

Good afternoon,

I hope this update finds you all well and safe.

Welcome to the July E-Update - the RPS has some fantastic online events for you to connect with, and down here in the South West we are doing our bit with talks by Sue Brown and Visual Arts have arranged Polina Plotnikova, but more of that later.

Firstly, it is a great pleasure to announce the winner of our June photo competition is Lois Wakeman with her image "Sand Fans"

We are grateful to Dr Michael Pritchard for judging the competition, and he had this to say about our winner.

*"On this occasion my personal winner is Sand Fans from Lois Wakeman. We have all seen these pattern made by retreating water on the beach but Lois has captured a particularly distinctive pattern in which I can see a mountain range and forest. It is nicely observed and photographed it just worked for me on a wet Saturday afternoon.*

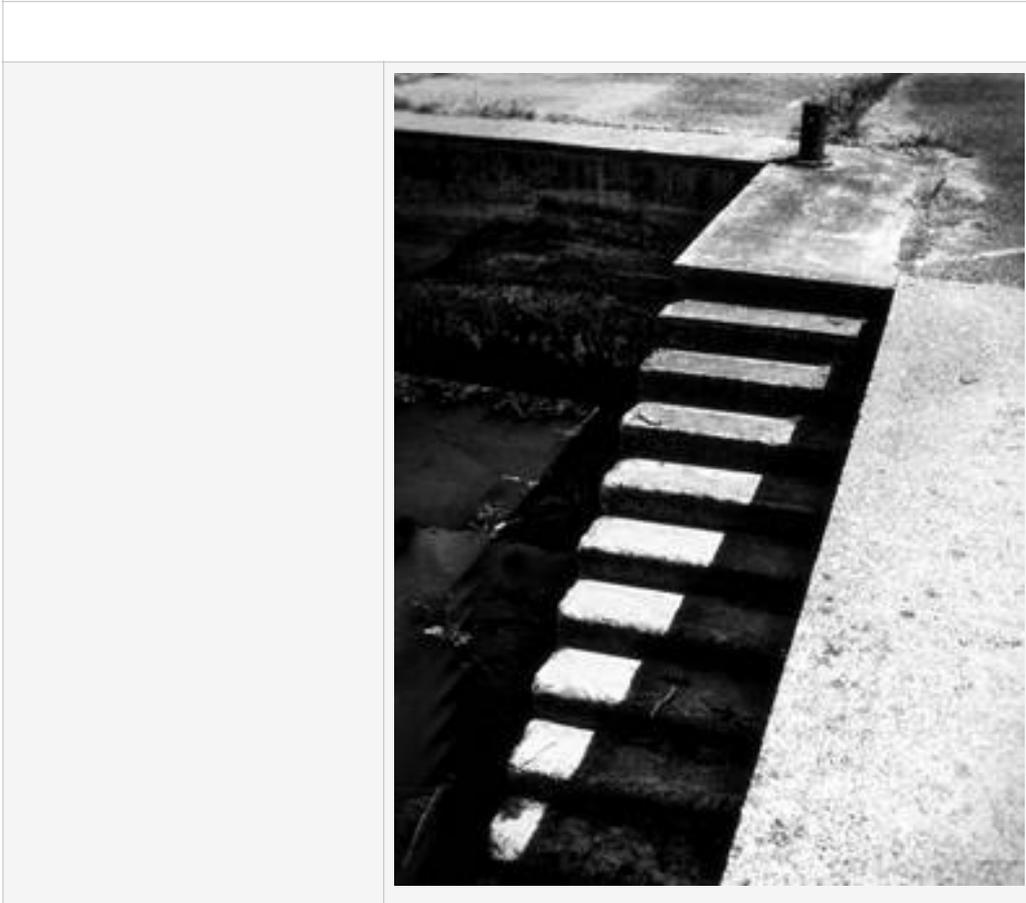
*But well done to all – on a different day it could easily have been someone else!"*

Dr Michael Pritchard FRPS, Director, Education and Public Affairs at the Royal Photographic Society.

