NIPA CONTACT SHEET

Issue 6 - April 2023

President's Welcome

Greetings everyone, it's fair to say that it's been a very busy month in NIPA. We held our AGM on 3rd April 2023 and I'm pleased to report that I'm still President. Woo hoo! We have a strong development plan and that's coming to fruition step by step. I'm really delighted to have a full set of NIPA officers, which we haven't had for a few years. I sincerely welcome John Lambe, from Dungannon and Cookstown Camera Club, as our new Vice President. Chelle McGaughey is Secretary, Marlene Hazlehurst is Assistant Secretary and Claire Russell is Treasurer. I look forward to everyone's support moving forwards.



We hosted the NIPA Novice competition and saw some wonderful photographs, demonstrating the skill of our novice members. Well done! Currently we are planning for next year's Interclub competition and we will be able to bring dates for the NIPA 2023-2024 season next month. It takes time to liaise with clubs and to settle dates at venues.

I'm super pleased to be able to release dates for Judging Workshops. This will enable a new cohort of judges for our Interclub rounds. There's a wealth of talent amongst our photography members, many of whom are very well qualified, and have so much knowledge to share for the advancement of our photography.

I've been producing the NIPA Contact Sheet by myself since November, apart from the two club articles by members in the last two months. This month our secretary Chelle McGaughey and I have worked together to create the Contact Sheet and Chelle has really added some lovely touches to it. Chelle has also completed a super article on CPA. The Contact Sheet is still only 6 months running, but it has taken on a nice format which we are looking to produce consistently. I will be bringing in more people to contribute to it. Enjoy the read!



John LambeVice President



Chelle McGaughey
Secretary



Marlene Hazlehurst
Asst Secretary



Claire Russell Treasurer



NIPA NOVICE COMPETITION 2023







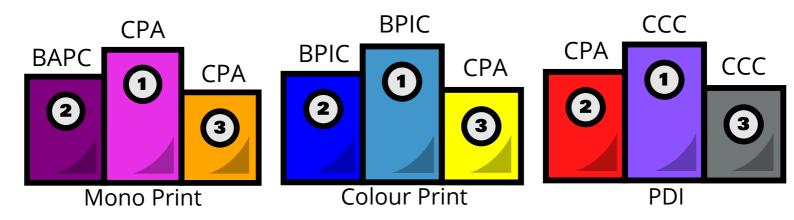
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Paul O'Donnell Catchlight

Congratulations to our Novice Competition winners!

https://www.niphoto.co.uk/novice-competition-2023

NIPA STARS FOR NOVICE WINNERS



We have a few less novices in our ranks following the NIPA Novice Competition, with stars awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd placed images. Congratulations to Paul O'Donnell (Catchlight Camera Club (CCC)), Melanie Ware (BPIC) and Min Jing (CPA) who all gained two stars in the competition, whilst Maia McGaughey (CPA) and Jennifer James (Ballymoney APC) both earned their second star.

NIPA Starred Images List



A competitor cannot be considered a novice if they have gained two or more starred images. To assist our clubs with this classification we have a fully searchable list of all starred images awarded. Information from 1968 to 2011 was taken from the NIPA Archive, and from 2012 the list has been updated after each competition.





Paul O'Donnell

Catchlight Camera Club





2nd place Mono Jennifer James Ballymoney APC

3rd place Mono Min Jing CPA Camera Club





3rd place Colour Maia McGaughey CPA Camera Club



Highly Commended Colour & Mono Steven Black Shorts CC

Commended Colour David McClements City of Belfast PS



Commended Colour Mark Quinn CB Camera Club

Thanks to John Belshaw for photographing the event.

