



*The Yellow Umbrella by Paul Willyams. PSA Bronze Medal at the Finland International Digital Circuit, Honours at the Southern Regional Convention, Acceptance in PI#10.*

## Field Trip - Botanic Gardens Walkabout

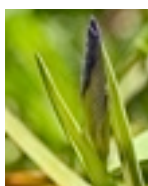


We met at the Christchurch Botanical Gardens on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November on a lovely sunny still day. We meandered around capturing flowers, insects and trees, with lunch at 1 o'clock outside the Kiosk.

Present on the field trip were Sebastien Krebs, Geoff Garner, Peter Saunders, Annette Preen, Ann Bastion, John Thornton, Terry Casey, Kaye Wilson, Andrew Thomson, Glenys Mackley, Graeme Stewart, Malcolm Carr, Fran Sumner, Diana Andrews and Barry Smith.

Diana

*Photos by Ann Bastion and Annette Preen (bottom right)*



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Viewfinder is just one of the ways we spread the word about CPS. If you are interested in finding out more about CPS, you are welcome to attend our weekly meetings held on

Wednesday nights at 8 pm at the Riccarton Community Church, 44 Elizabeth Street, Riccarton.  
Please submit articles by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month to Nancy Gibb <ciotach@clear.net.nz>

A complete list of Officers of CPS is available on the website but here are two important ones for you!  
Dave Slaten, President <president@cpsnz.com>

Iain Anderson <Membership@cpsnz.com>  
For more information see our website <www.cpsnz.com>.  
You can also download previous issues of Viewfinder in PDF format.

# The 2011 AGM

It is a truth universally acknowledged that AGMs are seldom enjoyable. On Wednesday 2 November 2011, a total of 39 members of CPS met for the AGM, with a number of apologies accepted. The minutes from last year's AGM (3 Nov. 2010) and from the SGM (13 July 2011) were accepted as true and correct records.



The passing of two special members Robin Wood and Christopher Newman were



acknowledged with a minute's silence.

The President's report presented by Diana Andrews reflected on a year of challenges for CPS with earthquakes, snow and members relocating. However, she delighted in the success and smooth-running of the tutorials, the Laurie Thomas Salon, Laurie Thomas Winter School, field trips and the monthly Digital Challenge. The club has been

successful in external competitions, with a number of first prize places reflecting the quality of photography produced by members.

Other notable achievements were the review of the Constitution, a revamped Viewfinder, improvements in our website, online communications and even digital entry! Diana noted where she felt improvements could be made and stressed that these would be worked on next year. She rounded off by thanking members of the committee for their support.

The Treasurer's report was presented by Kaye Wilson who announced an overall surplus of \$3,660. Savings had been made on website maintenance/ improvement and Viewfinder. Membership numbers were reduced due to the earthquakes. Members voted affirmatively on the subscription remaining at \$110 for 2012 and 2013. Both the President's and Treasurer's Reports were accepted.

Dave Slaten was elected unopposed as the new President. He then declared the elections of Terry Casey as Vice President, Anita Kirkpatrick as Secretary and Kaye Wilson as Treasurer. He thanked Dave Gibb and Iain Anderson for their work as they stepped down from Committee. Sebastien Krebs, Geoff Trotter, Michael Molloy and Diana Andrews remain on Committee with the addition of Sandra Long and Alistair Phillips, whom Dave welcomed on board.

In thanks to Diana, Dave Slaten commended her on her solid role as President, having navigated CPS through some rough seas over the last few years. He thanked her for leaving the society in a stable and coherent position from which he would move forward and build upon. There was an unprompted standing ovation for Diana.

The AGM ended at 8.37 pm after a relaxed, uncontentious, and dare I say enjoyable meeting.

Anita Kirkpatrick, Secretary.

## Next Field Trip

Sunday December 11

### Peninsula Southern Bays

Meet at Little River Cafe (first one) 9:30 am with tripod, camera, lunch, for Landscape Field trip to southern bays of Banks Peninsula. Takes 40 minutes from Christchurch.

Questions to Barry Smith or Diana Andrews.

