

# KAPITI COAST PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY



Newsletter

February 2011

Hello Everyone - Welcome to Kapiti Coast Photographic Society in 2011.

The KCPS committee put a lot of effort into setting up a varied programme for the year, with something of interest and value to everyone, regardless of how experienced a photographer you are. Regular bi-monthly club nights are held at 7.30pm on the second and fourth Tuesdays of every month between February and November. We had a good attendance at our first club night for the year on Tuesday the 8th, held at the usual venue of the Presbyterian Church Centre (Ngaio Street, Waikanae). It was a Member's Exhibition night and three members, Brian Gray, Marshall Marsden and Michael Anderson, shared and talked about a collection of their images - thanks, you three!

Tuesday club nights typically conclude about 9pm with a social cuppa. We'd love to see you there - even if you're not a member. The Society has an open invitation to anyone who thinks they might be interested in joining to come along to a club night.

In this first issue of the newsletter for 2011, we start a regular column from our new President, Neil Gordon. As well as our usual items, there is a short feature on our grading system, and a report on our members' achievements at the recent Dunedin Festival of Photography. I celebrate Peter Beddek's remarkable success by featuring his images in this issue.

- *Debbie Ayres* (editor)

*Two Trees*  
by Peter Beddek  
Honours  
Dunedin Festival of Photography

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## Neil's Notes

Welcome to the first newsletter for 2011, and to a new year of activities for the Kapiti Coast Photographic Society.

And what a fantastic year it was in 2010. The major event was, of course, the Central Regional Convention which the Society hosted at the end of October. The theme of “One Step Closer” aimed at exploring the divide between photography and art. Not only was the convention greatly enjoyed and appreciated by all who attended, but it looks like the KCPS finances will benefit as well. Thanks again to Shona Jaray, who chaired the committee, and the many others for their work and involvement.



I trust you all had a relaxing time over the summer holidays, and took lots of photos—I mean, made lots of images. Our first “critique” session is at our meeting on Tuesday 22 February with the theme of ‘Summer’, and we look forward to seeing some of what you have been doing. Of course, bearing in mind the indifferent “summer” weather we’ve been having locally, we may need to be a bit lenient on the theme!

Over the holidays the committee were working on the programme for the year, and you’ll find it posted on our website at [kcps.org.nz](http://kcps.org.nz). Check it out.

Amongst the highlights for the year will be the re-scheduled visit to the Gannet Colony near Hastings, around 15/16 October. We are also planning an extra special workshop treat on Sunday 17 April – run by Simon Woolf in Wellington. Numbers are limited to just 20 - first-in, first-served.

Finally, don’t forget that entries for the first Salon of the year will be due at the meeting on Tuesday 8 March. I’d particularly like to encourage you to put in digital entries – no printing or matting required, and you just need to email your two entries to [kcps.entry@gmail.com](mailto:kcps.entry@gmail.com). Again, check out the rules and details on our website.

Happy image-making, and have a great 2011.

Cheers

- *Neil Gordon* (President)

Apology to Neil from the editor regarding the image, Orbital Blaze, published in the last issue, which I attributed to Shona Jaray - it is, in fact, Neil’s!

*Orbital Blaze* by Neil Gordon



# Kapiti Coast Photographic Society - Grading

- Debbie Ayres

New members of KCPS who have had no previous experience with photography clubs may not realise that all our members are graded. The KCPS has three grades:

**Advanced:** experienced photographers  
**Intermediate:** intermediate photographers  
**Novice:** beginners

New members will normally start in the Novice grade, but experienced photographers joining from other clubs and societies are considered on a case-by-case basis. Grading is done using a points system, and the points are awarded for achievement in competitions, both internal and external to KCPS:

Recognition Points	Achievement
1	Highly Commended in a KCPS salon
2	Honours in a KCPS Salon
3	Acceptance in a NZ national competition
5	Acceptance in an international competition

Novice members can progress to Intermediate grade at any time during the year by submitting a portfolio of images to be considered by a panel of Committee members. The points are not taken into account for progress at this level, but they nevertheless accumulate and come in to play for progression from Intermediate to Advanced grades.

Intermediate grade members progress to Advanced grade at the end of the year if they have accumulated 15 points, and have an Acceptance in at least one national or international competition.

For all members, regardless of grade, entering prints or digital images into club-level competitions is a great way to get constructive critical feedback to improve their skills and their understanding of photography. The KCPS has four internal competitions, called Salons, every year. The first one is 22 March, and entries have to be in by 8 March. The website has more details: [kcps.org.nz](http://kcps.org.nz)



*The Front Row* by Peter Beddek  
Acceptance - Dunedin Festival of Photography

## Don't be shy!

Have a go at entering a salon! If you have an image or two that you think might have potential, why not bring them along to the critique session on 22 Feb to get some helpful feedback from others in a friendly environment?

See you there!



