

September Features

Tips, Techniques, Reviews, Outings and More



NPC Featured Member
Larry Keeley



September Outings
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Beyond our Borders
Tweaking your interest!



Has anyone really seen Larry without a camera at the ready?

Larry Keeley, NPC Featured Member

Larry has been with the NPC for about as long as I can remember.

Of course, having been a member of the NPC myself for only 4 years that might seem very insignificant to you... except for the fact that when you chat with long time members like Bob Robertson, Ray Williams, Pat Calder and Russ Donaldson you will quickly realize that Larry Keeley has been a fixture at the NPC for more than just a few years!

Many of you will know Larry as the tireless editor of *the Monitor*, our club newsletter. A quick peak on our website shows issues going back to as early as January 2010 with no fewer than 72 issues in total! Wow! Larry even managed to put together several summer issues... all while we were off travelling, golfing and whatever else it is we do during the summer months!

Recent circumstances have necessitated that Larry has had to step down as the editor of *the Monitor* but we are forever grateful for the legacy he has started and trust that we will be able to call on Larry for guidance and support as we move forward with *the Monitor* in the years to come.

For more information and some Featured Member payback comments about Larry please read on.

Larry, the Monitor Man
- 8 Years -
- 72 Issues -
- 1000's of Hours -

\$\$ Priceless! \$\$

Larry Keeley, the Monitor Man cont'd

~ Editor's Note (new editor ~ Dan Milligan)

As a side note, Larry has been after me for several years to be one of his Featured Member Photographers and I have always let him know that I would be glad to... once I became a photographer! Larry just smiles and says that he will nab me one day. On that I have no doubt!



Larry shows off his tripod skills to some fledgling photographers while train-spotting. Always a leader!

The more people I speak with the more I am in awe of what Larry has meant to the photographic community, not only here in the Cobourg/Port Hope area but extending to other places like Peterborough as well.

His dedication to his art, his willingness to share his many photographic and organizational talents and expertise and incredible energy, his penchant for being in the right place at the right time and his desire to enable other photographers to experience and the get the most out their own photography are what really impress me most.

Please enjoy the following article written by one of our roving reporters, Pat Calder, as she shares with us some of Larry's history. Smile with us while reading some of the comments of his fellow photographic friends. And when you next see Larry feel free to congratulate him on a job well done... or maybe even let him know what you really think about his photos! ~ Dan

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More Photo News, Views & Clickable Links

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[Predictions for the Future of Photography - YouTube](#)

[Creative Live - Photo Week Oct 9 - 13](#)

[Aurora HDR 2018 - Just Released!](#)

[Nature's Place - an incredible blog site by Mark Berkery, a specialist on macro photography - capturing nature without harming it!](#)

Larry ~ Club Volunteer Extraordinaire!

~ Pat Calder

I first met Larry Keeley at Kenner Collegiate in Peterborough where we both taught until we retired. In those years, Larry was a popular wedding photographer; in fact, he shot 500 weddings.

The next time I laid eyes on him, he and Dawn were married and starting up their business: D & L Photography **and** picking up dual prizes in Brighton for their work. They invited me to join the NPC.

Larry, along with several other NPC members, displayed photos at CLIC, the noteworthy photography show for all Eastern Ontario, three years running. Larry's proudest award is the Honourable Mention in that show.

The Monitor is Larry's 'baby'. He birthed it, nurtured it, and watched it grow in popularity, adding features and cajoling members into contributing so that it was everyone's magazine.

Another brainchild of Larry's was his Thursday afternoon lessons for beginners. Many fledgling photographers who now show their beautiful work in our slideshows began in Larry's six camera classes.

Dawn and Larry became the official photographers for Lang Pioneer Village and as such invited our club to hold an annual exhibition in the museum there.

Larry also organized successful exhibitions twice at the Port Hope Public Library, four times at the Capital Theatre in Port Hope and once at Victoria Hall in Cobourg.

Larry has held the post of Vice President of NPC for the last six years. As such, he negotiated the contracts with our landlords and paid insurance on our behalf.

You would expect a Vice President to sit back and coast. Not Larry. This humble man who doesn't blow his own horn brought forth the following ideas at executive meetings:

- Question Box carried out by Chloe Craig
- Business Cards for executive to hand out to prospective members
- Invited female NPC members to be guest speakers in January
- Supervised the Girl Guide photography badge with Dawn
- Helped administrate the Facebook page in its start-up phase

"Larry, thanks for all your ideas, your creativity, your stick-to-it-iveness, your sparkling wit, and your love of photography and this club." ~ Pat Calder



Larry... always with camera and friends!



