



(Grand River Imaging and Photographic Society)

Members' Handbook

Revision 2.0

Revision History

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Grand River Image and Photographic Society (GRIPS)

Grand River Imaging & Photographic Society, known as “**GRIPS**”, is a club for photographers of all levels and interests. During our meetings, we welcome knowledgeable and experienced guest speakers, share ideas, and hold competitions.

GRIPS is proud to be a learning club. Topics of our meetings and workshops cover a broad range from basic to advanced photographic techniques, creative photography, photo editing, photo enhancements and presentation of works.

GRIPS offers workshops and outings, indoor and outdoor photo opportunities, in-club and inter-club competitions, all with lots of fun and fellowship.

The club is affiliated with:

- *CAPA* (Canadian Association for Photographic Art)
- *OCCC* (Ontario Council of Camera Clubs) is also known as *O3C*.

Goals

- Foster and promote image-making through the art of photography.
- Provide opportunities for sharing of ideas, improvement of individuals photographic skills and to enjoy fellowship through photography as both a learning and social activity. We do this at social events, in-person and virtual meetings, and through our website, other networks, and social media.
- Encourage membership participation in many different kinds of club activities such as workshops and outings.
- Promote and foster friendly relationships with other photographic clubs and like organizations, both locally, regionally and nationally.
- Promote our members' photography to the best of our abilities through competitions and gallery showings.

Privacy policy

The Grand River Image and Photographic Society is committed to ensuring and protecting the privacy and confidentiality of its members' personal information. Depending on the nature of the club activities in which you participate, additional personal information may be collected as necessary.

Meetings

Meetings are held on the second and fourth Monday of the month from September through June. There are no meetings on holiday Mondays except for Thanksgiving Monday. Meetings start at 7:30 pm and usually end around 9:30 pm. Doors will open at 7:00 pm and members are encouraged to come early to help set up. We also encourage members to help us tear down the room after the meeting. Club meetings are held virtually using our Zoom platform OR in-person at:

Kitchener East Presbyterian Church

10 Zeller Drive, Kitchener, ON, N2A 4A8

There is plenty of free parking and the building is wheelchair accessible. Visitors are welcome to attend a meeting to learn more. There is a \$5 fee for each meeting attended with a limit of 2 meetings per visitor per membership year (September to June). Any guest fees collected from a visitor will be credited toward the current membership fee, should they choose to join.

Membership

Membership in **GRIPS** is restricted to people 16 years of age and older. A typical member has an interest in photography at some level, whether that interest is in the art of photography or in the craft of making images. The current membership utilizes a wide spectrum of tools, from 40-year old twin-lens reflex cameras to more recent 35mm film SLRs, to the latest in DSLR and mirrorless technologies. The easiest way to become a **GRIPS** member is to complete the online registration and pay your membership fee by e-transfer (payment by cash or cheque are also accepted). **GRIPS'** membership has a maximum capacity of 150

members. Due to this restriction, we accept a maximum number of only 20 members from outside the Region of Waterloo.

GRIPS is strictly a not-for-profit organization. However, the club does incur a variety of expenses during the year that is paid for with the dues of each member. Examples of these costs may include: the judging of in-club and some inter-club competitions, weekly rental fees for the meeting hall, expenses incurred by banking, running the website and domain ownership. Payments for honoraria and sometimes expenses for guest speakers as well as prizes and awards for competitions are also required. There are also expenses for software and equipment acquisition and maintenance. The club owns a variety of projection equipment, photographic and audio equipment and software programs. Refreshments for specific club events or competitions are sometimes supplied and there are ongoing fees for miscellaneous expenses. There are also annual fees for CAPA (Canadian Association for Photographic Art) and OCCC (Ontario Council of Camera Clubs) memberships.

*Membership fees**

Check www.gripskw.ca for current membership fees. Workshop and Outing fees are not included in membership dues.

Board of Directors

This is a group of volunteers who oversee the overall organization of club operations. Refer to the Bylaws document on the **GRIPS** website for further details or contact a current board member for precise role information.

