

CPOPC Monthly Meeting February 2026

February 14th, 2026



Welcome !

- Welcome members, new members, guests and prospective members
- **Ambassadors:** JP Lauzon and Johan Carignan
- Please join in, ask questions and participate
 - Be respectful of others and the person speaking
- Although presentations will be in **English**, please feel free to also ask questions in **French**



Beverley Dawson

Agenda

- Speaker : Wayne Fisher – Art Meets Architecture
- Break
- Photo Challenge
- Member Contribution
- Photo Technique
- Photos from Macro Workshop
- Photo 101 – What to Do with All Those Images
- Notices
- Next Meeting



JP Lauzon



Featured Speaker
- Wayne Fisher -
Art Meets Architecture



Break

February Challenge – Snowy scene

- An image of an outdoor snow scene. There can be other subjects in the image (people, animals, etc) within a snowy environment, snow either on a surface or in the air.
- **Off Topic:** An image where snow doesn't play an important role. Eg, A photo of the Rideau Canal, even if there is snow on the banks, would be considered off topic.
- Submission deadline: **Saturday, Feb 7th (midnight)**
- Voting deadline: Thursday, Feb 12th (midnight)
- Archived photos are allowed.



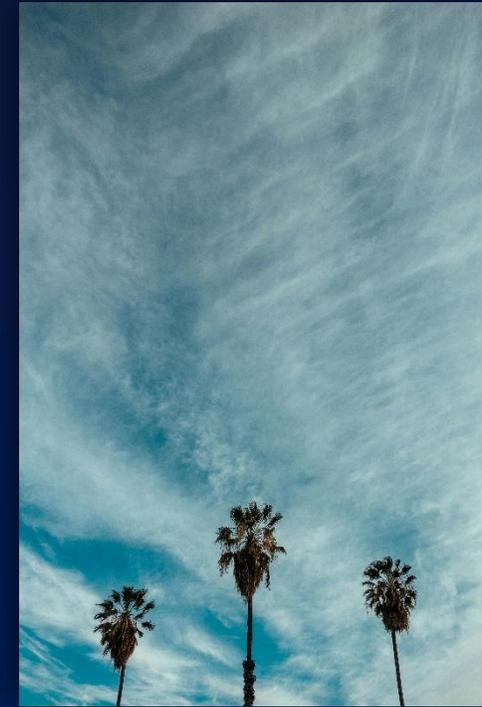
Greg Rakozy
Unsplash



Erol Ahmed,
Unsplash

March Challenge – Negative space

- Negative space refers to any part of an image that doesn't attract attention, typically not the subject. An image can be simplistic in nature with the negative space enhancing the composition, tension, mood, etc.
- **Off Topic:** If the image does not have a significant amount of negative space.
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François Gonzal
Unsplash



Frederik Lower,
Unsplash

Member Contribution

Yoline Joseph-Hoskin
Art Beneath Our Feet

Member Contribution – Emily Udle

Two of Emily's images have been published in **Echolocation**, the literary magazine published by the English department at the University of Toronto.