Larry, on the rocks!



Closer Larry, get closer!

Members comments about Larry... you'd almost think it was a Roast!

I can remember 8 years ago like it was yesterday. Larry enthusiastically approached then club president John Draper & me (VP) with his idea and said he wanted to call the newsletter *the Monitor*. The members thought the newsletter was a fantastic idea but they weren't sure about the name. Several alternatives were suggested and debated. Finally I took the floor & said, "If Larry is willing to do all the work himself, surely we can do him the courtesy of letting him name the production." Thus, *the Monitor* was born. Larry has worked tirelessly over the last 8 years to make the product what it is today. That included computer crashes, floods, etc. Every month like clockwork he had another great issue on our computer screens. Larry, you have done a magnificent job of creating I. You are to be congratulated & thanked! Where else could an old 'Point & Shooter' like me get his images exposed. Thank you my friend from the bottom of my heart! ~ *Russ Donaldson*



Paparazzi practice or Dawn-spotting!

Larry the Flirtatious One!

In November of 2006, Larry and I arranged a combined NPC – Peterborough Photographic Society outing in Port Hope. I took the group to photograph outside the crumbling former Cavan Street file factory.

After a while, as I was setting up a composition with my long lens, I saw Dawn Knudsen in my viewfinder. There was something about the almost shy glow on her face that caused me to pause a moment.

Then, looking up from my camera, I became aware that Larry had his lens focused on Dawn. Hmm! That morning, a spark was ignited and touched off a romance which ultimately led to their marriage. ~ *Mary Talbot*

and another...

The first conversation I remember having with Larry was during a break at a Mary Talbot lecture. We were standing at the bar sharing small talk over drinks. When the bar maid came by I became aware how comfortable Larry was discussing photography with her. After some time she left to serve other patrons and Larry turned to me and said, "If you want to photograph ladies you have to be a bit flirtatious." I thought to myself, I would like this guy! This happened before he met Dawn K. ~ *Paul Macklin*

Cobourg 150 Project 2017

~ Bryan Marjoram

Here we are in the 10th month of our celebratory year ~ Cobourg 150! When Cobourg plans something special they do it large. Many local individuals, groups, and businesses have banded together to make 2017 a year to remember.

When our club was initially approached by former mayor, Peter Delanty, and Special Events Coordinator, Lara Scott, it was an opportunity to put the Northumberland Photography Club front and centre. Here was an opportunity to be recognized for our strong efforts and dedication in covering special events and daily happenings. It would also provide a way to have our club further recognized and draw budding photographers to join our ranks.

The opportunity to be part of this project was something that would benefit both the town and our club. It was a huge undertaking that could only be accomplished with a dedicated committee. In that respect we lucked out. The individuals who stepped forth are talented, organized, and all have a strength they bring to our cohesive group. Myself along with co-chair Jeannie Gane, and club members; Elaine Amenta, Stan Kicak, Elisabeth LaFontaine, Dan Milligan, and Sandra Peters have formed the Cobourg 150 Project Committee. Our mandate was to get out and encourage club members to actively participate in capturing a year in the life of Cobourg through photographic images. It has been a great success with many members getting out and shooting images of our wonderful town, special events, and a number of everyday events.

What will the finished product look like? It will consist of a comprehensive slide show that will be shown throughout the Mayor's Levee on January 1st, 2018. We will officially present a copy of the book (shorter version than the slide show) to the Town of Cobourg. Individuals can order the book online (featuring many of the photos that were submitted during the course of the year). More on that in an upcoming issue of *the Monitor*.

Please submit photos you have taken so far, and join us in working hard to accumulate more photos of "Cobourg 150". You can submit your photos at our [NPC DropBox here](#). Below is a list of upcoming events. **Do not hesitate to take a picture of anything in Cobourg that you find worth shooting ~ it does not have to be one of the events listed below!**

- Sept. 30** Stamp Club's 48th Annual Sale Salvation Army Hall 9am-3pm
- Oct. 7** Harvest Festival Downtown Cobourg 9am-4pm
- Oct. 13** OACAO Senior Information Fair Cobourg Seniors' Activity Centre
- Oct. 15** Antique Roadshow Market Building 12-4pm
- Oct. 20** The Music Men Victoria Hall 8 pm
- Oct 21** POP Culture ComicCon Cobourg Community Centre 10am-5pm
- Oct. 29** Sweet Water Ban Presents Elton Lammie Victoria Hall 2 pm
- Oct. 30** Cobourg Day - details to be announced
- Nov. 5** ToyCon Cobourg Community Centre 10am-5pm
- Nov. 11** Remembrance Day Vigil - parade along King St.



