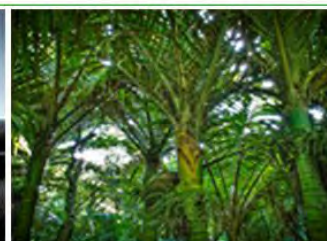


# KAPITI COAST PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY



**Newsletter**

**March 2010**

Hello Everyone

This is the first newsletter for 2010 - the February edition didn't quite make it to press this year. I am happy to report that Club activities have resumed on schedule, and club meetings have already attracted a good attendance. Membership subscriptions were due on January 1st, so if you haven't already paid, please get your money to Ian Linning as soon as possible.

Imminent meetings, competitions and events are included in the newsletter each month. You can view the programme of meetings and competitions for the whole year on our website <http://kcps.org.nz/>

The club meets regularly on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of every month except January. These club nights are held in the Presbyterian Church Centre in Ngaio Street, Waikanae, at 7.30pm. We welcome new faces in the society and extend an invitation to anyone who thinks they might be interested in joining to come along to a club night.

*- Debbie Ayres*

## **Breaking News!**

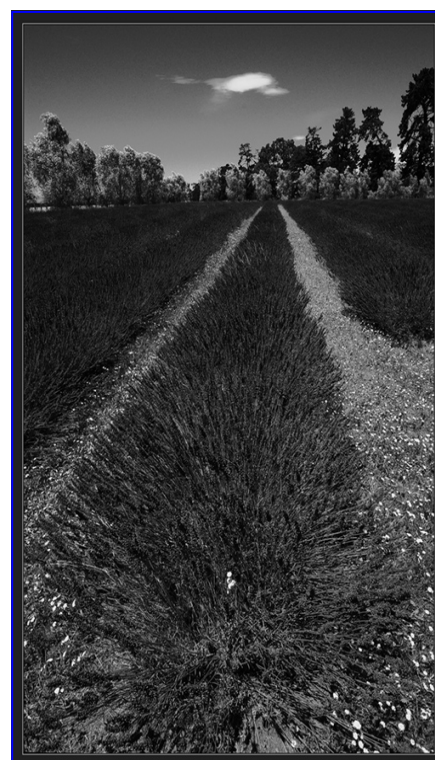
**Congratulations to our very own  
Shona Jaray who has been elected  
Vice-President of PSNZ.**

*Lavender Field by Hugh Scott*

Highly Commended - Advanced Monochrome Print  
KCPS Winter Salon

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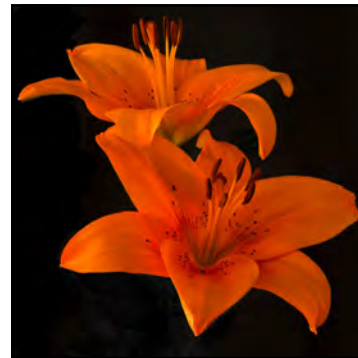


## KCPS Committee 2010

The new committee have already had their first two meetings for the year. This year, Ian Linning has stepped into the shoes of John Rockell as Secretary/Treasurer, and Brian Gray has replaced Scott Stevenson. Huge thanks go to both John and Scott for the dedication and work they have put in to keep the KCPS active and vibrant. We wish them well as they take a small step back from the frontline on the committee and we look forward to perhaps seeing more of their images!

In 2010, the committee comprises:

President	Peter Beddek
Vice President	Neil Gordon
Secretary/Treasurer	Ian Linning
Committee Members	Karyn Crocker
	Debbie Ayres
	Brian Gray



*Lily Study 2* by Ian Linning  
Merit - Intermediate Projected Images  
KCPS Winter Salon

## Thanks to...

### **Bledisloe Cup**

Thanks to **Shona Jaray** and **Hugh Scott** for taking the initiative very early in the year and organising our club's submission to the Bledisloe Cup. This is a PSNZ inter-club competition held every February and participating clubs must submit 6 prints of images that have been taken in New Zealand. The hours of work that Shona and Hugh have put into selecting a suitable set of members' prints and then matting them uniformly is very much appreciated.

