

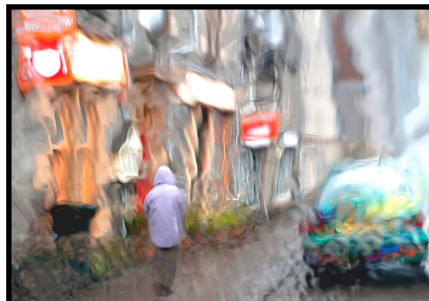


April 2024 Newsletter

The Day of Kidding is past now, so we can all relax. Technically we're now in Spring, but I'm looking out of my window as I write this and it's grey, dreich, wet, and cold. However, someone (Elbert Hubbard 1915, in fact) witty once said that if life throws lemon at you, then make lemonade. Not quite the way he put it, but he wrote it as part of someone's (Matthew Wilder) obituary, so the context and literary style was understandably different, but the underlying sensibility is the same. It's one of my favourite idioms, not just because I'm an optimist, but because I'm also a keen linguist, and it has alliteration, simplicity, skilfully employs contrasting concepts, and with all of those techniques it is incredibly powerful in delivering its message. Sounds like the recipe for a good photo too! So, what flavour of lemonade will you make? Stormy sea? Blowy tree? Upturned collar? Blown out broolly? Whatever you choose, get out and do your camera thing, and share your images with us. Cameras capture light, but as photographers we want to capture emotion, and then recycle it for its consumption by others. The What's On pages are filling up again, as exhibitions open, photowalks start getting organised, residential courses become more of an option...Ffordes organised a Highland one with Paul Sanders for the end of April, which sold out within 3 hours of release. Procrastination is the thief of time...get yourself organised now.

Down Came The Rain Mike Tibbs ARPS

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Exhibition



Monthly Competition

The theme for March was shapes and patterns, and it was an intriguing month. Here's our very worthy winner:



A beautifully beguiling image by Chris Morton LRPS...congratulations.

Full results on the webpage:

<https://rps.org/regions/scotland/scotland-monthly-competition/>

April's theme is Nighttime, so go dark and deep and send entries to Ken, sized at 1000px wide, by as many pixels as you want tall, via Scotlandweb@rps.org.

Absolute last call for PhotoFest 24...tickets will stop being sold on the 4th April. Demand has been good, and the advisory sessions in particular have sold out, been added to, and sold out again.

There has been two wee changes to the original schedule...Andrew Allan has to be somewhere else that evening, so he swapped with Paul Sanders; and we added an extra hour to the Advisory sessions.

<https://billetto.co.uk/e/photofest-24-tickets-896441>

The AGM is online at 12.00, so please log in to catch that, and any questions you want to ask then can we have them by 12.00 on the Friday, so we can give the best possible answers, rather than a bland..."we'll look into that" reply. It will be recorded so you can catch it later if you want.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86016323928?pwd=UVZpU1E0bXR3SVhRci85aUIHS3NqZz09>

The Print selection is a biggie too, a great big fun bunfight of opinion, and you can send your entries to me, or give them to a friend, or come along yourself.

<https://events.rps.org/en/4LrdQ66/rps-scotland-annual-print-exhibition-selection-5a2NN21e2Lt/overview>

RPS Scotland PhotoFest - 6th/7th April 2024

		6th April	7th April
	Break-Out room Workshops		
9.30		Registration & coffee	Registration & Coffee
			Celebration of Distinctions Exhibition
10.00		Landscape - Colin Prior	Celebration of Distinctions Presentation
11.00	Advisory Session	Scotland's Night Sky - Andrew Allan	Nature in Mull & Shetland - Mick Durham
12.00	Advisory Session	Simon Hill Hon FRPS - The RPS	AGM
2.00		Social Portraiture - Karen Gordon	Exhibition Print Selection
3.00	Advisory Session	Mindful Photography - Paul Sanders	
4.00		Large format Colloidian Photography & Mental Health - Simon Riddell	
5.00		Close	Close
7.30		Dinner	

We are being visited, not once but twice, in April by Marc Stothard MA ARPS, of the Western Region who will be hosting day-long adventure treks in the Highlands. Here's the story, and the booking links are in What's On.

Welcome to the captivating world of photographic adventures, where every moment is a canvas waiting to be immortalised through the lens of your camera! Step into a realm where creativity knows no bounds, and every scene becomes a masterpiece waiting to unfold.

Immerse yourself in the breathtaking landscape of the Scottish Highlands, as we embark on this thrilling escapade across the Cape Wrath Trail. This Volunteer-led carefully curated photography adventure takes you on a journey like no other, offering you unparalleled opportunities to hone your skills, with an award-winning qualified photographer and educator, and uncover hidden gems waiting to be framed.

As you traverse through this landscape, you'll have the chance to connect with RPS Members, forming lasting friendships that fuel your passion for visual storytelling. Whether it's chasing the golden hour or capturing the raw emotions of local topography, this adventure promises to be an unforgettable experience that enhances not only your photographic expertise but also your perspective on the world.

This paid event, organised by the Western Region Committee, features a qualified, award-winning photographer and educator who donates their time for FREE for the betterment of photography for all. All events are insured, with proceeds from this event allowing the Western Region to host the Regions program of FREE events.