Please contact me if you are able to capture any of these events. [email: Bryan Marjoram](mailto:Bryan Marjoram)

Outings Column

~ David O'Rourke

Our only Outing in September was to Cowanville Auto Wreckers on the 17th. It was well attended (15 people) and was followed by an excellent lunch at The Snug in Newcastle. I had to cancel our next Outing on the 24th, Pedestrian Sunday in Kensington Market, due to a heat advisory—it was 30 degrees (feeling like 40) and just unhealthy. Hopefully, we'll have better luck in the months ahead. *(Always a fun time with the NPC Pied Piper! - ed note)*



David, the Pied Piper



The NPC 'AutoWreckers' Crew! ~ September 2017



Upcoming Outings

Please put these dates on your calendar!

- Wednesday, October 5th - Presqu'ile Provincial Park
- Saturday, October 7th – Cobourg Harvest Festival
- Wednesday, October 11th – Lunch in Bobcaygeon
- Tuesday, November 7th - ProFusion Photo Expo 2017 at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre
- Sunday, November 19th – Cobourg Santa Claus Parade
- Sunday Evening, December 10th - Toronto Christmas Market in the Distillery District

Hope to see you there! ~ David

Beyond our Borders... with your Camera!

'Beyond our Borders' will be a regular feature in *the Monitor*, highlighting two trips or excursions that club members have taken within the last year. The trips don't necessarily have to be beyond the borders of Canada or Ontario but we are initially looking at featuring 'trips' that would take you at least a couple hours drive from Northumberland County.

If you have a trip you'd like to share with club members contact [Janet Taylor](#).

My Trip to Alaska

~ Janet Taylor

In July I went on a cruise to Alaska with my sister. The ports of call were Juneau, Skagway, Glacier Bay and Ketchikan. Many say that the scenery is awe inspiring, and this journey did not disappoint. We traveled from Vancouver to the rain forests of the northern coast sighting orcas, humpbacks, Dahl's dolphins and bald eagles along the way.

At Glacier Bay National Park we saw the Marjorie Glacier where the top of the ice rises 250 feet above the ocean and another 150 feet is submerged below the surface. Juneau, Skagway and Ketchikan are, of course, tourist towns, but if you want to get the real flavour of these towns, it pays to walk a little further inland beyond the main street.

The two photos I chose to share are from Ketchikan.



Beyond the Borders with your Camera... 2

Portugal ~ A Truly Warm & Friendly Place

~ Dan Milligan

Several of our friends have raved about Portugal for years... absolutely raved! Over the last couple of years, Bill Prawecki, one of our NPC members, finally got our interest peaked so much that my wife, Brenda and I decided to find out first hand what all the fuss was about.

As fans of Scenic Tours since our Budapest to Amsterdam river cruise in 2014, we figured what better way to get a taste of Portugal than with Scenic's 11 day Duoro River Cruise. We were not disappointed at all, even with temps ranging from 32-39°C throughout late August!

The meandering Duoro River is both relaxing and fascinating as are all the little towns we discovered along the river. Steep winding roads that were reminiscent of the hills we see while watching the Tour de France were everywhere, leading us to monasteries, ancient villages and vineyards.



Portugal is famous for its handcrafted blue tiles!



We were thankful for the trams and funiculars in Lisbon and Porto!

Talk about hills! Lisbon, Sintra and Porto all sported some of the steepest roads we've ever travelled... walking or driving!

While we found there was less English spoken outside of the major centres in Portugal, we had no problems communicating with these extremely warm and friendly people.

And oh, the Port Wine!

We will surely make a return trip to Portugal someday soon!

What does the GTCCC mean to the NPC?

