

In 1963 the "Turner Valley Oilfields Camera Club" was someone's vision, and a group of core people decided to start a club. Here we are, 50 years later!

Of course, the club today is different in many aspects. The community has changed, the technical equipment has changed, members have come and gone, but at the end of the day we are a group of people who love photography!

We have a new president and vice-president this year, Richard Mowry and Barb Larson, so we have new talents and new ideas coming forth! As decided last year, we have gone back to our traditional format of the Annual Competition of photos to be judged by Mr. Ted Dawson from High River. Going back in the archives, Ted started judging for us in May 1979! He continues to provide us with positive ideas about how to improve our photos – a lifelong ambition for all of us.

Our meeting format generally involves taking care of business, then a "Technical" and/or "Creative" presentation takes place by a member or guest(s). From this presentation we have a monthly assignment to put this new information to the test. Our assignments this year have proven to be fun and thoughtful in their creation and execution. Each member present at the meeting picks their top three choices and from there the overall top three are selected to be printed and displayed on the wall in the Arts Council for all to view!

Steve Wild and Linda Maki, photographers from Nanton, will be joining us as guest presenters for the April meeting with "Black and White Photography" as the topic.

We have been able to "give back" to our community in the form of a donation to the local food bank as well as to the Priddis & Millarville Fair.

The "Last Friday Night of the Month Travel Photo Presentation" has been enjoyed by those in attendance. We are averaging about 20 people. To date we have "chair-traveled" to Africa (twice), Argentina, Peru, Ecuador and the Galapagos Islands, the Canyons of Southwestern USA, the along the Dempster Highway in the Yukon and into Alaska, the Dominican Republic, and this Friday night to Italy!

We offered a "Digital Camera Basics Course" this year, taught by our member, Chuck Murphy. We had eight students in the Sept-Dec session and ten in the Jan-Apr session. We are just in the process of confirming whether we will be able to continue this program in the next season.

Our Annual Banquet and Competition celebrating 50 years will be held Tuesday, May 7th! We have selected the Turner Valley Golf Course as our venue. This event is open to anyone who wishes to attend. The cost is \$25.00 per person and we ask for an RSVP by April 22.

April 2013 also marks another milestone! One of our "Lifetime" members, Peggy Orr, is celebrating her 100th birthday! Peggy is the mother of a local resident and past club member, Shirley Mundell. Peggy joined the camera club in 1980 and was an active member for many years!