**Christchurch Photographic Society**  
**INVITATION** **END OF YEAR FUNCTION**

**Saturday 3 December**

6.30pm  
Drinks/Nibbles  
Viewing of Exhibition

8.00pm  
Awards Evening begins

Canterbury Horticultural Society Hall  
South Hagley Park  
Riccarton Avenue  
Plenty of off street parking

Autumn Gold. Photograph by Barbara Barry APSNZ

## A Message from Your New President

Greetings fellow CPS members,

In the spirit of Viewfinder being a celebration of successes at CPS, I would be remiss in not first saying a huge Thank You to Diana Andrews for her stewardship of the Club over the last 3 years. She took over at a difficult time and helped steer the club through a span of unforeseeable events that clarified the position held by photography in all of our lives. Through Diana's efforts, CPS is in a stable position and pointed in the right direction. I expect this will make my task of taking the reins quite a bit easier than her first day on the job.



Let me also say thank you for the support I have been given in taking on the role as President of Christchurch Photographic Society. I do not step into this position lightly as I have seen at close range how difficult it can be. I consider this opportunity to help shape the Club's activities and achievements as a privilege. CPS has a lengthy and interesting history, a current wealth of photographic talent and with a bit of luck alongside some hard work, a strong future.

I am very much looking forward to 2012 with the returning officers and Committee members along with a couple of new faces who have volunteered their time. A number of conversations for improving things are well under way. Note this does not necessarily mean changing things! Above all, I hope that each member feels welcome and valued at CPS. I openly invite you to discuss your ideas with me, or anyone on the Committee, if you have an alternative point of view. Not everyone will be excited about every decision made, but you are all entitled to have your opinions heard and given due consideration.

Best regards, Dave Slaten

## Dave Wethey

Guest Speaker 23 November 2011



David Wethey spent almost 30 years as a chief photographer, digital imaging specialist & illustrations editor for New Zealand newspapers. Nowadays he operates a digital consultancy and training business where he has been using his comprehensive knowledge of digital cameras, applications, systems, management & publishing at the sharp end of implementation of digital technology.

He started teaching photography part-time in 1985 with an Otago University summer school. He has been teaching at Canterbury University since 1990 plus courses at Aoraki Polytech in Timaru and CPIT, Christchurch.

Dave describes the advent of digital imaging as the greatest change in the history of photography. He is well qualified to make that statement as he was the leader of the team that 'digitised' The Press. David started in the hot metal days at the Central Otago News and The Otago Daily Times, shifted to The Press to work with offset colour and then the digitising of the paper and web delivery. This reflects a huge transition in news and publishing.

David grew up with images and photo albums. "Never put the camera away", he tells everyone he teaches. "Leave it on the kitchen bench. It's usually those really important everyday family photos that we neglect to take."



*Condensed from an article by Harold Mason in D-Photo April 9th, 2008 (available on the web at <http://tiny.cc/x7ehc>).*

# Open PI #10

## Results

Judge: Anna Mandeno

### Honours

Patti Madsen	Angst
Sebastien Krebs	Moonlit Driftwood
Dennis Pointer	Neck And Neck
Ann Bastion	Shadow Play On Bowl
Angela Penn	The Sisters
Kevin MacMillan	Tomtit
Jou Kiang Kueh	Youthful

### Accepted

Ron McKie	Footy Fans
Erik Norder	Jon The Gangster
Geoff Trotter	Little Red
Vicki Slade	Nancy
Gavin James	Pretty In Pink
Kevin Segued	Rhino
Sandra Long	Sea Of Gold
Diana Andrews	Single Bloom
Fergus Campbell	Thoughtful
Oswald Mungwazi	Through Thick And Thin
Bevan Tulett	When The Fog Lifted
Barbara Burry	Windblown Snow On Tree Trunks
Oswald Mungwazi	Winter Morning Walk
Paul Willyams	Yellow Umbrella



# 2011-12 Jack Sprosen Memorial Trophy Audio Visual Competition

Organized by the Henderson Photographic Society (Inc)

Judges: Breen Porter FPSNZ, ARPS, LBIPP, EFIAP; Bob McCree FPSNZ; and Joan Boggis.

In total 38 audio visual programs were entered.