## Dates for your Diary 2011

Tues. 22 Feb	<b>KCPS CLUB NIGHT</b> Critique Session. Theme: <i>Summer</i> Venue: Presbyterian Church Centre, Ngaio Street, Waikanae, 7.30pm.
Tues. 1 March	<b>KCPS Post processing Group</b> Venue: Elizabeth Taylor Graphics, Paraparaumu, 7.30pm
Tues. 8 March	<b>KCPS CLUB NIGHT</b> Workshop: <i>Digital Asset Management with Neil Gordon</i> Entries for Summer Salon due - open theme Venue: Presbyterian Church Centre, Ngaio Street, Waikanae, 7.30pm.
Wed. 9 March	<b>KCPS Monochrome Film-users' Group</b> Venue: home of Bill Harris, 12 Kohekohe Road, Waikanae 1930 (i.e., 7.30pm)
Tue. 22 March	<b>KCPS CLUB NIGHT</b> <b>Summer Salon - open theme. Judge: Bruce Girdwood</b> Venue: Presbyterian Church Centre, Ngaio Street, Waikanae, 7.30pm.
Sun. 17 April	<b>Workshop with Simon Woolf in Wellington.</b> Limited to 20 participants. <b>Book now!</b>
14-16 October	<b>Fieldtrip to the gannet colony near Hastings</b>

*On a Hill* by Peter Beddek  
Acceptance  
Dunedin Festival of Photography



# Great Results for KCPS Members at the Dunedin Festival of Photography

- *Debbie Ayres*  
with thanks to Shona Jaray  
for information about the  
results

The Dunedin Photographic Society's 41st annual competition and exhibition, "Dunedin Festival of Photography 2010", attracted about 700 images from 80 photographers from New Zealand and Australia. The best photographs were displayed at the Art Station in the Dunedin Railway Station in January, and so were exposed to international gaze. Awards included Honours and Acceptance, and a number of trophies and best-in-category awards.

Several members from the Kapiti Coast Photographic Society submitted entries and, between them, took away lots of awards! In particular, Peter Beddek deserves special congratulations for two Honours and three Acceptance awards.

## Open Prints

**Peter Beddek, APSNZ, Paraparaumu**

Okarito Lagoon - Honours

Two Trees - Honours

Mesh Stockings - Acceptance

Front Row - Acceptance

On a Hill - Acceptance

**Katie Beddek, Paraparaumu**

Water Feature - Acceptance

**Shona Jaray, Waikanae**

The Rail Trail - Winter - Acceptance

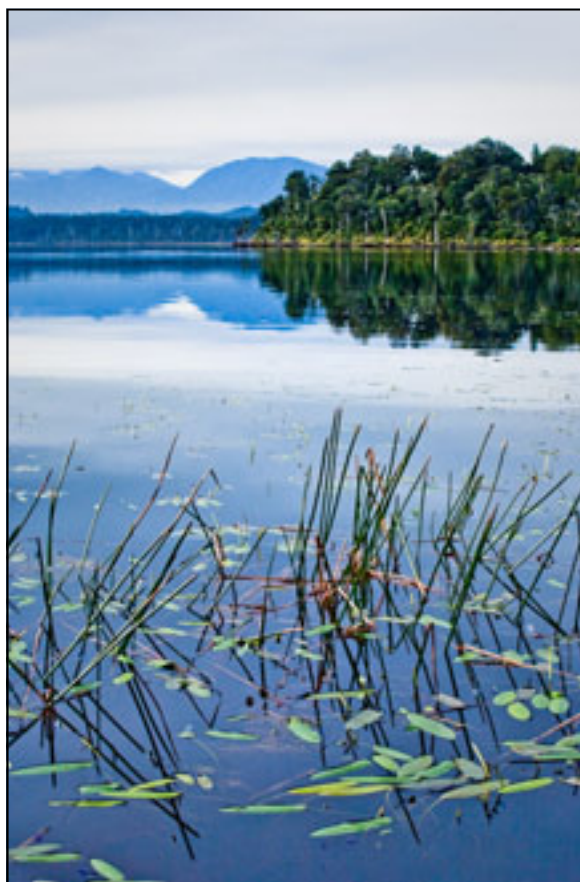
Centuries of Sadness - Acceptance

The Gathering - Acceptance

## Open Projected Images

**Neil Gordon, LPSNZ, Otaki**

Metre - Acceptance



*Okarito Lagoon by Peter Beddek*  
Honours - Dunedin Festival of Photography



*Mesh Stockings by Peter Beddek*  
Accepted - Dunedin Festival of Photography

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

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

Kapiti Coast Photographic Society - our very own!

<http://www.hellophoto.co.nz/>

D-Photo / The Photographer's Mail / hellophoto forum

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

Showcases New Zealand 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>

## And Finally...

God forbid!  
Let's count our blessings.



<http://funnyzela.com/wp-content/gallery/5fails/fails-032.jpg>