



SOUTHERN COUNTIES PHOTOGRAPHIC FEDERATION

Newsletter, January 2016 Happy New Year !

Annual Exhibition January 2016

The Exhibition is now coming to a close, and has been looking better than ever thanks to more layout changes in Salisbury Library. Congratulations to all those with exhibits, and especially to the award winners. Our President Tony Oliver presented the awards and certificates at a well-attended Opening evening; thanks to members of Salisbury Camera Club who served the refreshments and provided the PDI Exhibition projection. Also a big thank-you to all those who helped with the hanging, and all who have volunteered for stewarding; after a slow start we have managed to cover almost all of the slots. The Exhibition continues until 30th January. CDs of the PDI Exhibition have been issued to all the clubs who entered; this will make for a good 45 minute fill-in during a club evening.

PAGB Inter-Federation Championships and Exhibition 2018: Can you help?

The following is an important repeat request from Roy Lambeth, our PAGB Executive representative:

Request to run 2018 Interfed Competition and Exhibition

The PAGB have asked if the SCPF could run the 2018 Interfed Competition and Exhibition. This is a long way ahead, but we need to be identifying who would organise it so that initial planning can go ahead.

To be able to commit we would need to have someone with good organising skills who would be prepared to commit to the job of an Organising Sec by mid 2016. Print Receiving Sec and Exhibition Sec could be recruited at a later date. We would also need about 8 other helpers but they could be found late 2017.

Ideally this would be a club that feels they could take this on, but it could be a collaboration of maybe two or three clubs.

Please contact me Roy Lambeth pagb.exec@southerncountiespf.org.uk if you can help with the organising and I will send you the Advice Documents and answer any questions.

I can reassure you that you would not be left to run this alone.

PAGB Awards for Photographic Merit

There were a number of successful candidates from our Federation at the distinctions day in Neath in November ... congratulations to the following:

CPAGB (Prints): Maria Leekblade CPAGB, Southampton CC; Sally Seager CPAGB, Farnborough CC; Lesley Taylor CPAGB, Farnborough CC; Philip Young CPAGB, Basingstoke CC

DPAGB (Prints): John Hodge LRPS AFIAP DPAGB, Overton PC

Here's the latest update from Leo Rich on upcoming adjudications:

APRIL 2016 ADJUDICATION

The closing date for entries was 31st January. All applicants have received their entry packs. This is going to be two very full days. The Distinction Prints/PDI and Credit PDI day - Saturday - was over subscribed and, following a late flurry, including two additional Master applications, Sunday is looking good.

MAY 2016 ADJUDICATION - IN AUDIO VISUAL

I am pleased to report that our venture into making this a two day event as well, has paid off and we have a large entry to get through. Organisation of this weekend has taken up much more of my time this year, even involving another trip to the venue to resolve "blackout" issues with the Hall. People were a little concerned in 2015 that it was not darkened out enough.

However we believe this is behind us. If anyone knows of a good cheap source of felt like material approx. 3 metres wide and 4metres deep please let me know!

All is on track for the issue of Entry packs in the next week or so.

NOVEMBER 2016 IN SCOTLAND

I had to open the books early. Obviously Scottish photographers have been holding on for this – because of travelling distances to visit the events in the rest of the UK - and their entries are arriving by the day. I suspect, from reports received, this is going to fill very quickly, especially at Credit level.

PAGB APM Advisory Day

Chichester will be running this on Sunday 30th October 2016. The venue is Chichester Club room at Tangmere Village Centre, West Sussex, PO20 2HS.

Other dates for your diary:

Two dates in 2016 which have been confirmed:

The SCPF Championships will be hosted in 2016 by Highcliffe & Infinity Camera Club, at their club premises in Bashley, New Milton, on Sunday 20 March 2016.

The PAGB Inter-clubs Championships will be held at Ormskirk on 23 Oct 2016

SCPF Facebook Page goes live !

The Federation's Facebook page is now a reality, ready to be used by any of our clubs and their members. It is hoped that this will enhance general communications, and it will be an ideal forum for clubs to publicise upcoming events. Content is fairly minimal to start with, but is building up and will develop into an active and useful communication tool.

Go to <https://www.facebook.com/southerncountiesphotographicfederation/>

or search for "Southern Counties Photographic Federation" in the FB search feature. If you go there and "like" the page then posted information will appear on your timeline. You can then choose to moderate the frequency of posts as with any other followed or liked group or page.

Anyone can make a post, so feel free to start a discussion or comment on a post!

Judging Feedback

The promised new judging feedback process has now been launched. This is intended to help the development of judging within the Federation, and clearly will have many benefits if used appropriately. It is of course a completely voluntary process. It is important that any clubs using this are fully familiar with how the system works. Full details are set out on the SCPF web-site

<http://www.southerncountiespf.org.uk/2016/01/judging-feedback/>

And finallyFrom the President:

Two months have passed since the last newsletter and we have now left behind the shortest days of the winter. The opportunity for spring photography and perhaps even some photographic New Year's resolutions are upon us.

As well as dusting off the cameras how about trying something new this year. Perhaps entering a BPE exhibition would interest you. There are many exhibition quality images that I see whilst judging, that never seem to make it out of the club environment. Alternatively try a photograph a day challenge. It's a great motivation to take pictures and it amazes me how many good images are forthcoming through this gentle photographic discipline.

I hope that you all took the opportunity to attend the Federation exhibition in Salisbury Library this year. There were 35 print panels on display showing a range of excellent club photography. Congratulations to all clubs and their members who took part.

I was slightly surprised to learn that only 34 clubs submitted a PDI panel of their members work. Unlike the print entries, there are no logistical constraints on PDI panels, so if your club didn't take part this year, why not make it a resolution to do so in 2017.

Finally regarding the exhibition, thanks to everybody involved but specifically to clubs and their members who assisted in the stewarding. Several clubs this year booked a days stewarding against their club and then sorted out who was attending themselves. If other clubs could consider this for next year we will hopefully have no gaps in the rota.

I hope that you enjoy your photography in the coming year. It's a great hobby which can be equally rewarding and frustrating, if you can try and concentrate on the former!

My quote for this newsletter comes from Don McCullin who has several excellent exhibition venues in the coming year.

"Photography for me is not looking, it's feeling. If you can't feel what you're looking at, then you're never going to get others to feel anything when they look at your pictures."

Tony Oliver SCPF President

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John Hodge, Editor