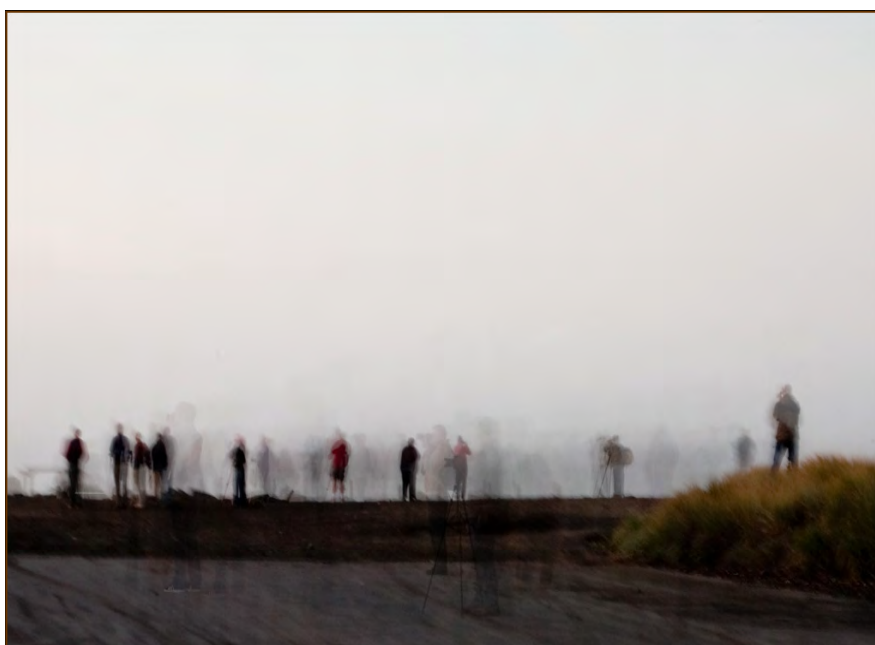
Unfortunately we were not placed in the competition.

**Elizabeth Taylor Graphics** is continuing to generously sponsor the Kapiti Coast Photographic Society this year. Many thanks to Tim Beere and Elizabeth Taylor.

**Thank-you to Simon Forsythe** who generously provides a projector for the Society to use at our club meetings.

## Dates for your Diary 2010

9 March	<b>KCPS CLUB NIGHT</b> Presbyterian Church Centre, Ngaio Street, Waikanae, 7.30pm. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ian Linning facilitating a workshop on optimising your computer for digital processing.</li> <li>• Submissions for KCPS Summer Salon due.</li> </ul>
10 March	<b>KCPS Monochrome Film Users Group</b> At the home of Bill Harris, 12 Kohekohe Road, Waikanae at 1930, (i.e., 7.30pm).
23 March	<b>KCPS CLUB NIGHT</b> Presbyterian Church Centre, Ngaio Street, Waikanae, 7.30pm. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KCPS Summer Salon. Tony Whincup judging.</li> <li>• Tony Whincup presenting some of his recent work.</li> </ul>
6 April	<b>KCPS Post Processing Group</b> Elizabeth Taylor Graphics, 7.30pm. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Macro photography.</li> </ul>
13 April	<b>KCPS CLUB NIGHT</b> Presbyterian Church Centre, Ngaio Street, Waikanae, 7.30pm. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hugh Scott facilitating a workshop on lighting.</li> </ul>
27 April	<b>KCPS CLUB NIGHT</b> Presbyterian Church Centre, Ngaio Street, Waikanae, 7.30pm. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Critique session for members' macro images.</li> <li>• Tim Packer - guest speaker.</li> </ul>
29 - 30 Oct.	Central Region Convention hosted by KCPS.



### Club nights

Our first club night in February was a Members' Exhibition evening with Horia Voica, Ian Linning and Bernie Fraser doing presentations of their own images.

Members brought their own images-in-progress to our second club night for an informal Critique Session. Simon Forsythe then gave an informative tutorial on 'Portaiture'.