The **GRIPS** Board of Directors is comprised of an Executive group consisting of a President, Secretary and Treasurer. There is also a Vice President and a group of Directors including Programs, Competitions, Workshops, Outings and Membership. At a minimum, the **GRIPS** board must have a President, Secretary and Treasury (The Executive). The other board positions are optional, but it's highly desirable to have these positions filled.

Meetings of the Board of Directors are held monthly throughout the year, including during the summer months when much of the work for establishing the following year's program is completed.

GRIPS would not exist if it were not for the many volunteers. Members are encouraged to join the board, assist on a committee, offer to help in the kitchen or with equipment set up. Running the club becomes an easy task when more people get involved.

History of the Grand River Image and Photographic Society

In the fall of 2004 Joyce Brant, Wayne Waddington, Jeanne McElroy, Brant Danard and Ross McClelland, all photography enthusiasts, formed a committee with a goal of creating a new camera club in the Kitchener area. The club was named **GRIPS** (Grand River Imaging and Photographic Society), and it was decided that the mandate for this club would be to educate members in the art of photography.

Prior to forming **GRIPS**, the founders were involved with other organizations such as *NAPA* (National Association of Photographic Art), *CAPA* (Canadian Association of Photographic Art), *PSA* (Photographic Society of America), and *GTCCC* (Greater Toronto Council of Camera Clubs), as well as other area camera clubs, such as *Galt Camera Club*, *Highland Glen Camera Club* and *Mississauga Camera Club*.

Between January of 2005 and September of 2005, the founders met once a week to study and glean information from the constitutions of other successful clubs, especially in the *GTCCC*, Greater Toronto area. They also gathered information from other clubs on how to organize competitions and how to design an effective, educational program.

In September of 2005, **GRIPS** had its first meeting and then met twice a month in a donated facility, New Dawn Public School, Waterloo. The equipment used for these meetings belonged to the founders until enough funds were collected to purchase a second-hand laptop and a

slide projector. The club began with 19 members and membership numbers have grown over the years.

In February 2009 the club moved to Kitchener East Presbyterian Church.

GRIPS members have been very active in serving our community:

- In April 2009, **GRIPS** members shared Digital Shows at the “Imagine PhotoPerformance” held for public viewing at the Coldwell Banker Peter Benninger Reality Theatre. The “Imagine” show’s focus was on increasing awareness of breast cancer. The proceeds from this show were donated to the Breast Cancer Screening unit at Kitchener Waterloo Hospital. In addition, the “Imagine” presentation was taken to a number of nursing and retirement homes as a community gesture of goodwill.
- Members made presentations on photography to the students of New Dawn School in Waterloo.
- Members presented “How to Photograph Flowers” to the Waterloo Horticultural Society on three occasions.
- **GRIPS** provided judges each year for the Waterloo Horticultural Society’s flower and vegetable photography competition.
- Presentations on “Learning to See and How to Photograph” were presented to Optimist Clubs at the regional level as well as at the local level.
- Members made presentations on “How to Take Good Photographs” to other camera clubs including Stratford Camera Club, Brant Camera Club and Maitland Camera Club.
- “How to Take Good Photographs” was also presented to the local Mac users’ group (*WATRMUG*).
- **GRIPS** members submitted and were honored by having their photographs included in the “Your Neighborhood Credit Union” 2009 calendar.
- **GRIPS** members who were accredited judges with the *GTCCC* judged photo competitions on a regular basis for clubs such as Brant Camera Club, Hamilton Camera Club, Trillium Camera Club

(Burlington), Latow Camera Club (Burlington), Highland Glen Camera Club (Waterloo), and Halton Hills Camera Club.