You can find all the entries here. <https://rps.org/news/regions/south-west/2020/sw-region-members-competition-june/>



## Sand Fans – Lois Wakeman – June competition winner



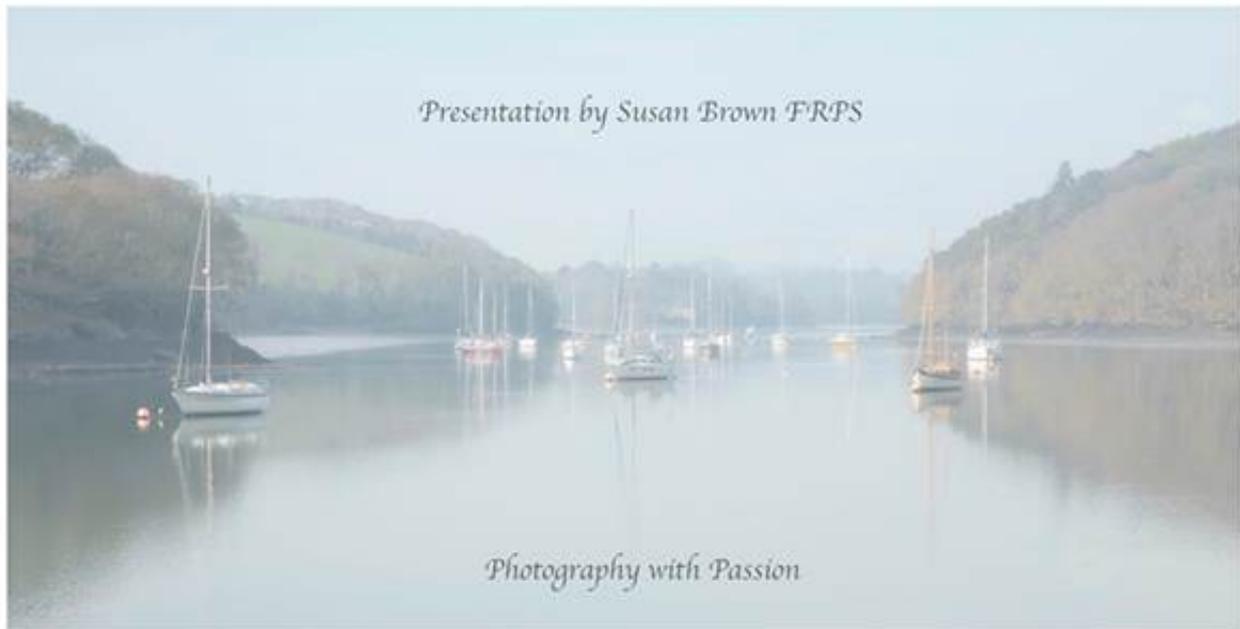
May Competition winner - Mike Bondartschuk with his image "The steps".

Upcoming events: -

### **DATE AND TIME**

Event is Wednesday 22nd July

1750 BST the room will open, talk starts at 1800



Sue is a stalwart of the RPS with a history in the society stretching back 40 years. She was responsible for setting up the Visual Arts Group in the South West after moving to Devon from Milton Keynes. She is an assessor on both the Licentiate and Fine Arts Panels and has been a member of the Distinctions Committee for four years.

She has a very wide-ranging style and her talk will range from seascapes to the achievement of her second Fellowship accomplished in the Contemporary category. Demonstrating her high level of achievement and continuing passion for photography she gained her first fellowship in Visual Art back in 1991 and her second was accomplished in December 2019. Sue is widely exhibited both in Britain and overseas, and has a wide range of published credits to her name and is a Permajet Ambassador.

Join us for a fascinating insight into Sue's photographic world.

