

Calgary Camera Club
2024-2025 Agenda

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Quick Overview

Sep 03: Kick Off

Sep 11: Photo Walk

Sep 17: Speaker Series

Sep 25: Photo Walk

Sep TBA: Bar U Ranch Excursion

Oct 01: AGM

Oct 08: Photo Competition: Open Theme

Oct 15: Photo Walk

Oct 23: Photo Walk

Oct 29: Speaker Series

Oct TBA: Saskatoon Farm Excursion

Nov 06: Photo Walk

Nov 19: Troubleshooting with the Camera Store

Nov 26: Photo Competition Street

Nov TBA: Aviation/Military Museum Excursion

Dec 07: Holiday Party and Silent Auction

Dec 10: Hands on Workshop (Creative Composition.)

Dec TBA: Calgary Zoo Lights Excursion

Jan 07: Hands on Workshop: Reflection

Jan 15: Virtual Workshop

Jan 21: Speaker Series

Jan 29: Virtual Workshop

Jan TBA: Winter Landscapes in Banff Excursion

Feb 04: Hands on Workshop: Photopills/Photographers Ephemeris

Feb 12: Virtual Workshop

Feb 18: Virtual Workshop

Feb 25: Photo Competition Reflections

Feb TBA: Wolf Dog Sanctuary

Mar 04: Photography Question and Answers

Mar 12: Virtual Workshop

Mar 18: Speaker Series

Mar 26: Photo Walk

Mar TBA: Reynolds - Alberta Museum Excursion

Apr 01: Hands on Workshop: Macro Photography

Apr 09: Photo Walk

Apr 15: Photo Competition Black and White

Apr 23: Photo Walk

Apr 29: Speaker Series

Apr TBA: Wild Horses

May 13: Hands on Workshop Portraits

May 21: Photo Walk

May 27: Photo Competition Macro/Close Up

May TBA: Birds of Prey Foundation

Jun 10: Wrap Up

TBA: Portrait Workshop presented by Strobepro

Note: Dates in **Bold** are at the Kingsland Community Centre

AGM

The Calgary Camera Club's Annual General Meeting (AGM) is a pivotal event that serves as the cornerstone of our community's governance and direction. Held with anticipation and participation from our diverse membership, the AGM is an occasion where decisions are made, voices are heard, and visions for the future of our club are shaped. Members gather to reflect on the past year's achievements, address any challenges faced, and collectively set goals for the upcoming year. The agenda typically includes reports from club officers, financial updates, and the election of new board members or executives. It's also a platform for members to propose ideas, share feedback, and actively engage in discussions about the club's activities, initiatives, and future directions. The AGM embodies the spirit of democracy, transparency, and community engagement, fostering a sense of belonging and ownership among our members as we navigate the exciting journey ahead in our shared passion for photography.

Competitions

The Calgary Camera Club's photography competitions serve as dynamic arenas where members can showcase their talents and refine their skills. These competitions, centered around various themes or concepts, challenge participants to explore their creativity and push the boundaries of their photographic abilities. Through constructive feedback from peers and experienced judges, members receive valuable insights that help them identify strengths, areas for improvement, and new avenues for exploration in their photography. Moreover, the competitive aspect of these events inspires motivation and drive, encouraging members to strive for excellence and continuous growth. Beyond the accolades and recognition, participation in these competitions fosters a sense of community and camaraderie among members, creating a supportive environment where everyone can learn, evolve, and thrive in their photographic journey. Full guidelines to this season's competition will be coming soon.

[Oct 08: Photo Competition: Open Theme](#)

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Excursions

The Calgary Camera Club invites you to embark on a photographic journey like no other. Our excursions blend adventure, camaraderie, and creativity, providing unique opportunities to refine your photography skills while exploring captivating settings. From the rugged beauty of Bar U Ranch to the enchanting glow of Calgary Zoo Lights during the holiday season, each outing promises unforgettable moments and stunning photographic opportunities.

The club is looking at the opportunity of renting a bus to several of our events. This will allow more for our members to attend, and to create more social time with fellow members. Further details to come.