- **GRIPS** initially joined *GTCCC* in 2006 and *CAPA* in 2009.
- In April 2009, 11 people from **GRIPS** attended a *CAPA* course in Brantford. This course was designed to teach the components of a good photograph. Some members were there to enhance their personal knowledge. Others were there to understand the basics of Judging and to then apply to *CAPA* to work toward acceptance as a certified *CAPA* judge.
- Many **GRIPS** members became involved in the Grand Valley Image Battle (*GVIB*). This photo competition involves photographers from eight other Camera Clubs.
- **GRIPS** became involved with the yearly Eggbert competition with Brant Camera Club.
- For several years **GRIPS** participated in the Help-Portrait initiative. Our club organized and conducted a full day of portrait photography for several groups from our community. The portraits were edited, printed, and framed on-site and were presented to all those photographed.
- September 2018, **InfoShare@7** was initiated, a 30-minute presentation by a Board or club member(s) to share information with those interested, before the regular meetings begin at 7:30 pm.
- **GRIPS** organized members' photo exhibitions in the Kitchener Public Library in 2016 and again in 2020, to promote photographic art to the general public.
- Several **GRIPS** members are certified *CAPA* / *O3C* judges or judge-in-training, who participated in photo critiques and competition judging, in-club, regional, and national competitions.
- November 2019, **GRIPS** officially joined *OCCC* (Ontario Council of Camera Clubs)

Historical Listing of Executive Board Members:

2005 - 2006

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| President | Wayne Waddington |
| Vice-President | Ross McLennan |
| Secretary | Jeanne McElroy |
| Treasurer | Joyce Brant |
| Program Director | Brant Danard |
| Competition Director | Joyce Brant |
| Outings Director | Joyce Brant |
| Workshops Director | Joyce Brant |
| Web Director | Wayne Waddington |

2006 - 2007

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| President | Wayne Waddington |
| Vice-President | Ross McLennan |
| Secretary | Jeanne McElroy |
| Treasurer | Joyce Brant |
| Program Director | Brant Danard |
| Competition Director | Joyce Brant |
| Outings Director | Karen VonKnobloch |
| Workshops Director | Joyce Brant |
| Web Director | Wayne Waddington |

2007 - 2008

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| President | Karen VonKnobloch |
| Vice-President | Jean Weller |
| Secretary | Jeanne McElroy |
| Treasurer | Tom Jeary |
| Program Director | Joyce Brant |
| Competition Director | Joyce Brant |
| Outings Director | James Woo |
| Workshops Director | Joyce Brant |
| Web Director | Jeanne McElroy |

2008 - 2009

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| President | Karen VonKnobloch |
| Vice-President | Jean Weller |
| Secretary | Jeanne McElroy |
| Treasurer | Tom Jeary |
| Program Director | Joyce Brant |
| Competition Director | Carol Rawlings |
| Outings Director | James Woo |
| Workshops Director | Joyce Brant |
| Member at Large | Neil Snyder |

2009 - 2010

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| President | Karen VonKnobloch |
| Vice-President | Charles Lehman |
| Secretary | Barb Dickie |
| Treasurer | Cheryl Chamberlain |
| Program Director | Andrzej Godlewski |
| Competition Director | Carol Rawlings |
| Outings Director | Andre Secours |
| Workshops Director | Joyce Bran |
| Member at Large | Scott Hunsburger |

2010 - 2011

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|----------------------|-------------------|
| President | Karen VonKnobloch |
| Vice-President | Charles Lehman |
| Secretary | Barb Dickie |
| Treasurer | Angela House |
| Program Director | Andrzej Godlewski |
| Competition Director | Gail Newland |
| Outings Director | Kevin Pepper |
| Workshops Director | Wes Reimer |
| Membership Director | Lynn Fulton |

2011- 2012

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|----------------------|-------------------|
| President | Kevin A. |
| Vice-President | Lynn Fulton |
| Secretary | Angela House |
| Treasurer | Kirk White |
| Program Director | Gary Stortz |
| Competition Director | Carol Rawlings |
| Outings Director | Kim Kurtz |
| Workshops Director | Wes Reimer |
| Membership Director | Lindsay Calcerano |