NIPA JUDGING AT CLUB LEVEL WORKSHOP

What

- Building on our previous NIPA Judging Workshops of January 2014, 2015 and 2019
- A detailed workshop concentrating on the scoring and the delivery on prints and PDIs at local camera club competitions
- The emphasis will be on the delivery of appropriate feedback

Where

• Catchlight Studios, Belfast

When

- 24 June 2023, 10am to 4pm
- Lunch will be provided

Why

- To increase the pool of active NIPA approved judges, to judge at local camera club competitions
- To improve the overall quality of judging, both in the process of scoring and the effective, appropriate delivery of the adjudication

Who

The workshop will be open to those who:

- are interested in judging, but haven't done so before
- have judged a little, but welcome learning more
- have been judging for some time and would like a refresh to keep up to date

All camera clubs have been asked to nominate at least two members for future workshops. Any individual, even if not nominated by their club, can apply directly for consideration by emailing nipa.secretary@gmail.com.

NIPA may reach out to individuals who show promise and may need a little persuading.

How

Participants will be 'walked through' a mock-up of local camera club competition approaches, concentrating on the:

- scoring approach and
- appropriate delivery of adjudication

A further workshop on **Judging at Federation Level** will be held on Saturday 23 September 2023. Further information will follow in due course.



NIPA Virtual Coffee Morning



Every Friday at 11am

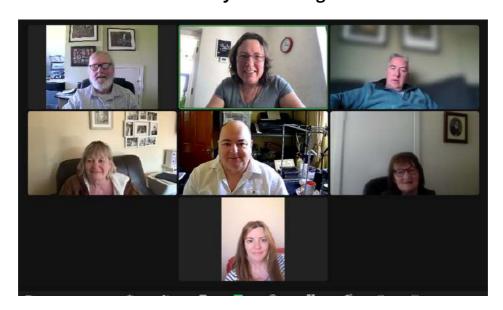
A quick chat, via Zoom, with your morning cuppa.

No more than 40 minutes as I'm just using the free Zoom,
on purpose, to keep this short and sweet!

Friday 12th, 19th and 26th May - Join Zoom Meeting
[NONE ON 5th May]

https://us05web.zoom.us/j/83643949355?pwd=eHNuZU5sMEcveTVZUlpLL0ZpYzBTdz09 Meeting ID: 836 4394 9355 Passcode: 0Ww6JM

Please rename to your NAME and CLUB
Check NIPA Facebook page in case of any last minute issues with Zoom etc.,
or for any time changes.



Online Photography Events from Wex

Wex Photo Video are offering a series of free online photography and video events. The courses are available internationally and can be watched at any time. Amongst other topics you will find a large selection of events around wildlife, portraiture, landscapes, documentary, street photography and post-production and editing.

With our upcoming theme of *Entertainment/Arts*, you might find **How to Photograph Live Music and Gigs** of interest!

Sincere Thanks to our Sponsors

For each Round in our Interclub:

£25 to Top Colour Print £25 to Top Mono Print £25 to Top PDI

£30 for the raffle

1st £20 2nd £10





Hard to keep track of all your competition entries? Not any more! This fabulous FREE software lets you keep track of it all.

"This site will allow you to create a competition image portfolio, allocate images against exhibitions/competitions and record your scores and results.

The site software also provides various image analysis and performance reports in line with the requirements of the various accreditation authorities.

All exhibition details and accreditation requirements on this site are provided by the users of the site and the operators take no responsibility for any inaccuracies."

https://cimgr.com/portal/main.php

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Distinctions Group

Would you like to apply for Distinctions? Or at least know a bit more about how to get started?

Then join in our informal group chatting about all things related to Distinctions. Have some images ready to share on screen for consideration. Ask questions, get feedback including on editing. It's really very informal, a great chat each evening with good learning. We usually run for 1-1.5 hours. We will be looking at and hearing about the journey to Rusty's successful AIPF panel as shown on the next page on Monday 5th June as well. Join in.

A zoom link will be emailed out. Next date is Monday 5th June at 8pm via Zoom.