*The Photographers*  
by Peter Beddek



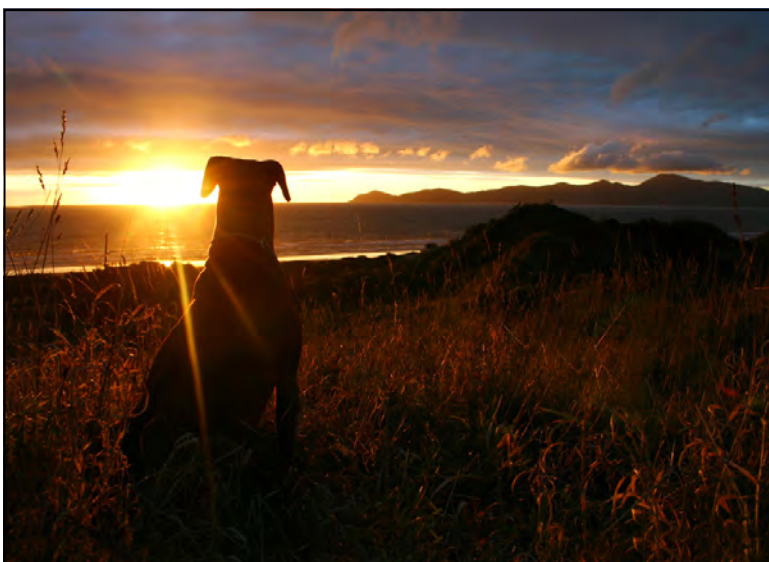
## “From the Darkroom”: The Monochrome Film-Users’ Group

This group caters for those interested in capturing images on black and white film of different formats, and darkroom techniques for processing and printing.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> March at the home of Bill Harris, at 12 Kohekohe Road, Waikanae at 1930 (i.e.7.30pm).



*Stormy by Murray Woolcock*  
Highly Commended - Novice Projected Images  
KCPS Winter Salon



*Lily on Guard*  
by Donna Cherry

## Post-Processing Group

- Neil Gordon

The post-processing group, often known as the PPG, is for members who are interested in digitally processing their images after they have been taken off the camera or scanner. The meetings are not digital camera sessions - they include topics also interesting to those who process film chemically and sometimes scan their image onto a digital file.

Ten people took part in the first meeting of the post-processing group for this year. We had a good look at the latest version (3.6) of Google's Picasa. This free software is worth checking out, as it is very good at organising photos, and provides basic editing tools. It can handle both JPG and RAW image files. It has a very clever automatic face detection feature - you assist it by giving names of the faces it finds, and it will do its best to match those to similar faces in other photographs.

The editing tools include standard features such as cropping, rotation, spot healing, some brightness and contrast changes, and special effects; but they are not nearly as full featured as those available in programmes such as Photoshop or Lightroom. If you have Lightroom you probably don't need Picasa. But if you don't, Picasa might be a good organisational system along with Photoshop Elements or Photoshop to do the more complex editing.

We also discussed what topics people would like to cover for the next few meetings. As a result, Murray Woolcock has some homework! For the next meeting, on 6 April, he will demonstrate how to use software to "stack" a series of macro photos of an object such as a flower, taken at different focal distances, in order to achieve a much greater depth of field.



*Untitled by Neil Gordon*

Highly Commended - Advanced Projected Images  
KCPS Winter Salon

## Some websites our members have found interesting...

<http://kcps.org.nz/>

Kapiti Coast Photographic Society - our very own!

[www.photoforum-nz.org](http://www.photoforum-nz.org)

Showcases New Zealand photography

[www.in-public.com](http://www.in-public.com)

Street Photography

[www.photocompete.com](http://www.photocompete.com)

A competition website - lists some international competitions, some of which are free to enter and offer prizes.

[www.wps.org.nz](http://www.wps.org.nz)

Wellington Photographic Society

[http://www.keyimagery.com/gisborne/club\\_home.php](http://www.keyimagery.com/gisborne/club_home.php)

Gisborne Camera Club

[www.huttcameraclub.org.nz](http://www.huttcameraclub.org.nz)

Hutt Camera Club

<http://www.cpsnz.com/>

Christchurch Photographic Society (Inc.). The CPS newsletter, *Viewfinder*, is on the link:

<http://www.cpsnz.com/cps-monthly-newsletter.php>

<https://www.levori.com/>

Levori International Photographic Competition - if you're interested in this, KCPS member, Marshall Marsden, can put you on to a free single use registration so you can fully gain an appreciation of the Levori site and what it entails.

<http://www.hollandcircuit.nl>

Stichting Holland Circuit - The Netherlands

## And Finally...

**...what lengths will  
you go to get the  
image you want?**

