FROM THE SALONS**

"No jokes" by Stephen Burgstahler



This won a VAPS Gold Medal (Third place) in the VIGEX International Photographic Print Salon (Australia).

The category was: Differences in Society

"Kite fishing" by Johan van Wyk



# **AWARD-WINNING IMAGES FROM THE SALONS (Cont.)**

"Into the underworld" by Lynne Kruger-Haye



"Lilly pride" by Christo la Grange



#### **FEEDBACK ON JUNE ACTIVITIES**

#### **LEARN AND SHARE (André Stipp)**



#### **Thursday 13 June**

We had about 20 people who attended the meeting. They braved the cold and we had a very successful evening. Some of the folk present were very experienced in this topic (bulb, long/slow shutter speed photography) and shared their knowledge.

We all walked away wiser.

Regards, André

#### **MONTHLY OUTING (Des Labuschagne)**



#### Wednesday 19 June

Unfortunately, due to bad weather and a lack of positive response from members, the evening was cancelled.

All the best, Des.

ED's note: These two guys put in a great deal of effort to help members expand their knowledge and expertise. So it's





#### **BEST BEGINNER**

JP (Ohna) Nel





#### **PSSA AWARDS**

Stephen Burgstahler – DPSSA Clifford Wyeth - DPSSA

#### **VISITORS AT OUR JUNE MEETING**

Peter Hardcastle (Swartland Photographic)



July Birthdays

Karen Donaldson Doug Gildenhuys Joe Inns Alta Jones Congratulations!

#### **DATES TO DIARISE**

#### TPS - July

- NB: No L&S meeting this month
- 11 TPS Salon meeting
- 16 Committee meeting
  - Club outing (evening event) to be advised via email
- 19 Closing date for Photovault submissions
- 24 Club monthly meeting

#### Other - July

- O5 Closing date for Worcester 1<sup>st</sup> Salon. Brochure available <u>here</u>
- 12-13 Astro photography workshop in the Cederberg with Juan Venter see email from Lynne
- 20 Closing date for Pretoria 3<sup>rd</sup> Salon. Brochure available here
- 27 Closing date for WC Junior and Youth Salon. Brochure available <a href="here">here</a>
- 29 Closing date for Photo Society of America Portfolio Distinctions

#### Other - August

- 03 On the rocks 1<sup>st</sup> National Salon. Brochure available <u>here</u>
- 10 PSSA National AV Salon. Brochure available here
- 17 6<sup>th</sup> Vereeniging Photo Society Salon. Brochure available <u>here</u>
- 31 Krugersdorp Salon. Brochure available <u>here</u>

#### **SET SUBJECT – JULY 2019**

#### LONG EXPOSURE / SLOW SHUTTER SPEED

ONLY IMAGES TAKEN FROM 01/10/2018 ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THE SET SUBJECT ENTRIES. SEE ALSO MANIPULATION DEFINITION AND PSSA ETHICS STATEMENTS IN THE ADDENDUM.

Long-exposure, time-exposure, or slow-shutter speed photography involves using a long-duration shutter speed to sharply capture the stationary elements of images while blurring, smearing, or obscuring the moving elements.

**Long exposure photography** is when we are using a much **longer** shutter speed, and it's usually used as a specific technique to achieve a certain effect.

There's no **defined** transition point at which a shutter speed becomes slow enough to **define** your shooting as '**long exposure photography**'.

#### INSPIRATIONS FOR THIS MONTH'S SET SUBJECT

Photo examples

Something different

**Stars** 

<u>Light-stalking – various articles</u>

#### **LEARN AND SHARE – JULY 2019**

Unfortunately, there will not be a Learn & Share session this month due to the fact that our exhibition evening for our recent Salon is taking place on the second Thursday of the month.

Cheers, Andrè.

Ed's note: Herewith a copy of Lynne's email regarding the evening:

You are invited!!!

Please do join us for Soup & Sherry, in the celebration of all the accepted, Certificate of Merit awarded, and winning images of our salon.

When: Thursday 11th of July at 7pm

Where: the Church Hall at the All Saints Anglican Church, Baxter Road, Durbanville

Please do RSVP for catering purposes to Karen Donaldson on 083 342 7270 or email to me at <a href="mailto:lynnekhphoto@gmail.com">lynnekhphoto@gmail.com</a>

We look forward to celebrating with you!