~ David O'Rourke

On the evening of September 19th, Ray Williams and I drove to Toronto to attend our first meeting of the Greater Toronto Camera Club Council (GTCCC). It was a two-hour drive as we got stuck in 401 traffic on the way down. Then, when we got there, someone stole our parking spot. Ray shot the fellow (photo) as he exited his car; it's amazing how quickly you acclimatize yourself to the Toronto way of life. (Ray kept saying, "When in Rome....")

The meeting was being held in the Toronto Camera Club building on Mount Pleasant Road just south of Eglinton; yes, that's right – the Toronto Camera Club has its own building.

The GTCCC has twenty member clubs from Burlington in the west to us in the east and north to Barrie and Collingwood. The fee to join was \$85 and it allows us to network with all these other clubs in terms of getting names for speakers, outings, retreats, and contests as well as advertising what's going on in our own club to a wider audience. Check out their [GTCCC website](#), especially the events advertised under "Photographic Community."

We were surprised at how warmly welcomed we were by everyone, especially the Ajax and Oshawa Club reps who I think see us as a kind of sister club. Anyway, it was just our first meeting, but it looks like this network of clubs and these contacts will be very helpful. It gives us a place at the table of a larger photographic community.

CAPA Evaluation Course

Are you interested in learning how to evaluate and score photographic images or how to make a better image?



CAPA is pleased to provide our comprehensive and renowned course that teaches you how to look at and understand an image, comment on its strengths and opportunities, and correctly score it at Club and CAPA competitions. This full day course will make you a better photographer and includes a copy of the 125-page CAPA Judges Manual.

You will quickly learn how to;

- ❖ Identify The Strengths and weaknesses in a photograph
- ❖ See the message the photographer intends
- ❖ Spot the criteria that makes a photograph great
- ❖ Understand the Techniques used to create the image
- ❖ Set aside your own personal bias when evaluating
- ❖ Apply a fair and impartial score to an image
- ❖ Understand what judges look for in your photography
- ❖ Discover new ways to evaluate photography
- ❖ Know why it's ok to break rules for great photography
- ❖ First step to qualify to become a CAPA Certified Judge

Course Date: Saturday October 28th, 2017 Full Day 9-5

Hosted by the Kingston Photography Club

Location: Queens University, Kinesiology Bld. – 28 Division St. Room 100

For more information on how to register for upcoming courses visit;
www.capacanada.ca

Patrick's Tips

~ Patrick Romano

Another year of Photography with the NPC begins! Once again I will be providing you with a variety of guides which can be accessed by clicking on the underlined topic below. I will try and provide a variety of guides suitable for a variety of photographic levels and interests. Hopefully some of them will help you in your development or wet your imagination.

To start I will provide something that will in part help almost everyone, but especially those just starting in the hobby.

[The dPS Ultimate Guide to Photography Terms – a Glossary of Common Words and Phrases](#)

Now, having had our first speaker (Street Photography), I thought many members will want to try it themselves. Here are the links for a few guides that may help in your endeavours. Have fun!

[The Ultimate Guide to Street Photography](#)

[7 Gritty Tips That Will Create the Foundation for Your Street Photography](#)

[5 Tips for Photographing Street Portraits](#)

[5 Questions to Ask Yourself to Help Improve Your People Photography](#)

[Tips for Finding Potential in the Obsolete – Photographing Trash](#)

[How to Tell a Story With Your Street Photography](#)

[7 Ways to Become More Spontaneous with Your Street Photography](#)

[Let's Have a Laugh! – Using Humor in Photography](#)

[20 Tips for Getting People to Smile in Photos](#)



Mr. Tips!

In each issue of 'the Monitor' Patrick will be providing you with some timely tips and links to help you improve your photographic techniques, either in camera and/or in post.

To access the tips/sites, you can simply click on the topic heading. This method should work from your computer or your mobile device. Pressing and holding the topic from a mobile device or holding your mouse, or fingers on your trackpad, should also bring up a 'copy' option that will allow you to copy, then paste the copied URL (web link) into your browser.

Of course you can also save the links as bookmarks in your chosen browser if you think you might want to reference them for later use. This method will also work with other links throughout the newsletter.

Each Operating System (Mac, Windows, Linux) will have a slightly different method to copy/paste/bookmark. If you require assistance with accessing the links in 'the Monitor' please contact me, Dan, and I'll do my best to get you up and running. ~ ed note



Photo Contest and Show

Spirit of the Hills/Northumberland Hills Arts Association is hosting an Arts Festival Nov. 3 - 4 at St. Peter's Church, Cobourg as part of the Canada 150 celebrations.