2012 - 2013

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| President | Lynn Fulton |
| Vice-President | Vacant |
| Secretary | Angela House |
| Treasurer | Kirk White |
| Program Director | Gary Stortz |
| Competition Director | Bea Binka / Thelma Kessel |
| Outings Director | Mike Osborne |
| Workshops Director | Arthika Kathalor |
| Membership Director | Jen St. Louis |
| Member at Large | Dave Vandermeulen |

2013 - 2014

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| President | Lynn Fulton |
| Vice-President | Thom Bree |
| Secretary | Mary Lynn Muir |
| Treasurer | Joel Compagna |
| Program Director | Len Moderman |
| Competition Director | Thelma Kessel |
| Outings Director | Mike Osborne |
| Workshops Director | Arthika Kathalor |
| Membership Director | Jen St. Louis |

2014 - 2015

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| President | Lynn Fulton |
| Vice-President | Thom Bree |
| Secretary | Mary Lynn Muir |
| Treasurer | Joel Campagna |
| Program Director | Len Moderman |
| Competition Director | Thelma Kessel |
| Outings Director | Sajib Paul |
| Workshops Director | Wes Reimer |
| Membership Director | Laurie Wilkinson |

2015 - 2016

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| President | Thom Bree / Thelma Kessel |
| Vice-President | Michael Beattie |
| Secretary | John Glass |
| Treasurer | Jeff Dawkins |
| Program Director | Meghan Bree |
| Competition Director | Caroline Lajoie |
| Outings Director | Sajib Paul |
| Workshops Director | Ted Dixon |
| Membership Director | Julie Seiler |

2016 - 2017

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| President | Thelma Kessel |
| Vice-President | Michael Beattie |
| Secretary | John Glass |
| Treasurer | Jeff Dawkins |
| Program Director | Rick Hutfloetz |
| Competition Director | Adam Lauzon |
| Outings Director | Sajib Paul / Joyce Brant / Sandra Roemer |
| Workshops Director | Ted Dixon |

Membership Director Julie Seiler /
Martina Schneider

2017 - 2018

President Caroline Lajoie
Vice-President Lynn Fulton
Secretary John Glass
Treasurer David Murray
Program Director Rick Hutfloetz /
Anne Blanchard
Competition Director Adam Lauzon
Outings Director Gail Newland
Workshops Director Sandra Roemer
Membership Director Martina Schneider
Web Master Adam Lauzon

2018 - 2019

President Caroline Lajoie
Vice-President Adam Lauzon
Secretary John Glass
Treasurer David Murray
Program Director Anne Blanchard
Competition Director Jonathan Sau
Outings Director Donna Bird /
Geoff Obergan
Workshops Director Sandra Roemer
Membership Director Martina Schneider
Web Master Adam Lauzon

2019 - 2020

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|----------------------|-------------------|
| President | Adam Lauzon |
| Vice-President | Craig Mellor |
| Secretary | Dana Wamsley |
| Treasurer | David Murray |
| Program Director | Anne Blanchard |
| Competition Director | Jonathan Sau |
| Outings Director | Geoff Obergan |
| Workshops Director | Martina Schneider |
| Membership Director | Marlene Coulter |
| Web Master | Adam Lauzon |

2020 - 2021

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|----------------------|-------------------|
| President | Adam Lauzon |
| Vice-President | Craig Mellor |
| Secretary | Dana Wamsley |
| Treasurer | David Murray |
| Program Director | Tracy Sanderson |
| Competition Director | Jonathan Sau |
| Outings Director | Vacant |
| Workshops Director | Martina Schneider |
| Membership Director | Marlene Coulter |
| Web Master | Adam Lauzon |

2021 - 2022

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| President | Henry Hamud |
| Vice-President | Craig Mellor / Dana Wamsley |
| Secretary | Dana Wamsley / John Glass |
| Treasurer | David Murray |
| Program Director | Tracy Sanderson |
| Competition Director | Jonathan Sau |
| Outings Chair | Vacant |

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| Workshops Director | Samantha Karidas |
| Membership Director | Marlene Coulter |
| Web Master | Adam Lauzon / Jonathan Sau |