What to Expect

- **Immersive Experiences:** Our excursions take you beyond the ordinary. Whether you're capturing the eerie allure of a ghost town or uncovering the rich history at the Reynolds-Alberta Museum, you'll find inspiration around every corner.
- **Diverse Locations:** From the majestic presence of wolf dogs to the serene landscapes of Banff National Park, our excursions span a wide range of settings. Each location offers its own magic waiting to be captured through your lens.
- **Half to Full Day Events:** Our excursions typically last half to full days, allowing you to immerse yourself fully in the experience. Plus, we often kick off the day by meeting for a meal—a chance to connect with fellow photographers.
- **Cost-Effective Travel:** For out-of-town adventures, we're exploring the possibility of renting a bus. This ensures convenient and cost-effective travel, so you can focus on what matters most: photography.

[Bar U Ranch Excursion \(Sep TBA\)](#): Immerse yourself in the rustic charm of Bar U Ranch. Capture the majestic presence of wolf dogs against the backdrop of rolling hills and open skies. Learn to compose shots that convey both the rugged beauty of the landscape and the spirit of these magnificent animals.

[Saskatoon Farm Excursion \(Oct TBA\)](#): Join us at Saskatoon Farm, where picturesque fields and orchards await. Explore the interplay of colors, textures, and natural light. From vibrant autumn foliage to quaint farm scenes, this outing offers a delightful blend of photography and farm-to-table experiences.

[Aviation or Military Museum Excursion \(Nov TBA\)](#): Whether you're fascinated by vintage aircraft or military history, this excursion has something for you. Capture the sleek lines of planes or the intriguing details of historical artifacts. Learn about composition and storytelling while surrounded by aviation marvels.

[Calgary Zoo Lights Excursion \(Dec TBA\)](#): As the holiday season approaches, the Calgary Zoo transforms into a magical wonderland. Photograph the dazzling lights, whimsical displays, and festive atmosphere. Experiment with long exposures to capture the enchantment after dark.

[Winter Landscapes in Banff Excursion \(Jan TBA\)](#): Venture to Banff National Park and embrace the serene beauty of winter landscapes. Snow-capped peaks, frozen lakes, and frost-kissed trees await your lens. Learn techniques for capturing the quiet elegance of this snowy wonderland.

[Wolf Dog Sanctuary Excursion \(Feb TBA\)](#): Visit the Wolf Dog Sanctuary and connect with these fascinating creatures. Learn to photograph their wild spirit and unique features. The sanctuary provides a rare opportunity to observe and document these elusive animals up close.

[Reynolds - Alberta Museum Excursion \(Mar TBA\)](#): Dive into history at the Reynolds-Alberta Museum. Explore vintage cars, machinery, and artifacts. Capture the nostalgia of bygone eras and tell stories through your lens. This outing combines photography with a journey through time.

[Wild Horses Excursion \(Apr TBA\)](#): Witness the untamed beauty of wild horses in their natural habitat. Learn to photograph their grace, power, and interactions. The rolling prairies and open spaces provide a stunning backdrop for capturing these magnificent creatures.

[Birds of Prey Foundation Excursion \(May TBA\)](#): Get up close to raptors and owls at the Birds of Prey Foundation. Learn about bird behavior and flight patterns. Capture their intense gaze and intricate feather details. This outing combines education and photography.

Remember, these excursions are not only about photography—they're also an opportunity to connect with fellow enthusiasts and share the joy of discovery.

Hands on Workshops

Experience the thrill of hands-on learning with the Calgary Camera Club's lineup of workshops for the 2024-25 season, curated to ignite your passion for photography and sharpen your skills to new heights. Delve into the mesmerizing world of macro photography, where every intricate detail comes to life in stunning clarity. Uncover the beauty hidden within the shadows with our low light photography workshop, mastering techniques to capture captivating images in challenging lighting conditions. Embark on a journey through time with our long exposure photography workshop, learning how to paint with light and create mesmerizing visual effects. Feel the adrenaline rush as you freeze split-second moments in our high-speed photography workshop, mastering the art of capturing motion with precision and finesse. And finally, unlock the secrets of composition and elevate your photography to new heights with our photography composition technique workshop, where you'll learn to craft visually compelling images that tell powerful stories. Whether you're a beginner eager to learn the basics or a seasoned photographer looking to refine your craft, our hands-on workshops promise to inspire, educate, and empower you on your photographic journey.

