

The RPS Creative Eye Group

Chairman's Report for 2019:

Events began in February, with the AGM and Exhibition Selection Day. After the AGM the exhibition selection process began. William Cheung FRPS selected a magnificent choice of work, which went on display at Wingfield Barns in Suffolk, Smethwick Photographic Society and the Edinburgh Photographic Society. We were honoured when Photography News published a large feature about the Exhibition and Group in the newspaper's March/April edition.

The Members' Open Day in June was well attended. Ann Miles FRPS gave talks on making photobooks and creative techniques. This was followed by presentations of members' projects, their new work and successes.

Field Trips and photo walks took place in Glasgow, Greenwich, Norfolk, Bristol and Edinburgh. The supporting photo competitions were very popular, with participants producing excellent images. Certificates were awarded for the best photos. Judges for the competitions were Prof. Brian Falconbridge PPRBS, Barry Collin LRPS and Roger Ford FRPS. Illustrated write-ups were published in the Creative Eye magazine.

On the Lecture Day, held in October, a presentation was made by Vanda Ralevska, who gave two inspirational talks, 'The Experience of Creating Images' and 'Time to Stand and Stare'. Vanda also contributed an article ready for the Creative Eye magazine's January edition.

A Creative Eye Joint Lecture with Smethwick Photographic Society was held at its headquarters in October, where Roger Ford FRPS and Angela Ford ARPS gave excellent talks about their photography.

The Society's new website was launched in November. After many years as the Group's Webmaster, Barry Collin LRPS passed the role to Steve Varman LRPS. Barry was totally dedicated, keeping the website looking good and up to date with the latest news and events.

Our Editor, Steve Varman, produced three outstanding Creative Eye magazines, with the Exhibition edition covering 56 pages.

The website's Creative Portfolio Group, the Group's Facebook page and Flickr group remained very active.

We welcomed three members to the Group's team of volunteers: Mervyn Mitchell MA ARPS, David Baxter LRPS and Margaret Rainey FRPS.

It was a very successful and enjoyable year. My thanks are due to our loyal and supportive members and our dedicated team of volunteers and helpers.

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