Club Photo



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Photo Club

Macro Photography Workshop

- January 2026 -

**JP
Lauzon**



**JP
Lauzon**



**Johan
Carignan**



Jean Moore



**Jean
Moore**



**Marianne
Pethke**



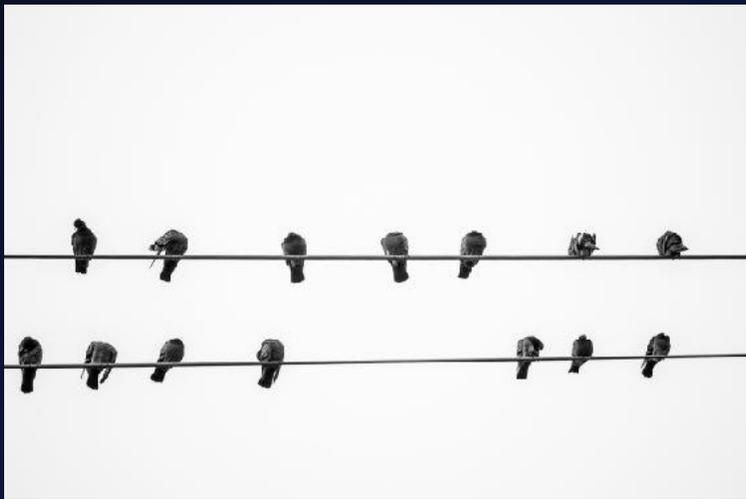
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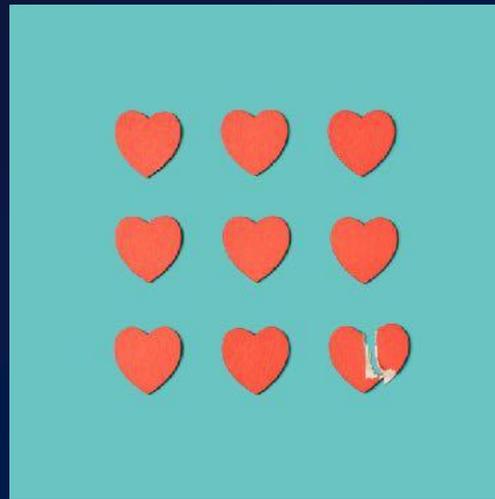
February Technique

Break the Pattern

- Repeating patterns can make for pleasing images but a break in the pattern can make it compelling. The interruption in the pattern creates a point of interest and gives the viewer a path into the scene.



