



Focal Plane – April/May 2009

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS



Hello all and welcome to another edition of Focal Plane.

I am honored to be re-elected as President for the 2009/2010 season and I am very pleased to have a strong and supportive committee helping drive the Society. We

have a lot planned this year, including the 125th celebrations, new location, and more activities.

A contingent from APS attended the National PSNZ conference in Wanganui to pick up new ideas, collect awards and make new friendships along the way. Our very own Neville Bailey and newly elected VP took home the Maadi Cup from the conference - one of the most prestigious and sought after pieces of silver in the PSNZ trophy cabinet.

There is a lot of "extramural activity" now we have our Field Event Coordinator on the case, and it is very encouraging to see a lot of you are getting out there and participating in events that you, the members, are creating for yourselves. It is at these events where you have the best opportunity to socialise and enhance your camera skills. My thanks go to Ronald and Adam for starting the ball rolling.

Our membership has grown to exceed 100, and the competition nights are getting bigger with steadily more entries. This is excellent. The format of the club night has changed with Digital Projection being shown before the Prints. We are also considering starting the evenings earlier at 7:30 p.m.

Well enough from me. Enjoy your year and get out there with your camera in hand!

Brent Glover.

2009 AGM & COMMITTEE

The 2009 AGM was well attended with APS now having a very strong membership.

Brent Glover was re-elected as President, and the committee was extended to 12 members.

Brian Cudby donated the club two sets of work by the esteemed photographer Virilio Bardossi EFIAP.

Committee	Position	Phone
Brian Cudby	Patron	
Chris Morton	Immediate Past President	
Brent Glover	President	021 847456 / 09 375 1518
Neville Bailey	Vice President	
Roger Hammond	Treasurer	
Sandrina Huish	Secretary	
Tim Rix-Trot	Web	
Michael Mannion	Print Convenor/ FP Editor	
Trevor Jones	Digital Convenor	
Liz Hardley	Librarian	
Biddy Winstone	Trophies	
Ronald Winstone	Field Event Coordinator	

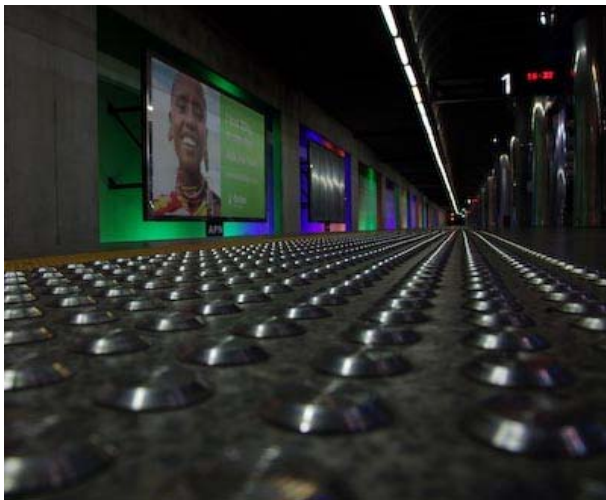


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FIELD EVENTS

WAIHEKE PHOTOGRAPHERS COLLECTIVE VISIT

A reciprocal visit by WPC members was held Sunday, April 5th and went very well. The day started with a BBQ under the Harbour Bridge followed by a visit to Britomart and drinkies at the Viaduct.



AFTER DARK SHOOTOUT

Fifteen members joined Adam Baines for an interesting stroll through the Karangahape Road area to shoot the city "After Dark". A clear cool night made for some interesting light and Karangahape Rd turned on the usual variety of subjects.

An excellent turnout and many thanks must go to Adam and Ronald.



Images from the event can be found on http://homepages.ihug.co.nz/~dsslanc2_quik/pagee26/page7/page7.html

UPCOMING EVENTS & WORKSHOPS

HARBOUR BRIDGE – HIKOI 24TH MAY.

Maori are planning a massive march to protest the super city and the bridge is predicted to close for the event. A great photojournalism opportunity, along with views from the bridge.

BINH TRINH – PORTRAIT / LIFE WORKSHOP – 28TH MAY

Binh is one of the rising stars of the NZ photographic community, recently taking out a number of international wedding and portrait awards. Check out www.ppp.net.nz.

There will be a charge for this workshop between \$20-\$30 - TBA

DAY IN THE LIFE JUNE 6TH

This is an annual event sponsored by "Auckland Festival of Photography" and is aimed at city life.

LANDSCAPE – ONE TREE HILL DATE – TBA

This event provides an opportunity to work with, club member Chris Morton, one of our great landscape photographers. Capture the serenity of this great park.

ADOBE PHOTOSHOP WEEKEND COURSE – JOHN DOOGAN – TBA

We are working on the possibility of a John Doogan (official Adobe Ambassador) seminar weekend for those wanting a full course on Adobe Photoshop/Lightroom.

Cost - TBA



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FASHION WORKSHOPS

Last year the Trelise Cooper “NZ Fashion Awards” was a huge success.

This year we are planning a bigger better programme with a series of Workshops (6) conducted by top professionals in the fashion and modeling industry. The exact programme will depend on the ability of the participants, but at this stage we have several international fashion photographers and several model agencies indicating support.

There will be a charge to cover some studios, models, make-up artists, stylists etc. By registering early you can have a say in how this event is pitched. Predicted cost is around \$500.

