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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.

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President's Column

Earthquakes, and then snow: it has been quite a year. I am very sorry that we had to cancel our last meeting because of the weather. It seems a long time since we got together, and I have just realized I won't see you all this month either, as I shall be in Hawaii attending an international conference on weed biocontrol. I shall be completely conferenced out after that, as all this week I have been at Lincoln University helping organize the 3rd joint meeting of the New Zealand and Australian Entomological Societies.

We had a great time, and the Aussies were very complimentary about the venue and the program. Attendees also had the privilege of experiencing Wednesday's 4.8 shake at 1.30 pm. It rattled the screen in the lecture hall during a session I was chairing. The speaker (fortunately a local) continued with only a minor disruption as we waited for the noise and vibrations to subside. I was also asked to help judge a small 'insect' photographic competition, which, rather surprisingly to me, didn't prove too difficult. I must have learned something from other NPSNZ members.

This morning I was glad to resume my before-breakfast walks up the hill, and the fresh snow was beautiful: worth taking the camera. There has been more snow here in Christchurch than we've encountered on our winter field trips this year, but that's the way it goes, I suppose. The Rakaia Gorge trip has been cancelled, unfortunately, because of lack of interest, but we are working hard to put together the field trip program for the rest of the year. We are greatly in need of volunteers so if you know somewhere you would like to share with others, please put your hand up by contacting any one of your committee members. Day trips have been especially popular recently.

Best wishes until I see you again

Happy photographing,

Pol





PEEL FOREST

14 - 16 October

Trip Leader: Pol Syrett

What we will see & photograph:

Forest (big trees, diversity of ferns, forest birds), waterfalls, braided river, Little Mount Peel, views over the Plains.

Accommodation: Mt Peel Eco Lodge

Cost: \$65 per person, minimum 5 maximum 20

What to take: Sleeping bag, pillow case, tea towel, food including for pot luck dinner on Saturday night, warm clothing, insect repellent, camera gear.

Additional Notes: We need to take all our rubbish away with us, so trip leader will provide black rubbish bags. We will also supply toilet paper, as this is not provided by the lodge.



ORTON BRADLEY PARK

1st October

Trip leaders: Kath Varcoe and Liz Clark

Program: Make an early start from the PMH carpark (8am) for spectacular views of the Lyttleton harbour from the Sign of the Kiwi, or meet at Orton Bradley later in the morning. Picnic Lunch at the Park, stop for delicious chocolate at She in Governors Bay on the way home.

Photograph: Historical Buildings, Rhododendron Gardens, Arboretum, take a walk for a Waterfall, native trees & birds.

Cost: \$5/person entrance fee

Bring: Photographic equipment, warm clothing, picnic lunch



IMPORTANT DATES

MONTHLY MEETING

Monday 19th September

COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday 3rd October

FIELD TRIPS

Orton Bradley Park

Saturday
1st October

Peel Forest

14th -16th
October

SUPPER HELPERS

Lynne Gale

WHITE HERON, TRIP

Whataroa

11th to 13th November 2011



Trip Leader: Nick Webb

Where: Whataroa

Cost: Tour: \$120
Accom: \$27 per night

Please pay Treasurer by 22nd October

What to take: Usual weekend photographic gear and your personal week-end gear. Bedding as per your accommodation.

More information closer to the time

CHRISTMAS CARD IMAGE

NEXT FUN COMPETITION



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.

Judging of this fun competition will take place at our December meeting. Remember the Prize is something chocolate :)

DESERT VOICES *John C Smith*

a journey through the Ar Rub Al Khali

MONDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER, 7:30PM
244 AVONHEAD ROAD, AVONHEAD

I am an adventurer first and photographer second! The two combine beautifully. My love for photography started in my childhood - as did my adventures, the first at age three! I have climbed and tramped since I was a lad and the camera is with me always. A series of expeditions have kept me busy over recent years and you will have heard me speak of them at various photographic meetings. I plan to share the most recent expedition with you on September the 19th. I am a member of 4 photographic groups - CPS, PSNZ, NPSNZ, PPNZ. After 39 years in the medical field, I have now 'retired' and formed a wee business "Refocused" as a custom picture framer (qualified 3 years ago) and selling my images both nationally and internationally. These two complement each other well. As well, I run an annual photographic tour to Oman and also run both formal and informal tutorials on basic photography.



ODERINGS NURSERY

Saturday 19th November

Trip Leader: Sue Blair

Location: 42 Stourbridge St. Christchurch

Where to meet: Park on the street, meet in the carpark at 9am

What to take: Photography equipment including macro lenses

Plan: 1 hour Nursery Tour, time to return to points of interest followed by a visit to the cafe.



UPCOMING SPEAKERS

October 17th

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November 21st

Meg Errington
African adventure

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December 19th

Christmas card competition plus members images from past field trips

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January 16th

Murry Cave
Experiences in Borneo

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February 20th

Mike Langford
NZ Landscapes

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March 19th

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DECEMBER MEETING

19th December

As well as judging the Christmas card competition the December meeting will be a time to view members images from past field trips. It will be a great time to sit back and remember the fun times we've had. So be on the look out for some great photo opportunities on upcoming field trips!

TRIP REPORTS

Cave Stream – Castle Hill *August 13th*

We left Christchurch on a grey morning and drove up towards Springfield, where it was possible to see the cloud was lifting. As we came over Porter's Pass the sky was blue, the sun was shining and the clouds had vanished. Thanks to Pol for making the call to go!

The group met up with Pol, our trip leader, and Kim her offsider at the Castle Hill car park, Ken and Kathy, John, Alannah, and me (Maureen). After some discussion it was decided that with the air warm and still the icicles might not wait so we went off to Cave Stream.

A lovely walk down the hill and there were the banks with the icicles, and the stream, also with icicles, and a beautiful view up towards Broken River Ski field. With the small group there was plenty of ice to go around and we soon spread out and got going. As usual, all the images will be different!

After climbing back up the hill we were all invited back to John's beautiful new house at Castle Hill village for lunch. What stunning views the house has, and it was so kind of John to share it with us (don't know how he ever drags himself away!)

After lunch, we headed off to Castle Hill and soon everyone had disappeared among the towering rocks (Did you ever find Kim Pol?). I'll be interested to see peoples' images, never quite sure how to get the best from rocks!

Headed back to town late afternoon, after a great day. Thanks to Pol for organising, and to John for sharing his house, and to all for the great company.



Maureen Pierre

Motunau *September 2 - 4th*

As there was insufficient interest in Rakaia the trip was cancelled. The 4 of us who were registered decided to go to Motunau for the weekend. This proved to be a great decision as the weather was kind and there were many photographic opportunities. We stayed in a lovely old character house surrounded by big gum trees, we awoke to a chorus of bellbirds and spent many pleasant hours on the beaches at Motunau and Napenape.

Many thanks to Judy for a great weekend.

Kath Varcoe

