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**OBJECTS of the Society**

To promote the advancement of nature photography in New Zealand. Nature photography to us means all aspects of the natural environment, including landscapes, flora and fauna, and close-up photography.

To promote friendship, cooperation and the exchange of information and ideas about nature photography among the members of the Society both within New Zealand and overseas.

**Code of ETHICS**

Nature photographers pursue their interest because they appreciate the value of the natural world. They hope that through their actions they will encourage all who participate in the enjoyment of nature, to do so in a way that best promotes good stewardship of the natural resource.

[www.naturephotography.org.nz](http://www.naturephotography.org.nz)  
- Online forum  
- Monthly photography tips  
- Members galleries  
- Trip & speaker information...

## President's Column

I hope all those who came to our last meeting enjoyed the images submitted for the Trenna Packer competition. I would like to thank Pam Cumming for her very professional handling of the whole event, and Geoff Beals for his conscientious judging of the entries. Brian Milner, as always, handled the technical side for us in his competent, low-key manner.

Even with our visitors, there seemed to be room for everyone at our new venue, and judging from how difficult it was to get people to leave, members are finding the St Christopher's hall a good place to socialize. So your committee has decided to confirm our arrangement with St Christopher's for all of next year. This will provide some stability and allow us to plan ahead.

Trish Brown, with assistance from two of our very talented members, Sally Mason and John Smith, has put together a stunning exhibition at the South Christchurch Library. We hope that you will all make the time to go and see it, and encourage your friends to go as well. This is a huge amount of work, but well worthwhile for maintaining the profile of our Society.

We are aware that many members were not in the right space to provide images for us to select from this year; for example here is one from Kim Annan. With their involvement, our exhibition could have been even better. In any case, I hope that 'Art in Nature' will be an inspiration for all of us to see nature differently. Also, please think about submitting something for our 2012 exhibition. We have already agreed on the title: 'Wings', which should provide scope for bird enthusiasts as well as insect people. You may also find a few images from the plant world. However, more on this topic later.

I look forward to seeing you this month for our workshop session; there should be something for everyone. We will have members' images too, and please remember; a maximum of 6 images each.

Happy photographing,

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Hanmer Springs, Kim Annan

## CASTLE HILL & CAVE STREAM

AUGUST 13TH

What we will see & photograph: (snow and ice, with luck) icicles, icy stream, limestone boulders

What to take: lots of warm clothing, boots or good shoes with excellent grip, camera gear for landscape and macro, lunch, hot drinks a good idea.

We will meet at the Castle Hill car park at 10.00 am. Please bring lunch, but depending on the weather, John Stone has offered his newly built house at Castle Hill as somewhere warm and dry to eat it. Another alternative, or possible afternoon tea stop, is the Bealey Pub.

Trip Leader: Pol Syrett email: syrett@actrix.co.nz phone: 03 384 0163 or mobile: 027 848 5124



## IMPORTANT DATES

### MONTHLY MEETING

Monday 15th August

### COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday 5th September

## FIELD TRIPS

Castle Hill/  
Cave Stream  
Saturday 13th August

• Rakaia Gorge  
2nd-4th September

## SUPPER HELPERS

Jane Coulter  
& Meg Errington

## RAKAIA GORGE

2ND - 4TH SEPTEMBER

### LOCATION:

Rakaia Gorge area staying at Glenroy Lodge

### COST:

\$34 for two nights plus food transport etc. (Shared meal Saturday night). Please pay Treasurer or Judy at meeting on 15 August or post a cheque made out to Nature Photography Society Inc to Judy by 28 August

### WHAT TO TAKE:

Pillow, bedding, towels and 2 tea towels, all your personal requirements and food for breakfast and lunches (there is a full kitchen with microwave etc) and something for a pot luck dinner on the Saturday night and all things to produce lovely photos.

Trip Leader: Judy Ashton

More information available on the website



 **NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY**  
SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND

## ART IN NATURE

SEEING BEYOND THE ORDINARY  
AN EVOCATIVE EXHIBITION OF PHOTOGRAPHIC ART

**JOHN C SMITH**  
Worldwide Photography  
Custom Picture Framing  
Adventure Travel

 Photo & Digital

31ST JULY - 14TH AUGUST 2011  
SOUTH CHRISTCHURCH LIBRARY  
66 COLOMBO ST, BECKENHAM

# AUGUST MEETING

MONDAY 15TH AUGUST, 7:30PM  
244 AVONHEAD RD, AVONHEAD

## WORKSHOPS

**Peter Harper** - *Composition*

**David Sutton** - *Photoshop*

**Brian Milner & Kath Varcoe** -  
*Preparing images for projection,  
printing & NPS website*



## LOOKING FORWARD... LOOKING BACK



A Creative Photography workshop with Sally Mason including a journey into Wabi Sabi

**Where:** Formerly the Blackball Hilton,  
near Greymouth

**When:** 12th - 16th October 2011

See Sally at NPSNZ next week....  
or email her for registration details

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## NEXT FUN COMPETITION

### “CHRISTMAS CARD IMAGE”

It's time to get your 'competition' caps on again, and this time we are looking for a natural image that could be used as your Christmas card for this year.

Remember this is just a fun club competition, and judging will take place at our December meeting, so you have plenty of time (winter and summer) to think about your image.

Good luck everyone, and remember the prize is a chocolate fish (or a chocolate Santa!) - Happy snapping!



## ASHLEY RIVER MOUTH, 23rd July



On Saturday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of July a brave and keen group of photographers gathered at the Ashley River mouth despite the gloomy forecast and cloudy weather. We arrived at high tide, a perfect time to sneak up on groups of roosting birds.

We all took a stroll down the sand spit towards the mouth of the estuary in search of the endangered black-fronted terns. On the walk down the estuary we spotted a group of Royal spoonbills and a few small banded dotterels which scurried busily around at the water's edge in search of a feed (right).

At the end of the spit we were greeted by a group of roosting white-fronted and black-fronted terns. It was great to see that some of the white-fronted terns had begun courtship displays and some of us were able to capture the males delivering a fish held crossways in their bills.



A large group of spotted shags also offered us some good photographic opportunities as they flew past us.



The sand spit almost looked like a scene from Gallipoli when a large group of us crawled up the beach armed with our large lenses aimed towards a quite obliging group of roosting black-fronted terns. After photographing the shags and terns we drove over to the other side of the estuary to see what other birds we could photograph. Some of us were able to spot kingfishers, oystercatchers, black-billed gulls and white-faced herons, although the resident black stilt remained elusive.

A nice coffee at Woodend topped off the morning on the river mouth and even though the lighting had been a little flat, the good company and a good dose of fresh air made for a very enjoyable trip!

Title photo: Sue Blair  
Spotted shags & Banded Dotterel: Jonathan Harrod

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