Members are encouraged to register immediately so that the event can be customized to suit the attendees.

2009 COMPETITION SCHEDULE

The 2009 competition set-subjects are...

Month	Set Subject
May	Abstract
June	Landscape – Trophy
July	Portrait – Trophy
August	Macro / Close Up
September	Black & White
October	“Yellow”
	End of Year submissions. Up to 12 images of no more than 6 of one media type. Images must be submitted as they were (i.e. media type) during the course of the year.
November	End of Year 2009 Award night. 19 th November at the Auckland Club main dining hall. Formal attire.

January 2010 “Dereliction”

February 2010 TBA

Congratulations to the April Nature Trophy winners

Best Nature Print – **Gabriel Massoni**

Best Nature Digital Image – **Liz Hardley**

2009 WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

Month	Workshop Topic
April	Black & White Photography. John McCallum.
May	Computer Colour Calibration. Brent Glover. Note the early start time and location change. 6:30p.m. “The Auckland Club”, 34 Shortland Street CBD.
June	Landscape –Composition. Chris, Dharmendra, John and Robert
July	Portraiture/Lighting. Lisa Crandell
August	Lightroom 2.0. Chris Morton
September	Photoshop 101. Brent Glover
October	UNESCO. Chris Morton.
November	To be advised.

Please check the **calendar** section of our web site <http://www.aps.net.nz> for a complete list of workshops coming up.

For field events check http://homepages.ihug.co.nz/~dsllanc2_quik/ for what is on the boil.



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DIGITAL PROJECTION CONVENOR

The new Digital Projection Unit (Epson TW2000) has been either too bright or too dull during February and March. The feedback from the April Nature night has been positive after some effort in recalibrating the new unit.

Our thanks to Sandra for stepping into the convening role whilst Trevor and Brent were away.

CONVENTIONS + CELEBRATIONS

125 YEARS + CELEBRATIONS

This year the Auckland Photographic Society has passed the 125 year milestone and is cause for celebration. To mark the occasion we want to have an exhibition of your work along with imagery from yesteryear. We plan to exhibit in a public setting such as the Museum or Town Hall. We will also combine our end of year awards with a formal dinner, along with guests and possibly speakers.

A sub-committee will be formed in the next week or so to organise our exhibition and dinner. If you would like to be involved with making this happen (and many thanks to those who have already offered) then do not hesitate to contact one of the committee members.

PSNZ 2010 NORTHERN CONVENTION

A meeting to form a sub-committee will be held early May. Those interested in helping should contact Brent as soon as possible.

PSNZ 2009 NATIONAL CONVENTION

A number of APS members (Brian Cudby, Lynn Clayton, Liz Hardley, Biddy Winstone, Nicki Maud, Neville and Sue Bailey, Trevor Lowe, Dave Barker, and Laurie Williams) attended what was a very well run and fun event.

Speakers such as **Craig Potton**

(<http://www.craigpotton.co.nz/>) gave great insight into their imagery and the business of publishing and exhibiting. We were also very privileged to have Trent Parke a MAGNUM photographer talk about his work:

http://www.magnumphotos.com/Archive/C.aspx?VP=XSpecific_MAG.PhotographerDetail_VPage&l1=0&pid=2K7O3R13MZYS&nm=Trent%20Parke.

Seeing the imagery and hearing these two masters drove home the point that both photographers put everything on the line and had absolute faith in their abilities to reach their goals.

Workshops included Photoshop and Lightroom by **John Doogan** (<http://www.digitalcactus.co.nz/>) but it was Binh Trinh (www.ppp.net.nz) who set the place a buzz with his nude photography workshop.



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MEMBER WATCH

Our members have been doing very well out in the wider community and it is fabulous to see the successes being had.

Tracey Thorton held her exhibition “Born Wild” <http://www.traceythornton.co.nz/exhibitions/>

Lynn Clayton is featured in the latest DPHOTO magazine.

A number of members attended the PSNZ National convention in Wanganui and collected numerous awards

Neville Bailey LPSNZ collected the highly prized Maadi Cup and PSNZ Gold Medal for his “Waiting for My New Sister” monochrome print.



Kirsty Collister won an honours ribbon for her “Balls Up” open projected image.

Lynn Clayton APSNZ AFIAP, *Chris Morton* APSNZ, *Brian Cudby* FPSNZ AFIAP ESFIAP, *Liz Hardley* LRPS APSNZ, *Nicki Maud*, *Kirsty Collister* and *Neville Bailey* LPSNZ all had one or more acceptances in Print and Projected images, Nature and Open categories.

NEW MEMBERS

A very warm welcome to those that have joined the club this year

Karen Charteris, Dean Desouza, Matt Dold, Johannis Chris, Heather Saint, Luke Wilson, Jenny Leitheiser, Cody Hale, Gabriel Massoni, Faye Hayman, Jo-Anne Khor, Laurie Williams, Melvina Wise, Chris Blincoe, Moira Blincoe, Baz Bloomfield, Chris Havord, Daryl Drake, Niqui Keen, Sarah Mordan, Toby Koller, Katrina Raven, Brook Ready, Rob Campbell, Philip Charlton

We look forward to getting to know you and trust you will enjoy your time with us. Our apologies to anyone who may have been missed from this list.