Thanks to Hugh Rooney for sharing the *Accolade* link which shows successful RPS digital panels: https://rps.org/groups/digital-imaging/new-di-publications/accolade

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A printing offer for prints A4 - A3 50% discount, just mention to staff that you're a NIPA club member and what club



The Venice Festival

Sincere Congratulations to Sinclair Rusty Adair LRPS CPAGB AIPF BPE 1 on his successful panel in the March 2023 Irish Photographic Federation distinctions. This is a stunning Associateship panel. Rusty is a member of Ards Camera Club.

Statement of Intent:

During February each year in Venice, many participants take part in a festival dressed in an array of artistic and very elaborate costumes, each costume is complemented with a mask, many of which are mostly made by themselves.

The tradition of this dates back to the 13th century and its purpose was to disguise the identity of the upper-class mingling with the lower-class folk.

Throughout this panel I wanted to show the variety of colours, many bright and vibrant, and others less so, and to display the uniqueness of each of the designs for the mask and costume.

While keeping the details with the colourful costumes and accessories prominent, I have chosen to mute the backgrounds but still retain an essence of Venice, some displaying its buildings, its waterways and the Gondola boats used in its everyday use.

The Venice Festival Hanging Plan















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2022 NIPA Exhibition on Tour

The 2022 NIPA Exhibition is on display at Roe Valley Arts & Cultural Centre, Limavady until 27th May. Call in to see it if you're nearby!

Thanks to Vittorio Silvestri for delivering the prints.

https://www.niphoto.co.uk/nipa-2022-exhibition



2023 NIPA Exhibition Entry Now OPEN

We are now accepting entries for the NIPA Annual Exhibition. This is the culmination of our year, and a chance for you to show your best work and possibly even win a newly designed PAGB Medal or Ribbon!

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: Saturday 3rd June

Drop your prints into our sponsors Wex Photo Video on Boucher Road; many thanks to Angus Bicker.

The entry system has been enabled on the NIPA website. Login, go to your user profile and click on Exhibition 2023 on the left side of the screen. This will bring you to the upload section.

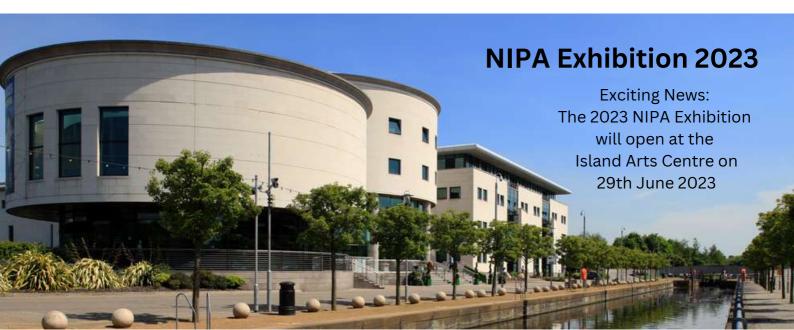
All entries (including Print) must be uploaded to the website.

This is an individual entry, where members choose and enter their own work.

Fee is £1 per Image.

The Exhibition will open on Thursday 29 June at Island Arts Centre, Lagan Valley Island, Lisburn

https://www.niphoto.co.uk/2023exhibitionentryinfo



Club Snapshot: Central Photographic Association by Chelle McGaughey

Origin: The Central Photographic Association, commonly referred to as CPA Camera Club, is one of the oldest in Northern Ireland, dating back to 1906. Our aim is to promote photography and to assist those with an interest in photography, no matter how basic, no matter which medium, film or digital; everyone is welcome.

Meetings: Anyone, from beginner to advanced worker, is invited to join us and benefit from the many demonstrations and lectures arranged for our members.

Where does your club meet? Morton Community Centre, Lorne Street (off Lisburn Road), Belfast.

What night do you meet? Tuesday at 7:30pm from September to May for our official programme, with additional outings over the summer.



Club members at the recent launch of an exhibition in the Long Gallery at Stormont which featured two panels from CPA Camera Club (Back row: Brian McClure, Vittorio Silvestri, Ossie Bruce, Michael Mulholland. Front row: Pauline McAleese, Chair Robert Sergeant). **How many members are in your club?** We currently have 25 members.