Kind regards,

Lynne

#### **OUTING – JULY 2019**

Details to follow via email, but the Outing will focus on long exposure / slow shutter speed photography.

Regards,

Des.

#### MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

This was an article in the May edition of the PSSA Western Cape Newsletter: My thanks again to Trudi du Toit for allowing me to re-publish it here.

#### Andre Stipp (LPSSA) is a fast learner

In just five years after he decided to learn more about photography, Andre Stipp of Tygerberg Photographic Society has become a passionate and dedicated amateur photographer who is making a name for himself locally and internationally. He also recently earned LPSSA Colour Honours.

"At the end of 2014 I decided that I wanted to learn more about photography," he says. He met Desmond Labuschagne, a 5-Star member from Tygerberg Photographic Society (TPS), in January of the next year and under Desmond's capable mentorship and



tutelage he started learning about photography. He also followed his advice to buy a Nikon 07100 and Photoshop. They spent many evenings together, working on images.

"He (Desmond) introduced me to TPS and I joined immediately. With members like Christo and Marleen Ia Grange, Clifford Wyeth and Bennie Vivier, I felt quite intimidated, but they also inspired me."

He has been a TPS member for more than four years and is currently a committee member responsible for education. It took him just over three years to be promoted to 5-Star level.

Andre joined PSSA in 2018 and in June entered his first panel for LPSSA (only PSSA members may apply for honours). "I got eight credits and was a bit upset – little realising how tough it really is to submit a panel where all the images are accepted." (You need 10 credits for an LPSSA panel)

But, his second attempt in January this year was successful, and he can now proudly write the title LPSSA behind his name.

He is also attending the current JAP course. "The whole idea is to arm myself with as much information as possible which will, of course, benefit my own photography," says Andre. "I am inclined to be analytical and I must therefore work hard on the creative aspects of photography."

And from the article "WC members excel in PSSA competitions and salons" in the same newsletter:

Furthermore, two images by Andre Stipp from Tygerberg Photographic Society had been among the entries selected from the PSSA National Salon as well as from Honours entries to represent PSSA in the FIAP Colour Biennial – the theme being Slow Shutter Speed Seascapes. Andre's images Riptide and Long Beach had been selected.

Well done André!





### **PSSA ARCHIVES**

A request from Antenie Carstens – the Director in charge of PSSA Archives. He is looking for any of our Congress photos from over the years, digital format or prints as he is collating them into PSSA Archives. Please contact Antenie by email <a href="mailto:antenie@adept.co.za">antenie@adept.co.za</a> or by cellphone on 0733037125 to assist where you can.

### PSSA HONOURS INTEREST GROUP

This group was formed by Antenie Carstens via the Western Cape Photographic Forum.

There are about 20 attendees who meet bi-monthly in the same venue as the JAP Students in Pinelands.

Successful and unsuccessful panels are presented to the group, and Antenie (who is a PSSA Panel judge for Honours himself) helps in the discussion with the decision making process.

Any member of any club in the WC can attend and even non-PSSA members are welcome (Although if you want to submit a panel, you must be a PSSA member).

Quite a few of the members of TPS already belong to this Interest Group, so if you feel you would like to join, please contact Christo la Grange for details.

#### **THANK YOU!**

Our thanks and gratitude to the **All Saints Anglican Church** for the privilege of using their venue, and especially to **Pam Davies**, for always being willing to unlock and assist.

A special thank you to **Barbara Van Eeden** and **Gerda Kleingeld**, ably assisted by **Gary Scholtz**, for looking after us last month with the tea, coffee, and refreshments. Stars one and all!

And as always, we would like to take this opportunity to thank our generous sponsors for their assistance in making our club so successful.



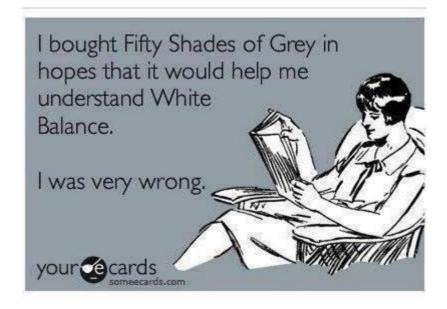
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#### **MONTHLY CHUCKLE**





#### **APPENDIX I**

#### **MANIPULATION DEFINITION**

Manipulation shall constitute any or all of the following modifications to the original image:

- Adding an element to the image that was not contained in the original capture;
- Removing an element from the image that was contained in the original capture;
- Moving or repositioning an element of the image that was contained in the original capture.