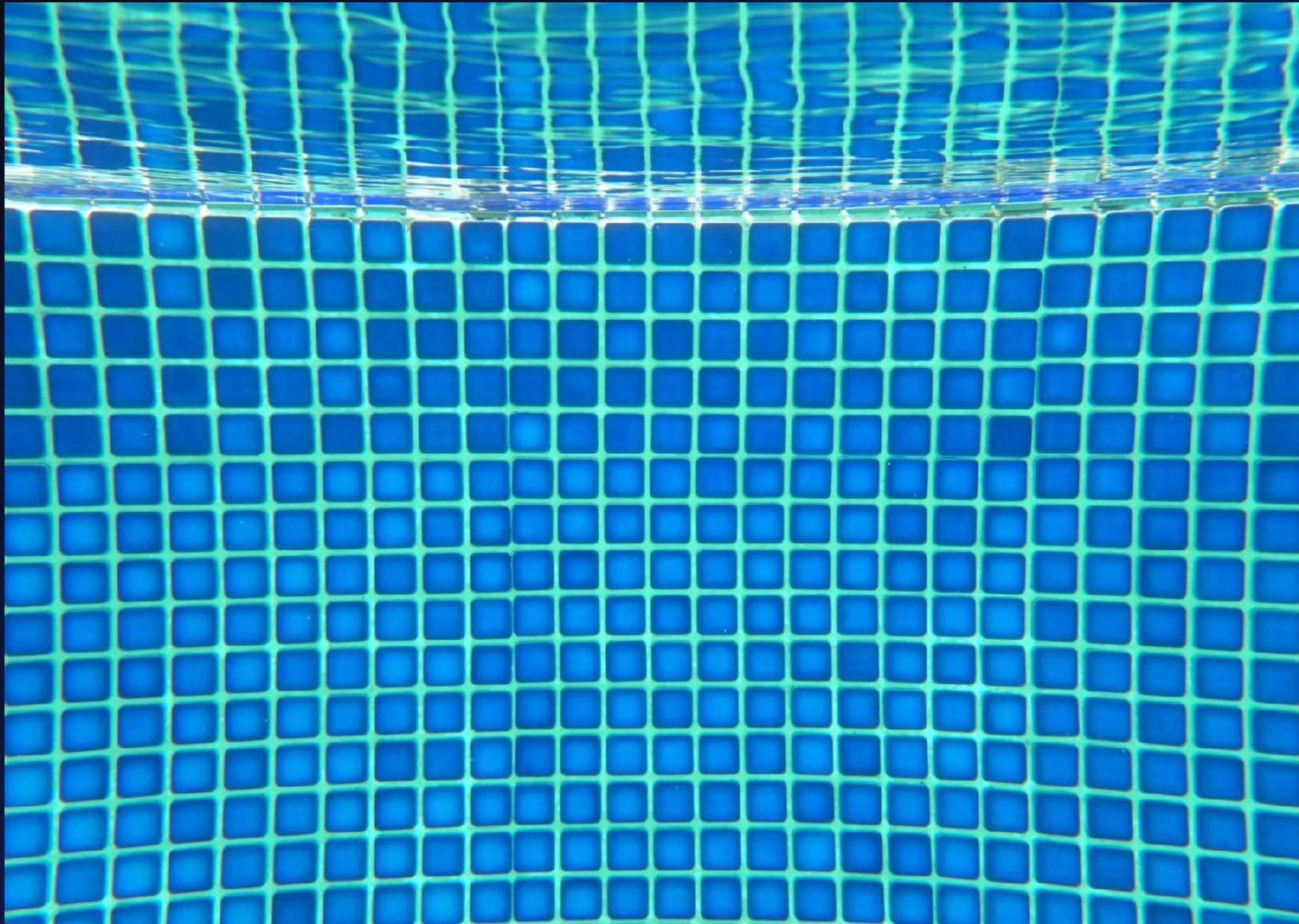
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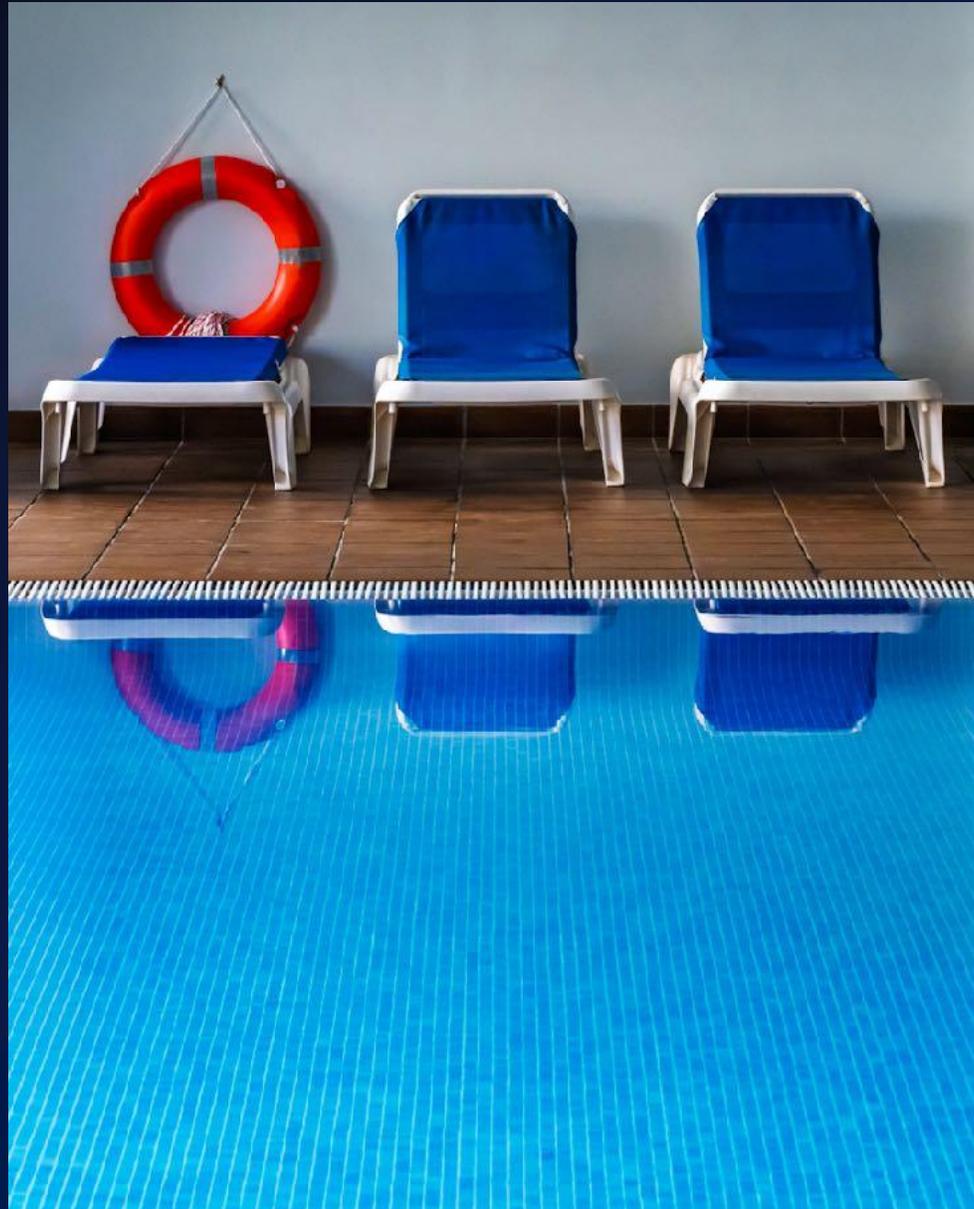
Scott Udle



