

Croydon CC Newsletter – 14 February 2021

Chairman's Viewpoint

I never cease to be amazed at how many different ways exist in Photoshop to accomplish the same task. A case in point at our last meeting was the presentation by Christine Hodgson who demonstrated three distinct methods to convert images from colour to black and white. She far from exhausted the many possibilities, which did not include the various other photo editing applications which exist for the same purpose.

It is all very well having a vast array of methods and techniques to process our images, but it is the final result which matters. In the second half of the evening, Christine showed us her highly unusual pictures mainly featuring sculptures. All in monochrome, of course. Like them or not, how many of us would think to express our creativity by concentrating on small details to create abstract images? Diversity does not exist solely in Photoshop and through our photography, there are endless ways to express our vision of the world.

The Covid-19 measures continue to frustrate our attempts to hold a print contest. As I have indicated at our weekly meetings, it is unlikely that the easing of restrictions will occur soon enough for the competition due on 10 March. Our judge for the evening, John Nathan, has kindly agreed to do an image critique instead. Submit up to three images via PhotoEntry by **6 March 2021**. Time permitting, we will endeavour to review as many as we can. Images will be shown in the submitted order if you require feedback for a specific shot.

Our next scheduled print competition is due in May and we hold it if at all feasible.

Finally, a reminder that entries are now open to the Open PDI competition which will be held on 10 April as part of the SLF Finals Day. The details were given in last week's newsletter which is available both on the forum and the club's Facebook page. The closing date is **5 March 2021**.

Club Matters

17 February 2021 – SLF PDI Plate Competition

Judged by Monica Weller FRPS, seven clubs compete for the SLF PDI Plate Trophy competition which Croydon CC is running on the SLF's behalf. Besides ourselves, the other participants are Aperture Woolwich PS, Beckenham PS, Bromley CC, Mitcham CC, Photocraft and West Wickham PS. These events are an opportunity to see the work other clubs are producing and meet likeminded people in our local community.

24 February 2021 – International Competition

Fed up with lockdown? Want to go somewhere warm and sunny? Join the club on an outing to the Mediterranean when we have our return match with the Malta Institute of Professional Photography. All from the comfort of your own home.

Links for PhotoEntry and Instructions

<https://compent.photoentry.uk/compent/>

<http://croydoncameraclub.org.uk/WebSiteArchive/PhotoEntryGuidance.pdf>

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