

PSA News

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COVID-19 update

I hope that you and your families are all keeping safe and well.

PSA Headquarters in Oklahoma City has been closed at least until 6th April and the staff are working from home. This may result in delays in exhibition medals being posted to exhibitions with closing dates after the end of April but processing of membership renewals, etc, should continue as normal.

Most PSA activities (such as processing of Star applicants) are continuing but please be patient if you do experience any delays.

PSA has approved the following changes for exhibitions:

- Exhibitions that are having problems with planned in-person judging are able to get permission to defer the judging or switch to remote judging if they have the capability. During this crisis FIAP is also allowing remote judging so that option is available to exhibitions that have FIAP patronage.
- Exhibitions that are unable to produce or distribute printed catalogues may replace them with online catalogues.
- Exhibition that were to have public showings have been permitted to cancel them and instead post all accepted images online.

The Photo Festival in Colorado Springs in September has been cancelled. There is a notice about this on the website <https://psa-photo.org/photo-festival-2020/>.

The PSA Journal is still being produced and the May edition can be downloaded here <https://psa-photo.org/index.php?mypsa-login-psa-journal-online> (after you log in). Now might be a good chance to browse through back issues of the Journal and you can download all Journals back to 2007.

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Welcome

Our new PSA members this month are:

Sara Varenne, Blenheim, NZ

Tom Brassil, Putney, NSW.

Our current Membership in Australia to 155 individuals and 10 clubs or other organisations.

There are currently 23 individual members in New Zealand, and one Society.

Congratulations

Danny Dunne of Coolongoloo (NSW) has been awarded PPSA

Michelle Stokie of Fyansford, V(ic) has been awarded EPSA.

Roy Killen of Garden Suburb (NSW) .has been awarded GMPSA/B.

Ellen Henke of New Zealand has been awarded BPSA.

If you have achieved something noteworthy that I have missed and you would like to share your achievement with fellow PSA members please let me know so that I can include your good news in a future newsletter.

Volunteer Needed Urgently

For health reasons I have had to step down from the position of Membership Vice President for PSA. The new MVP is Andrew Hayes from Scotland.

For now I will continue in the position of Membership Director for Australia but I would like to find a volunteer to assist me in the short term and take over the role in future. It is important to have someone in this position so that Australian members of PSA can be kept up to date with policy changes, etc, that impact on all PSA members. If you are willing to consider taking on this position of Assistant Membership Director please call me and I will be happy to answer your questions.

Photo Travel Definition

There have been two changes to the PSA Photo Travel definition (highlighted in red below). These changes will apply to all international exhibitions that are recognised by PSA and to all internal competitions such the PSA Interclub competitions.

New definition:

A Photo Travel image expresses the characteristic features or culture of a land as they are found naturally. There are no geographical limitations. Images from events or activities arranged specifically for photography, or of subjects directed or hired for photography are not **appropriate allowed**. Close up pictures of people or objects must include features that provide information about the **environment location**.

Techniques that add, relocate, replace or remove any element of the original image, except by cropping, are not permitted. The only allowable adjustments are removal of dust or digital noise, restoration of the appearance of the original scene, and complete conversion to greyscale monochrome. Other derivations, including infrared, are not permitted. All images must look natural.

PSA has issued guidelines to all exhibitions that have Photo Travel sections to assist judges with their interpretation of the above definition.

If you are ever required to judge images in a Photo Travel competition you might find it interesting to read these two articles:

<https://www.picsofasia.com/the-library-of-fake-travel-photos-in-asia/>

<https://www.foxnews.com/travel/tourism-fake-photos-instagram-inauthentic>

As is the case with Photojournalism images, the key element in Photo Travel images is that they must be a truthful representation of something that occurred ‘naturally’ rather than being something that was staged for the purpose of photography. In addition, there should be no manipulation that changes the truth of what was captured.

New Webinars

Access to all PSA webinars is available here <https://psa-photo.org/index.php?webinars> after you log in to the PSA website (or from the menu select Education>Webinar Recordings).

During April a webinar on “Nature Photography in High-Key Style” was added and the latest webinar “Understanding Black and White Photography” should be on the website in the next few days.

If you would like to produce a webinar for PSA please contact the Webinar Director, Shiv Verma, at webinar-director@psa-photo.org

Some Upcoming Exhibitions

QUEENSLAND CIRCUIT (PSA 2020-181). <http://www.queensland-photo.com> Entries close 3rd August - *note the date change.*

LAKE MACQUARIE INTERNATIONAL CIRCUIT (PSA 2020-317). Many of you will have entered the Lake Macquarie National over the past 4 years - an exhibition run by my club, the Belmont 16s Photography Club. That national exhibition has been replaced with an international circuit of three exhibitions. The exhibitions have six digital sections. The website is <https://lakemacint.myphotoclub.com.au> and entries close on 1st November.

MAITLAND INTERNATIONAL In 2021 the Maitland International is being split into two separate exhibitions held at different times. The Maitland International Print Exhibition will be held in January and the Maitland International Digital Exhibition will be held later in the year. More information will be available in later newsletters.

A full list of upcoming PSA recognised exhibitions is available here <https://psa-photo.org/index.php?exhibitions-current-exhibition-list>

If you need help with any PSA matters please contact me.

Regards,
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