Lynda
Buske



JP
Lauzon



Yoline Joseph-
Hoskin



Jean
Moore



Jean-Francois
Riel



Wendy Noble



Scott Udle

March Technique - Left to Right Rule

- In this part of the world we read from left to right so there is a belief that movement in an image should travel in the same direction in order for the viewer to properly “read” the image. This is a matter of taste, of course, because there are many amazing images showing movement right to left. There is also a companion belief with the “rule of space” which states that the object in motion must have space to move into. This means the object in motion should be placed somewhere near the left third of the frame.



Chris Barbalis - Unsplash



Max Bender -
Unsplash



Scott Udle

Club Photo



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Photo Club

Photo 101

What to Do with All Those Images

Notices

Changes to the Executive

- Two members have volunteered to replace Marianne and Roger
 - Patricia Parsons in the position of Program Director
 - JP Lauzon in the position of Secretary/Treasurer
- Thank you for volunteering to take these roles on!
- Official nomination, or election at the June AGM.

Constitution Renewal - Approach

- Thank you to those who have reviewed and commented on the Revised Club Constitution and By-Laws
- Comments will be fully considered by the Executive Committee
- Will submit the revised documentation for official membership approval, 30 days in advance of the June AGM

Photo Processing Workshop

Facilitator: Jean-François Riel

- Come explore photo processing!
- **NEW!!** : LIVE processing demo by Scott Udle and Jean-François Riel
- Process two of your own images, and show before and after versions
- Next workshop to be held on Zoom **February 17th**, @ 7:00pm
- Register on the Club's website TODAY, **February 14th @ midnight** to receive instructions and Zoom link
- Your images are due **February 16th at midnight**

Winter Blues Scavenger Hunt

Facilitator: Johan Carignan

- **Date:** Friday, February 20th at midnight to February 22nd 2026
- **Timings:** Midnight to midnight
- **Location:** Wherever you are

All members will be sent the topics on Friday, February 20th at 6 pm.

- This scavenger hunt is designed for everyone
- No fancy equipment or perfect conditions
- Indoors or outdoors
- No “wrong” photos

In-Person Workshop - Photographing with Smoke

Facilitator: Manfred Mueller

- **Workshop facilitators:** Manfred Mueller
- **Date:** Saturday, March 21st 2026
- **Timings:** 10:00am to 2:00pm
- **Location:** QHCC
- **Maximum participants:** 6 + observers

Learn to create atmospheric images with smoke

- **Register page open now**
- **\$35, non-refundable**

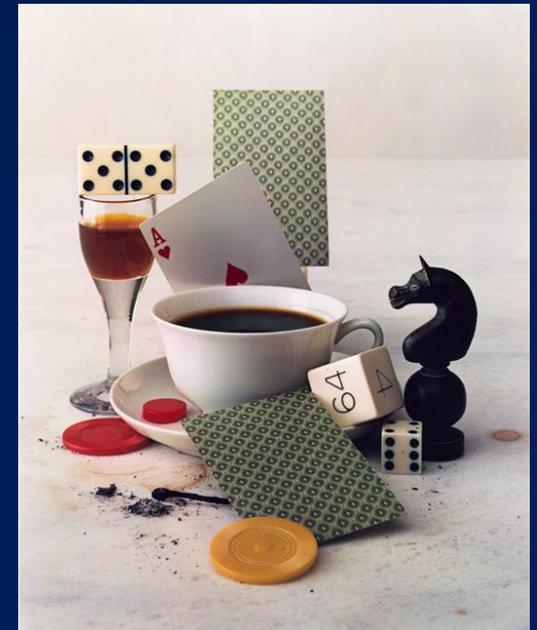


Interclub competition

A picture is worth a thousand words

- An image can convey an idea, emotion, or story much more effectively than a long description. It highlights the power of visuals in communication.
- **Off Topic:** Since every image tells a story there will likely be no off-topic votes
- Must submit 1 on topic image, max 2. Also allowed 1 general topic submission. Nudes are not allowed.
- Submission deadline: **Sunday, March 22**
- Event: Clark Hall, RA Centre on Tues, Apr 14
- <https://interclub.raphotoclub.ca/>
- Archived photos are allowed as long as they have never been submitted to the Interclub competition before.