A feature of the festival will be a photo contest with impressive prizes. The deadline for entries will be Oct. 12. Click [Event Rules](#) for event rules, an entry form, and further information.

BTW, our own Brian Tyson and Mary Talbot will be judges!

To find out more about the Spirit of the Hills/Northumberland Hills Arts Association you can check out their [Facebook page](#).

Or if you need further information: you can email them directly [here](#).

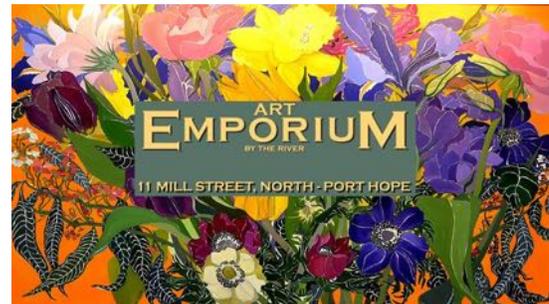
Locally, you can chat at Monday's club meeting with NPC club member Pat Calder who enthusiastically endorses both the Spirit of the Hills/Northumberland Hills Arts Association and the Photo Contest!

Local Showing by NPC Member

~ Art Emporium on The River

Local NPC member featured in October Show

Doug Johnson, our NPC Outreach Director, has been invited to showcase 12 of his photographs during the month of October at the Art Emporium on The River in Port Hope.



Art Emporium on The River is located at 11 Mill St., North Port Hope and is open Thursday through Sunday from 10 am to 4 pm.

You can find out more about the gallery and showings at their [website](#) or their [FaceBook Page](#).

Doug is hopeful that we can continue to partner with Art Emporium on The River and one great way of ensuring that happens is for fellow NPC members to drop in and view his showing.

Don't forget to mention you're from the Northumberland Photography Club!

If you, or another NPC member are involved in a showing please email me ([Dan](#)) with the information and we will include the info and links in our next newsletter.

Learn the Urn!



Volunteer Opp!

Elaine Amenta and Fran Brownley quite happily make the coffee and put out cookies each month at our meetings and for that we are all very grateful!

“We would like to have a couple of back ups for those meetings when one or the other of us can't make it in. If you would like to "learn the urn" please come into the kitchen at the beginning of the meeting and we will show you how. Also, if you would like to provide baked goods just email me, [Elaine](#), so I know not to cookie shop that month. You will be reimbursed \$5 per batch.

Thank you for remembering to bring your own mug to the meetings.” ~ Elaine

Your NPC Executive:

President: [Ray Williams](#)

Vice-President: [Russ Donaldson](#)

Treasurer: [Stan Kicak](#)

Secretary: [Sandra Peters](#)

Technician: [Jeannie Gane](#)

Membership: Donna Edmonds

Communications: [Bob Robertson](#)

Outings: [David O'Rourke](#)

Outreach: [Douglas Johnson](#)

You can click on their name to send them an email or ask a question about our club.

NPC Volunteer Committees:

Volunteer clubs are only as good as their volunteers. There are plenty of opportunities for you to continue making the NPC a great photo club. Contacts and opportunities are listed below:

NPC150: [Bryan Marjoram](#) encourages you to submit your photos to our [Canada150 Dropbox folder](#).

Meetings Catering: [Fran Brownley](#) and [Elaine Amenta](#) can always use an extra hand around the kitchen every club meeting.

Newsletter: [Dan Milligan](#) and *the Monitor* team are always looking for new ideas for our club newsletter.

Monday Club Meetings: [Jeannie Gane](#), like John Glover before her requires a small crew to set up and take down the A/V equipment each club meeting.

the Monitor ~ Celebrating Life, Landscape and Beauty!

the Monitor is a © publication of and for the members of the Northumberland Photography Club (NPC). Our goal is to publish an informative monthly edition of the magazine from September through June. Who knows... we might even have a summer edition!

All photographs in this publication are the property of the photographer and may not be used in whole or part without the express permission of the photographer.

Current members of the newsletter committee: Pat Calder, Janet Taylor, [Dan Milligan](#) (Editor). Comments, articles, solutions and hands-on assistance are always welcome. Contact the editor or another member of *the Monitor* team for details. We value your input!

Our thanks go out to Larry Keeley whose vision and dedication brought *the Monitor* to life!