In the categories Nature and Photojournalism, manipulation is not allowed. In Open there is no restriction whatsoever in the way authors choose to post process an image.

The following actions are allowed and are NOT seen as manipulation:

- Cropping
- Correction of lens distortion, chromatic aberrations, purple fringing, lens vignette and vertical/horizontal perspective adjustments;
- Removal of dust spots or scratch marks from sensor or scanned images;
- The blending of different exposures of the same scene to broaden the dynamic range e.g. High Dynamic Range (HDR);
- Photo stacking to overcome the limitations of the digital sensor heat artefacts in long exposures.
- Focus stacking to widen the depth of field especially in Macro photography. In the case of Nature and Wildlife, HDR and focus stacking will not be considered as manipulation and may be used provided that the end result is a faithful representation of the original scene.

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Please note: HDR and Focus stacking are not allowed in Photojournalism and Street Photography.

#### **APPENDIX II**

#### **PSSA ETHICS STATEMENT**

- 1. A member of the Photographic Society of South Africa shall act in accordance with all PSSA policies.
- 2. A member shall be honest in performing and reporting services to the Society.
- 3. A member shall be ethical in making and presenting photographic images.
- 4. All members shall practice the Society's Code of Ethics for Nature Photography and apply the same principles to all genres of photography.
- 5. Images submitted for competitions shall originate as photographs by the entrant on photographic emulsion or acquired digitally.
- 6. The original image and all elements therein must have been taken by the photographer, whatever photographic medium is used. All actions in reaching the final presentation must be made by the photographer with the exclusion of film processing, unmanipulated commercial scanning and printing.
- 7. No images or parts of images downloaded from the internet or copied from any source whatsoever, may be used in work entered in any PSSA event, including any salon or honours application.
- 8. Each Image must have a unique title and this title may not be subsequently changed. Once an image has been accepted in a PSSA event, that same image or a like "in camera", or a "reproduction" duplicate of that image, may not be retitled for entry in any other PSSA event.
- 9. An image may only be used once in a particular salon, panel or competition, irrespective of the category, or of the image being in colour or monochrome. No similar images may be used. The same image may be entered in other salons and on any salon where it was not previously accepted.
- 10. PSSA will apply a limit on total acceptances per image as defined in the respective Impala and Diamond Rating rules.
- 11. Images submitted in Club competitions, workshops and the like shall follow these standards.
- 12. Information included in honours and awards applications shall be exact and true.
- 13. By virtue of submitting an entry, the photographer certifies the work as his/her own.
- 14. Material submitted for possible publication in PSSA publications and/or the PSSA website shall be solely the work of the author(s) and any quotations or input from other material or collaborator(s) shall be carefully cited and appropriate credit given for all contributions used. The author is responsible to obtain permission to use copyrighted material.
- 15. Members not in compliance with this ethics statement will be subject to appropriate sanctions by the Board which could include loss of membership and/or awards and honours.

#### **APPENDIX III**

#### **COMMON ABBREVIATIONS**

APS Australian Photographic Society

APSSA Associate of the PSSA

CAPA Canadian Association of Art Photographers

CPA Chinese Photographers Association

DPSSA Diamond Award from the PSSA

EPSSA Expert of the PSSA

FIAP The International Federation of Photographic Art

FPSSA Fellow of the PSSA

JAP Judging Accreditation Program

L&S Learn and share

LPSSA Licentiate of the PSSA

MPSSA Master of the PSSA

PSA The Photographic Society of America

PSSA The Photographic Society of South Africa

RPS The Royal Photographic Society of Great Britain

TPS Tygerberg Photographic Society

WCPF Western Cape Photographic Forum

PSSA Website <a href="http://www.pssa.co.za/">http://www.pssa.co.za/</a>

TPS Facebook page <a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/309565272571054/">https://www.facebook.com/groups/309565272571054/</a>

TPS Website <a href="https://www.tygerphoto.co.za/">https://www.tygerphoto.co.za/</a>

WCPF Facebook Page <u>Click here</u>

#### **APPENDIX IV**

#### **SET SUBJECTS – 2019**

#### ONLY IMAGES TAKEN FROM 01/10/2018 ARE ELIGIBLE.

#### JANUARY LOW LIGHT / NIGHT PHOTOGRAPHY

Low light photography means long shutter speeds which translates to necessary camera support to get sharp images. Tripods, window mounts, beanbags or other means of stabilizing the camera and lens during the exposure is necessary.

