

## SPA President's Spring Newsletter 2024 – the Exhibition Edition

After a gap of 6 years the SPA Biennial Exhibition has returned to the Guildford House Gallery and will be displaying a selection of our prints and PDIs until Friday 26 April.

After such a long break it was a great pleasure to be in the Gallery last Friday for the official opening by the Deputy Mayor of Guildford, Sallie Barker MBE.

She really enjoyed viewing the exhibition and chatted to everyone there. She was particularly interested in hearing the photographers describing exactly how they had taken and then prepared their images.



Whilst the number of images submitted for selection was slightly down on historic numbers, there was a strong field of entries for our selectors to consider. 27 clubs submitted Prints and PDIs from 162 different members and a total of 1,531 images were assembled at Burpham for the selection process.



It was a busy day for our external selectors; Ralph Snook, Sandie Cox and David Lowe as they worked their way through the piles of prints and the PDIs. Our thanks go to the teams of over 24 volunteers who made the whole process work smoothly and ensured the very necessary teas and coffees were available.

At the end of the selection 315 prints were selected together with 158 PDIs for display in the Biennial Exhibition.

One of the important points about the exhibition is the range of clubs that are participating. It is not just the 'usual suspects', the large clubs that regularly feature in our competitions, a significant number of our smaller clubs also submitted entries.

Another important point is that the event is very inclusive; every club that submitted entries had images selected for the exhibition. The most extreme example is a small club, where a single member submitted 4 entries for consideration, 3 of them were selected for the exhibition – a success rate of 75%, unmatched by any other club! Well done to the individual concerned.



I am aware that some clubs and members are reluctant to submit their work because they think the Exhibition is only for the very best photographers. They don't want to go through the costs involved of preparing and submitting their images with the expectation of 'not making the grade'. If you come and visit the exhibition you will see the wide range of subjects on show and the quality of the images.



Whilst there are some truly excellent images there is a complete range of styles and I can only encourage everyone to have confidence in their own abilities and 'have a go'. You might just be surprised at the result (in a positive way!).

The exhibition is displayed in a number of rooms in the Gallery, with the front room on the first floor having the 36 prints that were award winners, highly commended and commended. This room will remain unchanged for the full duration of the exhibition.

The other rooms will be rehung at the mid-point of the exhibition. This will allow all the selected prints to be on show for at least half the duration. This is also a good reason to visit the exhibition more than once.

One minor point, Guildford House Gallery is an old building and for anyone with mobility issues you need to know there are plenty of stairs, but no lift.



I have included a number of photos in this newsletter showing some of the display boards.

In each of the 5 classes for the exhibition there were award winners and a full list of them is included as an attachment to this newsletter. I will just highlight the following Winning Images in each class:

Nature Print:

Kirsten Asmussen, Bookham Camera Club, 'Snowy Owl in a winter cornfield'

Colour Print:

Richard Sheldrake, Woking Photographic Society, 'Aurora Borealis, Vestrahorn, Iceland'

Mono Print:

Graham Wilcock, Horsham Photographic Society, 'Homeward Bound'

Open PDI;

Randal Tajer, Bookham Camera Club, 'Dawn Mist, Namib Desert'

Nature PDI;

David Hughes, Godalming Photographic Society, 'Dew Covered Heath Fritillary on Grass Seed Head'

Congratulations to these winners and also to everyone else who had their work selected for the exhibition.

Finally, I would like to publicly thank everyone who made this exhibition possible. A great deal of work went into planning, preparing, selecting, transporting, setting up, labelling and all those other background activities that have to be completed to make such an event a success.

Visitors will just see a collection of great images, displayed well in a lovely gallery – a calm experience that belies all the hard graft necessary to make it happen. On behalf of the SPA I would like to particularly thank David Chiverton and especially Annie Healey for everything you have done – your contribution has been invaluable, thank you!



Finally, here is my recommendation to everyone, club/society members, your family and friends - come and see the exhibition. It is a brilliant demonstration of the breadth and depth of photographic excellence we have in the SPA. I am sure you will enjoy your visit and hopefully it will encourage more members to contribute to future such events.

Keep enjoying your photography and best wishes to you all,

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2024 BIENNIAL EXHIBITION  
The Len Todd Trophy  
NATURE PRINT

<b>Winning Image</b>		
Bookham Camera Club	Kirsten Asmussen ARPS	Snowy owl in a winter cornfield
<b>Selectors Award</b>		
Ralph Snook ARPS DPAGB EFIAP/s		
Yateley Camera Club	Alan West DPAGB, BPE3	Red Billed Tropicbird
<b>Selectors Award</b>		
Sandie Cox ARPS DPAGB AFIAP		
Bookham Camera Club	Caroline Cartwright LRPS	Dalmatian Pelican Bathing
<b>Selectors Award</b>		
David Lowe ARPS DPAGB AFIAP		
Epsom Camera Club	Roy Twyman	Walrus and Family
<b>Highly Commended</b>		
Capel Camera Club	Julia Forsyth	Leopard at water
Dorking Camera Club	David Balaam	Flower beetle on Calystegia Sepium
Photocraft Camera Club	Mandy Byatt	Squirrels kick-boxing
Photocraft Camera Club	Mandy Byatt	Starling confrontation
<b>Commended</b>		
Godalming Photographic Society	Mike Rowe FRPS, DPAGB, ABPE	Clustered Bonnet
Woking Photographic Society	Richard Sheldrake	Wattail, carefully stepping forward
Richmond & Twickenham Photographic Society	Lorraine Clifton ARPS, EFIAP, BPE2	Burchell's zebras fighting