How did Covid affect your meetings? We moved to online meetings via Zoom during the pandemic, and since we use an online entry system for competitions, we were able to continue with our programme of guest speakers and competitions. Our practical nights were replaced with photography challenges.

Since Covid, how have you changed how your meetings run? Whilst we were very glad of Zoom when we couldn't meet in person, once restrictions were lifted our members were delighted to get back to meeting in person. It's been so lovely to see prints back on the display boards this season and to meet up with friends at the Interclub adjudication events.

Programme:

https://cpacameraclub.co.uk/club-calendar/



CPA Camera Club continued

Outings: For many years the club ran an annual weekend trip to locations around Ireland, but in 2014 we decided to think bigger and give our members an opportunity to take their photography a little further afield. Since then, each spring has seen us head off for a week – first to Prague, then Iceland. We decided to put the thermals away for a while, so our next two destinations offered some sunshine in Andalucía and Lanzarote. The onset of the pandemic put paid to our Gdansk trip but with some travel back on the cards in 2021 we headed south to spend some time travelling around Kerry. This season we've really pushed the boat out with a two-week trip through Vietnam, from Ho Chi Minh in the south to Sa Pa in the north and a variety of places in between, including the stunning Ha Long Bay. We still fit in those weekends in Ireland and visits to the Photography Show in Birmingham, but there's no doubt our members enjoy the photographic opportunities to be found elsewhere along with time spent with friends.



Club members and travelling companions on the recent two-week trip to Vietnam (L-R: Host Rachael Studd, Vittorio Silvestri, Steve Haydon, Pauline McAleese, Chelle McGaughey, Joanne Lavery, Min Jing, host Stephen Studd, Brian Carey, and guest Anita Kirkpatrick).

Club members on one of our week-long club trips, this time to Kerry (L-R: Steve Haydon, Kim Kaydon, Robert Sergeant, Chelle McGaughey, Steve McComb, Helen Honeyman, Pauline McAleese, Vittorio Silvestri).



CPA Camera Club continued

Partnerships with other clubs or NIPA: For many years we have enjoyed two print battles every season, one against City of Belfast Photographic Society and one against CB Camera Club, with each club taking turns to host the event. The club also has a strong association with NIPA: John Hill was one of the founding officers of NIPA, Vittorio Silvestri is the External Competitions Officer and a member of the Competitions Committee as well as a Past President, Chelle McGaughey is NIPA Secretary, and Helen Honeyman chairs the Child and Vulnerable Adult Protection Committee.

Top subjects: We see a wide variety of photographic genres from our members, including portraiture, sport, landscape, architecture and nature photography. As well as taking part in the NIPA Interclub Competition, we also have a range of in-house competitions including Photo Essay, Irish Heritage, Outings and Practicals, and Flora and Fauna. Our Annual Exhibition is the highlight of our season and the culmination of a year's work; it covers ten different sections which are a mix of novice, advanced and open categories, each with an engraved trophy for the winner. Our oldest trophy dates back to the year we were founded, 1906!

CPA Camera Club continued

Points to note: CPA host the annual Will McCrum Memorial Competition for Portraiture which aims to celebrate the life and talents of one of the club's and Northern Ireland's most well-loved photographers. It is open to everyone and features large size prints which were Will's favourite medium. The competition has been running since Will passed away in 2012.

Website: https://cpacameraclub.co.uk

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/cpacameraclub

Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/cpacameraclub/



Member Profile: Vittorio Silvestri

Many people will know Vittorio from his work with NIPA, where he was Vice President 2014-2016, President 2016-2019, and Immediate Past President 2019-2021. In his current role as External Competitions Officer, he has responsibility for the NIPA Exhibition, the Inter-Regional Wildlife Competition against the IPF, and the PAGB Inter-Federation competitions. As a member of the Competition Committee, he is at every judging and every adjudication event; displaying the images, liaising with judges and selectors, maintaining the NIPA website, and producing certificates – just some of the jobs he regularly undertakes.