*Night photography* (also called *night-time photography*) refers to the activity of capturing images outdoors at night, between dusk and dawn.

# FEBRUARY STILL LIFE / TABLETOP

Still life photography is a genre of photography used for the depiction of inanimate subject matter, typically a small group of objects. It is the application of photography to the still life artistic style.

Tabletop photography is a branch of *still life photography* that focuses on capturing items that can be placed on a *table*. The most common photographic subjects of this genre are food photography and product photography, i.e. photographing a product for commercial purposes.

# MARCH NATURE / WILDLIFE

Nature photography is restricted to the use of the photographic process to depict all branches of natural history, except anthropology and archaeology, in such a fashion that a well-informed person will be able to identify the subject material and certify its honest presentation. The story telling value of a photograph must be weighed more than the pictorial quality while maintaining high technical quality. Human elements shall not be present, except where those human elements are integral parts of the nature story such as nature subjects like barn owls or storks, adapted to an environment modified by humans, or where those human elements are in situations depicting natural forces like hurricanes or tidal waves. Scientific bands, scientific tags or radio collars on wild animals are permissible.

Photographs of artificially created hybrid plants, cultivated plants, feral animals, domestic animals, obviously set arrangements, mounted specimens including insects or animals doped or killed for macro (or any other type of photography), are ineligible, as is any form of manipulation that alters the truth of the photographic statement. Any action which causes harm, no matter how unintentional it may be, is not acceptable. The use of live bait and actions such as chilling, freezing, spinning or light anaesthesia of any creature is unethical and therefore not acceptable.

No techniques that add, relocate, replace, or remove pictorial elements except by cropping are permitted. Techniques that enhance the presentation of the photograph without changing the nature story or the pictorial content, or without altering the content of the original scene, are permitted including HDR, focus stacking and dodging/burning. All allowed adjustments must appear natural. Colour images can be converted to greyscale/monochrome. Stitched images are not permitted. Infrared images, either direct-captures or derivations, are not allowed.

Images used in *Nature Photography* competitions may be divided in two classes: *Nature* and *Wildlife*. Images entered in Nature sections meeting the Nature Photography Definition above can have landscapes, geologic formations, weather phenomena and extant organisms as the primary subject matter. This includes images taken with the subjects in controlled conditions, such as zoos, game farms, botanical gardens, non-natural macro setup, aquariums and any enclosure where the subjects are totally dependent on man for food.

Images entered in *Wildlife* sections meeting the Nature Photography Definition above are *further defined* as one or more extant zoological or botanical organisms living free and unrestrained in a natural or adopted habitat. Landscapes, geologic formations, photographs of zoo or game farm animals, or of any extant zoological or botanical species taken under controlled conditions are *not eligible in Wildlife sections*. Wildlife is not limited to animals, birds and insects. Marine subjects and botanical subjects (including fungi and algae) taken in the wild are suitable wildlife subjects, as are carcasses of extant species. *Wildlife* images may be entered in *Nature* sections of salons and exhibitions.

# APRIL STORY TELLING / STREET PHOTOGRAPHY

Stories are integral to human culture and *storytelling* is timeless. In photographic practice, visual *storytelling* is often called a 'photo essay' or 'photo story'. The phrase 'a picture is worth a thousand words' itself justifies the art of visual storytelling, however this doesn't mean all photographs narrate a story.

Street photography is a genre of photography that features subjects in candid situations within public places and does not necessitate the presence of a street or even the urban environment. Street photography records scenes in public places that have not been posed. The primary subject is people and/or symbols of people, at rest or in motion, alone or with others, going about their everyday activities.

Manipulation should be confined to colour correction and judicial cropping.