2024 BIENNIAL EXHIBITION  
The Surrey Photographic Federation Print Trophy  
COLOUR PRINT

Winning Image		
Woking Photographic Society	Richard Sheldrake	Aurora Borealis, Vestrahorn, Iceland
Selectors Award		Ralph Snook ARPS DPAGB EFIAP/s
Capel Camera Club	Steve Woolven CPAGB	Camp 2, The Summit Day, Mont Blanc
Selectors Award		Sandie Cox ARPS DPAGB AFIAP
Richmond & Twickenham Photographic Society	Wendy Akers LRPS CPAGB	Mackerel and Lemons
Selectors Award		David Lowe ARPS DPAGB AFIAP
Bookham Camera Club	Eddie Hyde FRPS	Landmannalauger
Highly Commended		
Richmond & Twickenham Photographic Society	John Phillips BPE4	The Lost Shoe
Epsom Camera Club	Nicky Rochussen ARPS	The little wooden house in falling snow
Bookham Camera Club	Max Dobres ARPS	Andromeda Galaxy
Kingston Camera Club	Paul Waller ARPS	Ronnie, Covent Garden
Dorking Camera Club	David Balaam	Pride of Spain
Commended		
Epsom Camera Club	Rosemary Wilman HonFRPS ABPE APAGB	Misty Glacier View
Bookham Camera Club	Roger Mendham LRPS	Hold that pose
Bookham Camera Club	Kirsten Asmussen ARPS	Fagradsfjall Caldera
Bookham Camera Club	Hilary Lumley LRPS	Birch wood in the mist
Reigate Photographic Society	David Lyon DPAGB EFIAP BPE4	Saving lives at sea



2024 BIENNIAL EXHIBITION  
The Central Association Trophy  
MONOCHROME PRINT

Winning Image			
	Horsham Photographic Society	Graham Wilcock	Homeward Bound
Selectors Award		Ralph Snook ARPS DPAGB EFIAP/s	
	Reigate Photographic Society	Saman Gareeb	The Look
Selectors Award		Sandie Cox ARPS DPAGB AFIAP	
	Epsom Camera Club	John Atherton	The Blizzard
Selectors Award		David Lowe ARPS DPAGB AFIAP	
	Dorking Camera Club	Bob Ede	Day Care
Highly Commended			
	Epsom Camera Club	Nicky Rochussen ARPS	The frozen beach at Stokknes peninsula
	Epsom Camera Club	Roy Twyman	The Getaway
	Reigate Photographic Society	Paul Renaut	The Boys
	Kingston Camera Club	Paul Waller ARPS	Brutal Moonlight
Commended			
	Richmond & Twickenham Photographic Society	Lisa Edie EFIAPb	Two Tribes
	Bookham Camera Club	Kirsten Asmussen ARPS	Potential Danger
	Epsom Camera Club	Nicky Rochussen ARPS	Snow storm approaching Devil's Teeth

2024 BIENNIAL EXHIBITION  
The Wendy Maunder Trophy  
OPEN PDI

Winning Image		
Bookham	Randal Tajer ARPS	Dawn Mist, Namib Desert
Selectors Award		Ralph Snook ARPS DPAGB EFIAP/s
Carshalton	Ann Rayers EFIAP	Fading Light - Zabriskie Point
Selectors Award		Sandie Cox ARPS DPAGB AFIAP
Richmond	Andrew Heaps	Jamnik Church, Slovenia
Selectors Award		David Lowe ARPS DPAGB AFIAP
Richmond	Lisa Edie EFIAP/b	A man with a tale or two
Highly Commended		
Molesey	Terri Bethell LRPS	Pier View
Godalming	David Hughes ARPS, DPAGB, BPE4	Joy
Epsom	John Atherton	Is there anybody out there
Commended		
Malden Camera Club	Karen Mousley LRPS	The Old Pier
Richmond & Twickenham Photographic Society	Colin Clarke ARPS	Brigadier Hall Circumnavigates the UK
Godalming Photographic Society	Mike Rowe FRPS, DPAGB, ABPE	Have You Seen My Ball
Woking Photographic Society	Brendan McIlhargey	There is beauty in symmetry

Surrey Photographic Association  
 2024 BIENNIAL EXHIBITION  
 The Derry Wilman Nature trophy  
 NATURE PDI

Winning Image		
Godalming Photographic Society	David Hughes ARPS, DPAGB, BPE4	Dew Covered Heath Fritilliary on Grass Seed Head
Selectors Award		Ralph Snook ARPS DPAGB EFIAP/s
Epsom Camera Club	Ben Carrick	Knotted Knots
Selectors Award		Sandie Cox ARPS DPAGB AFIAP
Epsom Camera Club	Ben Carrick	Prowling Red Fox
Selectors Award		David Lowe ARPS DPAGB AFIAP
Epsom Camera Club	Victor Soares	Musk Ox Resting After Snowstorm
Highly Commended		
Bookham Camera Club	Kirsten Asmussen ARPS	Courting red-necked phalaropes
Dorking Camera Club	Bob Ede	Fly On Beech Leaf
Molesey Photographic Club	Roger Creber ARPS, EFIAP, DPAGB	White-Faced Capuchin Lookout
Epsom Camera Club	Victor Soares	Leopards Grooming
Commended		
Old Coulsdon Camera Club	Mike Bromley DPAGB, BPE2	Moss Spores and Fungi
East Grinstead Camera Club	Andy Marshall ARPS, DPAGB	Wren
Yateley Camera Club	Neil Curnow	Gentoo Penguins Yankee Harbour Antarctica
Godalming Photographic Society	David Hughes ARPS, DPAGB, BPE4	Red Fox Listening for Rodents