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Membership Renewal – Last Call!

- Current Member dues are required to be paid in full by the 5th Meeting of each season. This means **November 2nd** for this 2011/12 season.
- We will be keeping overall membership rates the same this year (\$130 Active member; Associate member \$25).
- We have streamlined the renewal process, so that renewal forms and cheques will go directly to David Kennedy.
- **Please complete the Member Renewal form** (form attached as the last page of Snapshots) and return it, along with a cheque, as soon as you are able.
- **Please Note:** If your intention is to switch to Associate Status or to withdraw your membership, please let David know as soon as you can. This will allow us to assess our need to recruit members in a planful way.
- **Please correspond directly with David Kennedy** (kennedda@mac.com) regarding Membership issues. He will forward any fees to our treasurer, Marvin Cooper.

Meeting Highlights

We had the pleasure of reviewing 20 prints over the evening. We recorded 24 members attending the meeting. The magic number for a Gold Seal was 11.

Fred Leibl was our moderator.

Gold Seal Prints

Vin Singh	Fire Wave – Part II
Steve Rees	I met a man who was not there
Andre Kleynhans	Entrancement
Mord Shapiro	Graphic
James Knowles	Just hangin'
David Kennedy	Sun Rise over the Lake
Michael Anderson	Everglades Cedar Grove - unanimous
Marvin Cooper	Fractal
Barbara Bender	Triangle
Craig Lauder	Laura

Silver Seal Prints

Stan Bain	Autumn Reflections
Vince Sheridan	Ocean Provider, Black's Harbour, NB
Ralph Brunner	Harmony
Pavel Muller	Heat behind a frosted wall
Bryan Jones	Cloister Mission, San Antonio
Fred Leibl	In conversation with Patty Vender
Kathy Keates	Mobile
Tom Yates	Capital Gorge
Sue Curtis	Arrowhead Jewel
Carol Rooney	Purple Haze

Corrections

Please advise of any inaccuracies and I will redistribute a corrected version (stockwellr@rogers.com)

Meeting Dates

Upcoming meeting dates are as follows:

- November 2/16/30
- December 14 – seasonal dinner
- January 4/18
- February 1/15/29
- March 14/28
- April 11/(25-AGM)
- May 9 - year end

Special evenings are as follows:

- November 2nd and February 15th are no seal nights
- Initial board of directors slate to be announced
- AGM meeting

Important Notice – Meal Reservations

Please advise **Marvin Cooper** concerning your attendance and meal reservation by the Friday BEFORE the next scheduled meeting. This is important so that he can make timely and appropriate arrangements effectively.

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Key Contacts

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Toronto, ON M6A 1C3

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Letters to the Editor

Our next meeting is a NO Seal Night. I received this letter from Tom Yates who will be moderating the evening.

No Seal Night, Wednesday November 2

Twenty-odd years ago the Forum was (of course) a print group with members having their own darkrooms and producing both monochrome and colour prints.

Some thought we were not very adventurous in our prints and the membership initiated 'Experimental Nights'. We'd bring prints that were 'experimental-to-the-maker' ... a new technique; a different style or subject matter; maybe colour instead of that member's usual monochrome.

Today we see prints every meeting that would have been considered 'Experimental' in the past. Today we also vary the discussion process on a regular basis ... a change from the former practice of : ' Title, but not the Maker'.

No Seal Nights evolved from 'Experimental Nights'. **As I am the Moderator next Wednesday I thought it might be useful if members knew in advance how I plan to conduct the discussion.** It'll be different from what we have done at all meetings so far this season.

Here's the plan:

- The Maker will *not* be named at the beginning of the discussion about a print. The Title will *not* be provided either.
- After 2 or 3 members talk about the print you'll get the Title and continue discussion.
- After 2 or 3 more members comment I'll tell you who the Maker is and he/she can now join the discussion and tell us more about the print ... or question some of the comment already made.
- There is no vote so there is no formal 'ranking' of the print.

Perhaps, now that you know how the process will work, members will choose prints for discussion that are outside their usual practice ... much like Experimental Nights.

Tom Yates

The Toronto Focal Forum

Membership Renewal Form: 2011-2012

Please complete the membership renewal form and mail it with your membership fee cheque (payable to the Toronto Focal Forum) to:

David Kennedy
Membership, TFF
3695 Line 6 N, RR 4
Coldwater, ON,
LOK 1E0

As an alternative, active members can bring your completed form and cheque to the first meeting you attend - but note that for bookkeeping reasons, please include the membership cheque for the \$130, and give Marvin the meal cost separately.

Note that Active Members who have not submitted their fee by the November 2nd, 2011 meeting (the 5th meeting of the season) will be deemed to have allowed their membership to lapse.

First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Street Address: _____

Unit #: _____

City: _____ Province: _____

Postal Code: _____

Home Phone: _____-____-_____

Business Phone: _____-____-_____

Cell Phone: _____-____-_____

Email Address: _____

Please indicate your renewal type:

Active Member: Fee \$130

Associate Member: Fee \$25

Cheque attached:

For those with email, please email copy David Kennedy at kennedda@mac.com