



BPS NEWS BULLETIN

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Invite Family and Friends to View Your Images

The 2024 Exhibition is now almost upon us. Members will learn next Wednesday (February 14th) which images judge Tony Bramley selected for trophies and certificates. However, the quality of all prints and digital images submitted looks set to make this an exhibition to remember.

Do encourage family and friends to come along to the show at Christ Church's Main Hall in the centre of Beckenham. There, they will have the opportunity to vote for their favourite print and digital image. Always interesting to see how those choices compare to the judge's decisions.



Photo by Sandy White

Photography Exhibition

Beckenham Photographic Society - Founded 1921

Thursday 15th February - 11am to 8pm
Friday 16th February - 10am to 8pm
Saturday 17th February - 10am to 4pm

Christ Church Main Hall
Fairfield Road, Beckenham, BR3 3LE
Free admission to Exhibition

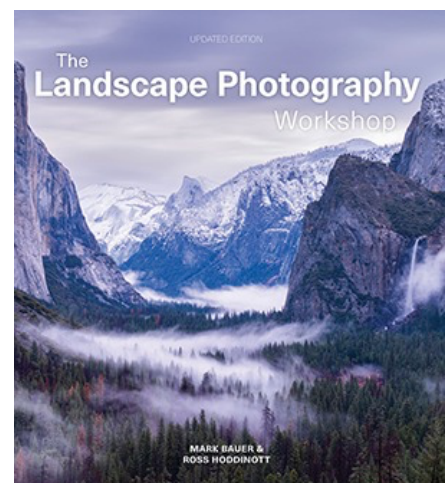
www.beckenhamphotosoc.org.uk

Great Speaker but Small Change to BPS Programme

We have been fortunate to secure multi award-winning landscape photographer Mark Bauer

to deliver the 2024 Centenary Presentation. However, for logistical reasons we have to move the date of the presentation to February 28th. The Members Evening due to be held on that date will now take place on April 10th.

Mark is the author of a number of photographic books, including recently updated The Landscape Photography Workshop written with Ross Hoddinott and featured in the latest edition of Digital Camera International Garden Photographer of the Year. With Ross he also runs Dawn2Dusk photography workshops which have been enjoyed by several members.



He specialises in atmospheric images of the South-West and has won multiple awards in prestigious competitions such as the Landscape Photographer of the Year and the International Garden Photographer of the Year.

The talk will be open to visitors with a ticket price of £10 - so do encourage friends and family to join us - but of course it will be free to members.

Print Panel Competition

A reminder that we will be holding our print panel competition on 6th March. Members participating will need to enter between five to nine images on a single theme per panel. There is a maximum of two panels per member and they are judged in two classes – standard and advanced. Images do not necessarily have to be mounted in standard 50x40cm mounts. Participants can choose a variety of methods of mounting – including floated images on card - and sizes; even unmounted is possible as members are given a display board on which to present their prints.

For this one competition images do not have to be uploaded into photo entry. However, members should let a committee member know the previous week if they are planning to enter a panel so the appropriate number of display boards can be provided on the evening. Attaching the images to the boards will be the responsibility of the member.

Online Photography Talks

Member Petra Marshall has recommended two online photography talk sites – Camversation www.camversation.co.uk and My Photo Club myphotoclub.co.uk. Petra says: “Talks are only a few pounds and are available for two weeks after if you are unable to make the live talk. They have some great speakers (including our own Polina!) and range of topics.”

Events for Your Diary

Photographing Night Lights

Some BPS members had a very enjoyable trip to Canary Wharf to photograph the Winter Lights Festival. A follow-up trip to Battersea Power Station on February 22nd to capture their lights is planned. Contact Fred Barrington on beckenhampspresident@gmail.com or leave a message on the WhatsApp Group if you would like to join the outing.

Nature Group Trip to Welney

This Sunday (11th February) the Nature Group will be visiting Welney WWT in the hope of capturing images of hundreds of Bewick swans in flight over the wetlands of Cambridgeshire and more beside. Journey time from Beckenham by car is around 2.5 – 3 hours. Meet in the car park at midday – let Julia Andrew know if you are planning to join the trip. Members should order their entry tickets in advance online. Tickets cost £8.63 (£9.50 with donation) for adults and £7.77 (£8.55 with donation) for over 65s. Go to: <https://www.wwt.org.uk/wetland-centres/welney/>

The Glass Heart: Art, Industry and Collaboration

Fred Barrington has recommended this exhibition at Two Temple Place which is on until 21st April. Fred says the exhibition is very interesting but the ornate building in which it is displayed is also worth a visit. For more details go to <https://twotempleplace.org>

Charlie Waite Evening

Tandridge Photographic Society is inviting photography club members to join them at a talk on Thursday 22nd February given by well-known landscape photographer Charlie Waite. A limited number of tickets priced at £10 each are available via Eventbrite -

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/an-evening-with-charlie-waite-tickets-798298972717>

Tandridge meet at St Mary's C of E primary School, Silkham Road, Oxted RH8 0PD.

The Photography and Video Show 2024: 16-19 March

This great show at the NEC Birmingham provides opportunities to hear from leading photographers, get hands on with new equipment and buy photographic gear and accessories often at discount prices. Some members are planning to visit on Saturday 16th March. If you are interested in joining the group, contact Sheree on beckenhampscomms@gmail.com. More information here: <https://www.photographyshow.com>

Skateboard Photography

The Design Museum is running Skateboard Photography workshops to complement its current Skateboard exhibition that runs until June 2024. The workshop will focus on how to compose, light and shoot action shots. Equipment will be provided. There are still tickets for the 14.00-16.30 session on 9th March. More information here:

<https://designmuseum.org/whats-on/talks-courses-and-workshops/workshop-skate-photography>

Portraits to Dream In at the National Portrait Gallery

The National Portrait Gallery is to feature two of the most influential women in the history of photography – Julia Margaret Cameron and Francesca Woodman – in a special exhibition. Portraits to Dream In will showcase more than 160 rare vintage prints that focus on their creative portraits. The exhibition runs from 21st March to 16th June. For more details go to:

<https://www.npg.org.uk/whatson/exhibitions/2024/francesca-woodman-and-julia-margaret-cameron-portraits-to-dream-in>.

A one-day workshop on 23rd March run by Axel Hoedt will cover techniques that draw on the women's work - <https://www.npg.org.uk/whatson/event-root/march/digital-photo-workshop-blur>

BPS WhatsApp Site

We will continue to let you know of events and visits by email and newsletter but for last-minute trips BPS WhatsApp site is a useful way of sharing information. If you haven't yet joined the site let Sheree (beckenhampscomms@gmail.com) know and she will add you to the list of participants.

THANK YOU for reading this News Bulletin. Look out for Issue No 19 in mid-March. It is really appreciated if you can contribute articles, feedback, images, news items, suggestions, advice, announcements. Please send to beckenhampscomms@gmail.com

Deadline for copy for the next issue is midday on 10th March