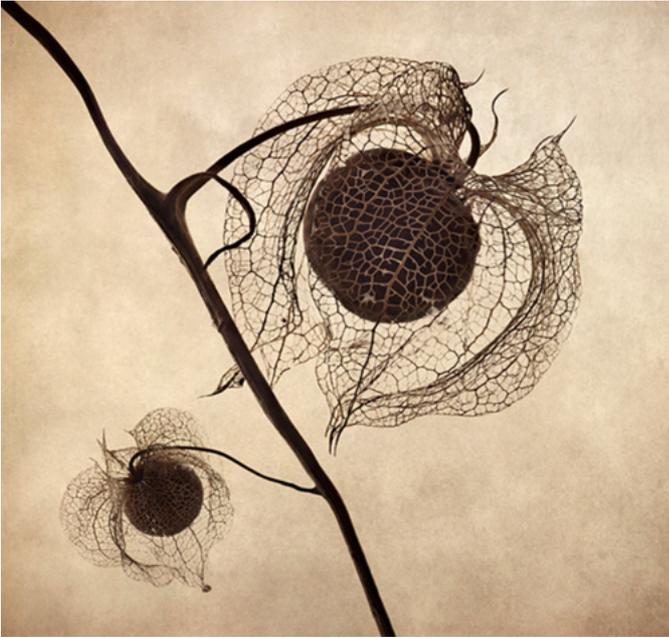
The event is free but booking is essential on this link

<https://rps.org/events/regions/south-west/2020/july/sue-brown-frps-online-talk/>

While the South West Visual Arts Group have arranged a talk by Polina Plotnikova.

### **DATE AND TIME**

The meeting will start at 7.30pm BST on the 28th July



We are pleased to have Polina join us to take us upon a journey of how her photography has evolved. The first half of the presentation covers the artists who have inspired her unique photography. In the second half she will introduce you to her different styles and share with us some of her processes.

For those of you who do not know Polina she describes her photography as 'chasing an ever-elusive image that appears in her mind's eye'. Her favourite subjects are flowers and still life. She has an FRPS amongst her many distinctions and awards, including various distinctions at each of the International Garden Photographer of the Year competitions.

We look forward to her sharing her photography and thoughts with us on what will be an inspiring evening.

Again free but booking essential here : <https://rps.org/events/regions/south-west/2020/july/polina-plotnikova-via-zoom/>

**DISTINCTIONS** – For those working towards or interested in obtaining a Distinction there are obviously no advisory days at present but there are available 1:1 consultation via Zoom. You can find details here: <https://rps.org/events/bristol/2020/april/distinctions-1-1-portfolio-reviews/> you can also find guidance notes from this page.

The excellent "Distinctions Live" talks these have certainly provided entertainment and inspiration, many are free and others may incur a very modest cost. These along with other talks can be found here: <https://rps.org/what-s-on/> and do not worry if you have missed some there is also a link so you can watch previous talks.

Other Happenings in the region.

## **Visual Arts Group**

### **SW VISUAL ARTS GROUP MEMBERSHIP DAY – A message from Di Wilkins**

Hi everyone

We are working on having a 'Zoom' Members' Day. Firstly, we would like to know how many of you are interested. You would have to send your images to me (up to 10 images). I would put them into a Keynote presentation and then you would be able to talk about them as they come up in the presentation.

Please let me know if you think you might like to take part at [di-anawilkins15@hotmail.com](mailto:di-anawilkins15@hotmail.com)

Depending on the response as to whether we put this meeting together.

## **Coffee Time Meetings.**

I am working on running some informal get togethers on Zoom, with a maximum number of 10 participants, to show some photos and to chat photography for an hour. Full step-by-step instructions can be provided if there is anyone who has not used Zoom before. Times can be flexible. So, if you would be interested in meeting up please drop me an email or give me a ring. [southwest@rps.org](mailto:southwest@rps.org) or 01237 422450

Please keep an eye on the website and in particular our South West Region pages for news and events. Also, it is worth browsing the wider site as free events seem to be popping up all over the place at the moment.

<https://rps.org/regions/south-west/>

That's it for this month.

Best wishes and stay safe.

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