Paul Dickie



Irving Penn

CAPA Membership

- CPOPC is a member of CAPA
- This entitles our members to a free limited membership in CAPA
- You have to register yourself as a member of a CAPA club
- You will be able to read the digital Canadian Photography magazine and submit articles to it
- You can also enter their club competitions



Canadian Association For Photographic Art



Menu

This is a limited membership for members of CAPA Clubs who are not individual members of CAPA. This is provided at no cost as a benefit of membership in a CAPA Club. This registered limited membership gives you access to a digital copy of the current Canadian Photography magazine, and the opportunity to submit articles to the magazine.

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<https://capacanada.ca/product/member-of-a-capa-club/>

CPOPC Communications

Communications Director: John Ingold



- Monthly Newsletter + deadline reminders
- Facebook: **Orleans Photo Club**
 - Challenge and Competition winners' photos, event updates
 - <https://www.facebook.com/CPOPC>
- Instagram: **Orleans_Photo_Club**
 - Member contributions photos, event updates
 - https://www.instagram.com/orleans_photo_club/?hl=en
 - Thank you to Trish Parsons for helping post member contributions



**BRING A
FRIEND!**

New Year Challenge
Membership Drive- Bring a Friend

- Asking everyone to invite a prospective member at some point this season
 - Help others find a new passion or rekindling an old one
 - Increase our resources and support so we can maintain our great programming

Why Join the CPOPC Forum?

- Ask a question
- Share a link
- Buy / sell gear
- Discuss any aspect of photography



Contact Chris at: Chris.Taylor@opcug.ca or
VP@cpopc.ca

Presentations at Ottawa Public Library by Lynda Buske & Chris Taylor

FREE but best to register at

<https://bibliooottawalibrary.ca/en/program?text=pc+users>

- Mon Feb 16, 2pm, **Basic Photo Editing** – Main
- Thur Feb 19, 6pm, **Basic Photo Editing** – Rosemont
- Mon Feb 23, 6pm, **AI fun and useful tips** – Carlingwood
- Thur Mar 5, 10:30am, **Armchair travel – Newfoundland**, Greenboro
- Mon Mar 9, 6:00pm, **Armchair travel – Nova Scotia**, Carlingwood
- Thu Mar 12, 6pm, **AI fun and useful tips** Beaverbrook
- Thu Mar 12, 2pm, **How to take better vacation photos** - Centennial

- Other computer-related presentations available as well.

If not registered, can still attend but first contact lbuske@sympatico.ca to confirm it has not been cancelled.

Photo News

- Photoshop Virtual Summit: Foundations
 - February 23-27, 2026
 - FREE
 - <https://www.pvsfoundations.com>
- Affinity Studio Software is now FREE
 - <https://www.affinity.studio>
- CAPA's Canadian Photography Conference 2026
 - 13-16 July 2026 in Calgary
 - In-person and virtual options
 - www.CanadianPhotographyConference.ca
- CAPA looking for an Ontario Zone Director
 - Email president@cpopc.ca for details



Darren Bessette

Camera Club of Ottawa Gallery Show at Vistek

- The CCO will be exhibiting 16 prints:
 - at **Vistek**, 499 Bank Street, Ottawa.
- The exhibit will run from starting February 2 until the end of March.
- Vernissage, February 21, 1 until 4 PM
 - Meet the photographers, coffee, snack



Next Meeting

- Saturday, March 14th at 10:00am on Zoom
- **Featured Speaker:** Maxime Légaré-Vézina – Wildlife Photography; Pushing your Photography Further
- **Challenge:** Negative Space - submit by March 7th
- **Technique:** Left to Right Side - submit by March 11th



Patricia Parsons

Thank you !