#### MAY BLACK AND WHITE (MONOTONE) / DUOTONE

Monochrome – manipulation allowed Monochrome is a black and white image. A black and white work fitting from the very dark grey (black) to the very clear grey (white) is a monochrome work with the various shades of grey. A black and white work toned entirely in a single colour will remain a monochrome work able to stand in the black and white category. A black and white work modified by a partial toning or by the addition of one colour becomes a colour work (polychrome) to stand in the colour category.

By *definition*, Wikipedia describes *duotone* as: a halftone reproduction of an image using the superimposition of one contrasting colour halftone (traditionally black) over another colour halftone. This is most often used to bring out middle tones and highlights of an image.

# JUNE ALTERED REALITY / ABSTRACT

Abstract photography is an exercise in composition for the sake of art. The real identity of the abstractionist's subject is not important, and the result is not intended to be anything.

Altered Reality is an image created by altering reality in an obvious manner, created digitally or in camera. The intention is the creation of an image that conveys a feeling or message or tells a story. Creative or Visual Art Creative photography is a means of expression and a way for the author to make a personal photographic statement. These images should go beyond the straightforward pictorial rendering of a scene. The image does not have to employ derivative or manipulative techniques to be Creative or Visual Art. However, all work should be that of the author and not copied or derived from elsewhere.

# JULY LONG EXPOSURE / SLOW SHUTTER SPEED

Long-exposure, time-exposure, or slow-shutter speed photography involves using a long-duration shutter speed to sharply capture the stationary elements of images while blurring, smearing, or obscuring the moving elements. Long exposure photography is when we are using a much longer shutter speed, and it's usually used as a specific technique to achieve a certain effect. There's no defined transition point at which a shutter speed becomes slow enough to define your shooting as 'long exposure photography'.

#### AUGUST SCAPES

Manipulation is allowed. Scapes is a genre intended to show different spaces within the world, usually vast and unending. A landscape comprises the visible features of an area and physical elements such as landforms, water, living elements of flora and fauna and abstract elements like lightning and weather conditions. It could be pure nature or include man and/or beast. Scapes (Urban and/or Rural) is a term that covers the depiction of scenery such as mountains, valleys, trees, rivers, forests, sea, cities etc. where the main subject is a wide view with its elements arranged into a coherent composition. A horizon often (but not necessarily) forms part of a "scape".

Scapes may be natural or man-made. Derived terms include: • Cityscape • Seascape • Nightscape • Snowscape • Streetscape • Urban scape • Sandscape

#### **SEPTEMBER**

#### SPORT / SPORT ACTION / PHOTO JOURNALISM

Sports Photography covers any aspect of a sporting event. Images must depict an active pastime or recreation involving physical exertion and/or skill that is governed by a set of rules or customs and often of a competitive nature. Images in this section could include the spectators or judge or umpire in a sporting event.

Sports Action Photography is similar to Sport Photography, but should show sports people in action. Images must depict an active pastime or recreation involving physical exertion and/or skill that is governed by a set of rules or customs and often of a competitive nature. The level of sport can range from children playing a sport to the Olympic Games.

Photojournalism (PJ) – manipulation is not allowed. PSA definition of PJ: "Photojournalism entries shall consist of images with informative content and emotional impact, reflecting the human presence in our world. The journalistic (story-telling) value of the image shall receive priority over pictorial quality. In the interest of credibility, images that misrepresent the truth, such as those from events or activities specifically arranged for photography or of subjects directed or hired for photography, are not eligible. Techniques that add, relocate, replace or remove any element of the original image, except by cropping, are not permitted. The only allowable modifications are removal of dust, scratches or digital noise, restoration of the existing appearance of the original scene, sharpening that is not obvious, and conversion to greyscale monochrome. Derivations, including infrared, are not eligible."

# OCTOBER SEASONS

*Manipulation is allowed.* This theme is the opportunity to showcase images that clearly depict any of the *four seasons,* i.e. Winter, Summer, Autumn and Spring.

# NOVEMBER MACRO / CLOSE UP

Manipulation is allowed. Macro photography is extreme close-up photography, where you get close to a small subject by physical or optical means. Starting at approximately 1/4 life size i.e. when the subject being photographed is four (4) times the size of the film frame or digital sensor. There is no limit on the upper end. The size of the subject in the finished photograph is greater than life size.

DECEMBER
NO COMPETITION – ANNUAL BREAK