What is less well known is his dedication to the Central Photographic Association over the past 35 years. Vittorio joined CPA in 1988, making him one of our longest standing members.

His first officer post was as Secretary, serving a staggering 22 years between 1990-2012, while also overlapping with additional roles as Exhibition Secretary and Programme Secretary. In 2013 Vittorio was presented with Honorary Life Membership of the club; John Hill is our only other member to have such status. Vittorio was Chair between 2012-2016, and at the end of his double term the Committee voted to appoint him to a newly created position of Club President in honour of his amazing commitment to the club.

Since 2017 he has again held the role of Exhibition Secretary, and as Competition Secretary ensures that all our Interclub rounds run smoothly. During the Covid-19 pandemic, Vittorio set up our online competition entry system and hosted club meetings on Zoom, allowing us to continue with our programme, something that was greatly appreciated by all our members at such a difficult time.

Whilst we have a dedicated Committee who have responsibility for the running of CPA, there is no doubt that Vittorio is the glue that has held the club together over many years.

Club members at the opening of the CPA Annual Exhibition in Belfast Central Library (L-R: Ossie Bruce, Frank Dunleavy, Vittorio Silvestri, Brian McClure, Steve Haydon, Pauline McAleese, Brian Carey).



CPA Camera Club Annual Exhibition 2023

Members of all NIPA clubs are invited to
CPA Camera Club for the opening of their 116th Annual Exhibition
Morton Community Centre, Lorne Street, Belfast
Tuesday 9 May at 7.30pm

Judge Darren Brown will be providing his feedback on a selection of images across the ten categories.

A light supper will be provided. The Exhibition will then be on display in Belfast Central Library during June.

CB Camera Club Annual Exhibition 2023

Members of all NIPA clubs are invited to
CB Camera Club for the opening of their Annual Exhibition
St Malachy's College Old Boys Association, 442 Antrim Road, Belfast BT15 5GB
Thursday 11 May at 7.30pm for an 8pm start

Did you know about NIPA Club or NIPA Service Awards?

Anyone can nominate anyone at any time. This goes to the Honours and Memorial Committee.

Form for nominations:



Check out recipients:

https://www.niphoto.co.uk/nipa-service-awards



Club Awards Nomination

The award is intended for individuals who have given sustained service, probably over a number of years, in one or more clubs.

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Club (or multiple clubs)

Length of service

Although we will not use this as a selection criteria - it will help to give us an idea of how long that service has been sustained

Nature of service

E.g. Club Officer / NIPA Council Member / Mentor / Advisor / Organiser of Events or Activities / Facilities

Supporting Statement

Please include relevant information to allow NIPA to make a determination on this nomination

All completed nomination forms should be emailed to the NIPA Secretary: nipa.secretary@gmail.com

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NIPA Service Awards

As part of the Association's 50th Anniversary, Council agreed that we should honour people who have made a sustained contribution to NIPA's purpose:

'The advancement of photography in all its aspects'

This was an opportunity to recognise well-known stalwarts and unsung heroes for their work on behalf of NIPA, and/or their invaluable support for the running of the constituent camera clubs.

Council were honoured to approve the presentation of NIPA Service Awards to the following persons:

Name	NIPA or Club Nomination	Club Name	Date Received
Alan McMorris	NIPA	Bangor	20/05/2017
Alastair Jack	NIPA	Merville	20/05/2017
Anne O'Kane	Club	CB Camera Club	20/05/2017
Austen Loonan	Club	CB Camera Club	20/05/2017
Bertha Brown	Club	CB Camera Club	20/05/2017
Billy Leahey	NIPA	BPIC	20/05/2017

PAGB Trial Two New Levels for Awards of Photographic Merit

In response to demand from Individuals, Clubs and Federations, the PAGB is introducing, on a trial basis, two exciting new ways to achieve an Award for Photographic Merit.