What's Included:

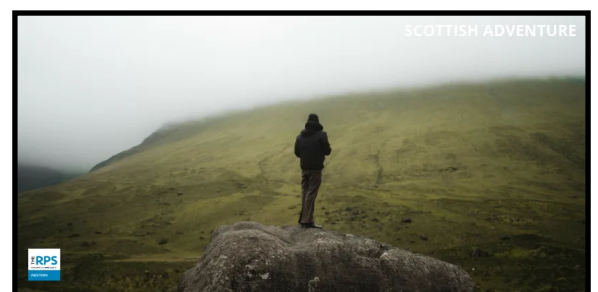
- Insights into the local narratives and history woven into our time together
- Opportunities to savour the stunning topography
- Memorable moments and camaraderie with fellow photographers enthusiasts
- All sprinkled with photography knowledge by an award-winning qualified photographer and educator

Meeting Point:

- A861, Fort William PH33 7AH

Trail:

- Distance up to 10 miles
- Duration (walking) up to 6 hours
- Total Ascent 418.73ft



The TWT events have been popular in Scotland, and so far have proved very popular with RPS members and non-members alike. I have three e-zines from those that have been completed, and hopefully will get some from the other 5 in due course:

Crichton Church Dumfries:

<https://issuu.com/home/docs/tfizoelsple>

Dundee Old City:

<https://issuu.com/home/docs/zdfdqhf2e0c>

Dunfermline Abbey & Palace:

<https://issuu.com/home/docs/b74f7k6htsv>

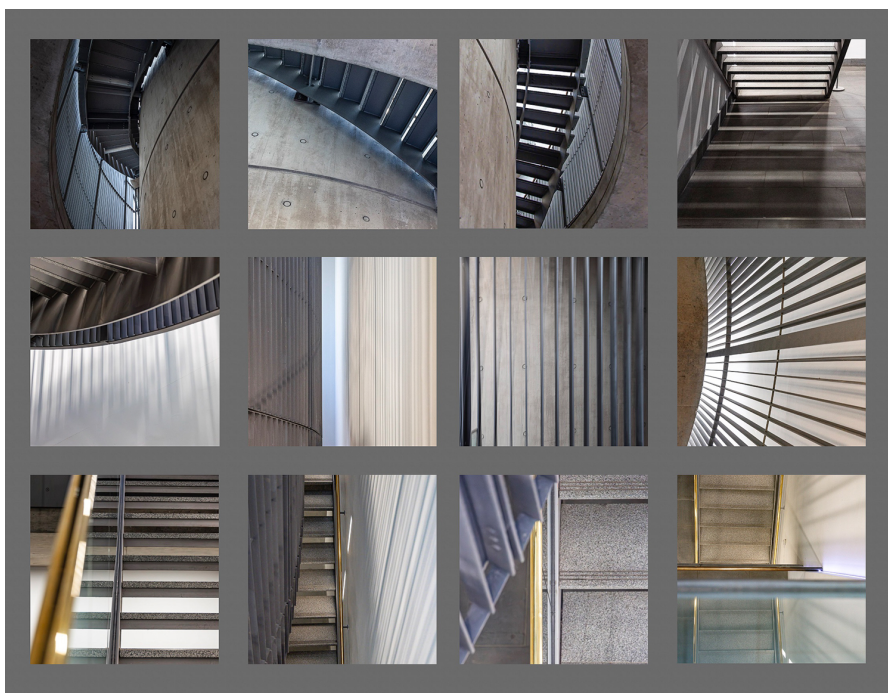
These days are free to all RPS members, and are a great way to meet and share and consider other photographer's approaches. If you look at the e-zines above you'll get an idea of the range of styles that exist out there. Anything goes, if you go. The image below is the one chosen by the Dundee gang as their favourite image of the day, and that will go into the main e-zine being produced by the DIG / Landscape TWT group. It was taken by Ann May, who isn't an RPS member...yet!

There was also an Open Evening at Aberdeen Arts Centre to mark the last day of the RPS Scotland Exhibition '23, organised by Nigel Corby FRPS, and that was hugely successful with about 50 attendees on the night, attending from Tayport to Peterhead, and 10-15 of them were non-members.

These events just show the potential interest that is out there.

Going Up

Ann May





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All accepted prints are displayed.

<https://www.edinburghphotographicsociety.co.uk/wp/international-ex-160-v2/>

What's On in April?

Edinburgh International Salon entries open:

<https://edinburghprint.myphotoclub.com.au/>

29th March onwards: Photo Cities - how images shape the Urban World, V&A Dundee. <https://www.vam.ac.uk/dundee/whatson/exhibitions/photo-city>

5th April - 28th August: International Garden Photographer of the Year Verdant Works Dundee, <https://www.dundeeheritagetrust.co.uk/event/exhibition-international-garden-photographer-of-the-year-exhibition-17/>

6th /7th April 2024: PhotoFest '24 and AGM and Exhibition Selection, Stirling University.

PhotoFest 24 Tickets:

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AGM Online link:

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Annual Exhibition Print Selection:

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15th April Adventure: Scottish Highlands, Cape Wrath Trail

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Further ahead:

<https://rps.org/groups/documentary/dpa-2023/#>

June: Documentary Photography Awards Exhibition - Eden Court, Inverness

July: Documentary Photography Awards Exhibition - The Smith, Stirling

23rd July Adventure: Scottish Highlands, Cape Wrath Trail.

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3rd August: Edinburgh Photographic Society - Edinburgh Salon, RPS Scotland Exhibition, a Fringe venue

7th August: RPS Documentary / Contemporary Scotland - Day Out, starting at EPS for the Fringe shows, and then wandering on. squarehole@btinternet.com

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