Gold Medal	Playin' with the Blues	Ian Kington APSNZ	Photography with Pixels
Silver Medal	Remembrance	Shona Kebble APSNZ	Howick Camera Club
Bronze Medal	The Secret of the Sierra Madres	John Burford APSNZ	North Shore Photographic Society
Bronze Medal	Where a soul descends	Bruce Girdwood APSNZ	PSNZ
Bronze Medal	How the night came to be	Gail Stent LPSNZ	North Shore Photographic Society
Merit Certificate	Am I Dreaming?	Glyn Hubbard LPSNZ	Wanganui Camera Club
Merit Certificate	One Man's War	Georgie McKie FPSNZ	Christchurch Photographic Society

**42nd Dunedin Festival of Photography**  
December/January 2011/2012

The Dunedin Photographic Society Inc. invites you to submit entries for exhibition in the 41st Dunedin Festival of photography for 2010. The exhibition prints and projected images will be shown January 8th to 15th at the Art Station Anzac Square, Dunedin. The Projected images will be shown throughout the exhibition. Some Honours will be exhibited on the of the Otago Daily Times [www.odt.co.nz](http://www.odt.co.nz)



<b>Festival Calendar</b>	Closing Date	2nd December 2011
	Selection	11th December 2011
	Results reported by	15th December 2010
	Exhibition	8th - 15th January 2012(10am - 4pm)
	Prints returned by	31st January 2011

**Entry Fee**                      \$25.00 for the first section; \$10.00 for each additional section



**Have you made your booking to come to the 2012 National Convention?**

Wow can you believe 2011 is almost gone? Soon it will be 2012 and PSNZ National Convention in Invercargill awaits you.

**Book your trip south today!**

It is the Diamond Convention so it will be something special - spectacular speakers, fabulous facilities, fantastic food, friendly faces and plenty of photographic opportunities and field trips.

Important dates to remember are **25-29 April 2012** (yes it starts on ANZAC day).

We look forward to seeing you down our way so we can provide you with a hearty helping of our special southern hospitality. As well as the National Convention and National exhibition there will be an exhibition of Fine Art photography by members of the local Southland Photographic community at the City Gallery. We have timed the opening to coincide with the convention and the Southland Festival of the Arts especially so you may attend. Here you will find southern fare (including Bluff oysters) on the menu when you book for the City Gallery exhibition opening.

**But wait there's more!**

A special addition to the amazing field trips already on offer is the "Stewart Island Experience". This trip includes return ferry to Stewart Island, bus tour of the island (with stops for photographs along the way of course). Plus a boat ride to Ulva Island, a spectacular open sanctuary. The additional cost for this special trip is **only \$225.00** - amazing value for money in an incredible part of our country. Numbers are limited so be in early to reserve your place on this field trip.

**Still not convinced?**

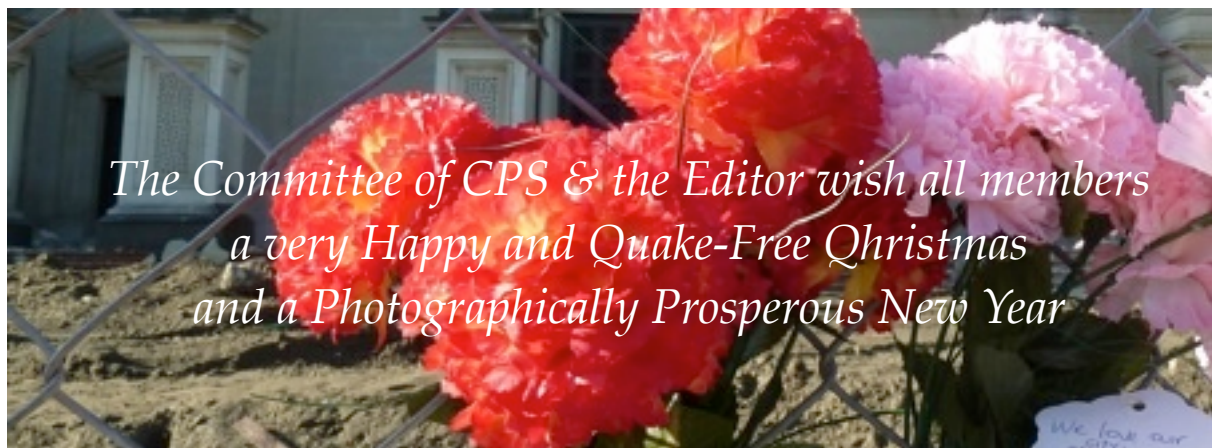
Then check out our website [www.sps-southernfocus.co.nz](http://www.sps-southernfocus.co.nz) ... the DVD is well worth a watch!

Register on-line or fill in the form you received with your last CameraTalk magazine.

We look forward to seeing you in April 2012.

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*The Committee of CPS & the Editor wish all members  
a very Happy and Quake-Free Qhristmas  
and a Photographically Prosperous New Year*