BPAGB

The Badge Level will be assessed at exactly the same standard as the CPAGB but will require fewer images and a slightly lower passing score.

7 Prints required, Entry Fee £42

- Entry is available under the same conditions and criteria as apply to CPAGB applications.
- The entries will be included in the CPAGB category, and the Adjudicators will not be told which are CPAGB entries and which are BPAGB entries. They will thus be voted on according to the same criteria against the same standard as the CPAGB.
- Entry is not available to holders of the CPAGB.
- The entry is 7 images. The passing score for BPAGB will be 125. The normal review procedure of near misses will apply. Entrants achieving 125 or more will be awarded a BPAGB Certificate and Badge*.
- *A newly sourced badge, identical to the CPAGB but White.

EPAGB

The Excellence Level is a step up from DPAGB, assessed at exactly the same standard but with a significantly higher passing score.

15 Prints required. Entry Fee £90

- Application for the Excellence Award is only open to existing holders of the DPAGB in Print, PDI or AV who have held the DPAGB for at least 11 months and who are still current, active members of an affiliated Club.
- The entries will be included in the DPAGB category, and the Adjudicators will not be told which are DPAGB entries and which were EPAGB entries. They will thus be voted on according to the same criteria against the same standard as the DPAGB.
- No images which were used in the previously successful DPAGB entry can be used for the entry for EPAGB.
- The passing score for EPAGB will be 330. The normal review procedure of near misses will apply. Entrants achieving 330 or more will be awarded a EPAGB badge*. Entrants failing to achieve 330 but achieving 300 or more will be awarded a further DPAGB certificate and badge but the post nominal will remain unchanged.
- *A newly sourced badge -similar to the current DPAGB with an added "scroll".

Both new levels are now open for entry for the next Adjudication in November but, for this trial, only applications in Prints will be accepted.

Camera Plus in Cookstown

Camera Plus in Cookstown offers discount on printing for camera club members. Pascal has a wealth of experience in photography and equipment and has just become a Sony dealer too.



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CEWE

Whilst I (Anita) was over at the Masters of Print in Birmingham, I was introduced to the printing lab CEWE. I have negotiated a deal for NIPA Clubs and members with CEWE.

Each club can print 20-25 images on their 7 different paper types.

CEWE have asked that when the images are uploaded that they include the club name so they can create sets for each club. If more than 1 person from each club submits images then CEWE will split the images across the materials, for example a different image on each material or have 1 image across the photographic papers and another image across the wallart range.

Either way each club will receive a set of images on 7 types of material.

The upload link is active: https://docs.cewe.de/s/jbEarRcwid5Y7Jk

As a follow up on the papers, I am in discussion with CEWE about a **virtual lab tour**, via Zoom as an online talk, discussing their papers and printing processes.

Discount offer

There's a discount voucher code for NIPA on most CEWE photo products - the full information is on the next page. The code is NIPA and this will give an introductory 25% off for members.

This will end 11pm 31st May 2023.

CEWE will then change this to the 10% off for orders over £30 but a new code will be provided for this at the time.

CEWE Photo Award

CEWE have now started a photography competition just for PAGB members. **The competition is called 'UK's Beautiful Places'** and you can find it here:

https://contest.cewe.co.uk/beautifulplaces/en_gb/

When members upload their images to this competition they are also invited to enter them into the CEWE Photo Award 2023 competition with just one click!

You can enter upto 100 images.

This competition is completely free to enter! There are some amazing prizes on offer and anyone can enter, check out the link which contains all the information.

https://www.cewe.co.uk/cewe-photo-award.html

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*Offer entitles you to save 25% off all CEWE photo products. Offer ends 11pm 31st May 2023. Postage and packaging charges apply. Only one use per customer. Cannot be used in conjunction with any other offers. Discount cannot be given after an order has been placed. Offer available on www.cewe.co.uk for online orders, the CEWE App and the CEWE Creator Software. We reserve the right to remove the offer at any time without prior notice. All standard terms and conditions apply.

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