[Low Light Photography Workshop \(Nov 12\)](#):

During this workshop, you'll explore the enchanting world of low light photography. As the sun sets and darkness descends, you'll learn how to capture stunning images using longer exposures. Iconic landmarks in Bristol will serve as your backdrop, allowing you to experiment with creative compositions and play with light and shadow.

[Creative Composition Workshop \(Dec 10\)](#)

Dive into the art of creative composition in photography! This workshop is designed to help you think outside the box and see the world from a unique perspective. Learn about the principles of composition, including rule of thirds, leading lines, and framing, while experimenting with unconventional angles and techniques. Whether you're shooting landscapes, street scenes, or abstract subjects, this workshop will inspire you to create visually compelling and imaginative photographs.

[Reflection Workshop \(Jan 07\)](#):

In the reflection workshop, you'll discover the art of capturing reflections. Whether it's a still pond, a glass window, or a polished surface, reflections offer unique visual opportunities. Learn techniques to create mesmerizing images by incorporating symmetry, depth, and intriguing juxtapositions.

[Photopills/Photographers Ephemeris Workshop \(Feb 04\):](#)

This workshop is perfect for landscape photographers and planners. You'll delve into the use of tools like Photopills and Photographer's Ephemeris. Understand how to plan your shots based on celestial events, golden hours, and other factors. Whether you're chasing the perfect sunrise or moonrise, these tools will be your guiding stars.

[Macro Photography Workshop \(Apr 01\):](#)

Get up close and personal with the world of macro photography! In this workshop, you'll explore the intricate details of small subjects. Learn about specialized equipment, lighting techniques, and composition. From delicate flower petals to tiny insects, macro photography allows you to reveal hidden beauty.

[Portraits Workshop \(May 13\):](#)

The portraits workshop focuses on capturing compelling images of people. Dive into the art of portrait photography, where lighting, posing, and expression play crucial roles. Whether you're photographing friends, family, or models, this workshop will help you convey personalities and emotions through your lens.

[Holiday Party](#)

Get ready to celebrate the holiday season in style at the Calgary Camera Club's highly anticipated Holiday Party and Silent Auction! Join us for an evening filled with festive cheer, delicious food, and great company as we come together to toast to another wonderful year of photography and camaraderie. This special event, open to members and their guests, is not only a chance to unwind and socialize but also an opportunity to give back to the community through our silent auction. Bid on an array of exciting photography-related items generously donated by local businesses and club members, with all proceeds going towards supporting the club's initiatives and charitable causes. As this event is a potluck, we encourage attendees to bring their favorite holiday dishes to share with fellow partygoers. Whether you're a seasoned club veteran or a newcomer eager to join the festivities, the Holiday Party and Silent Auction promises to be a highlight of the season, spreading joy and goodwill to all who attend.

[Kick Off](#)

Get ready for an evening packed with excitement as we launch another fantastic Calgary Camera Club season. Join us for sign-ups and in-person membership payments, engaging icebreaker activities, a meet and greet session to connect with fellow photography enthusiasts, and the official presentation of this year's agenda, featuring workshops, guest speakers, photo walks, competitions, and more. This will be our Biggest Season yet so don't miss out.

[Photography Question and Answers Event](#)

Join us for an engaging session where photography enthusiasts gather to ask questions, share advice, and learn valuable tips and tricks. Whether you're a beginner or an experienced photographer, this event provides a supportive space to discuss technical aspects, composition, gear, post-processing, and business insights. Bring your curiosity and passion for photography!

Photo Walk

Experience the beauty of Calgary through the lens of fellow enthusiasts by joining our member-led photo walks at the Calgary Camera Club. These captivating excursions, ranging from 90 to 180 minutes, are expertly curated and led by our talented members who know the city's hidden gems like the back of their hands. From the vibrant streets of downtown to the serene landscapes along the Bow River, each photo walk offers a unique opportunity to explore and capture the essence of Calgary's diverse scenery. Whether you're a beginner looking to hone your skills or a seasoned photographer seeking fresh inspiration, these guided walks provide the perfect blend of guidance, creativity, and camaraderie. Come join us and uncover the magic of Calgary through the art of photography!

Portrait Workshop presented by Strobepro

Club members can expect an immersive and enriching experience tailored to enhance their portrait photography skills. Led by seasoned professionals from Strobepro, this workshop promises to delve deep into the art and techniques of portrait photography. Participants will have the opportunity to learn from experts in the field as they cover a wide range of topics, including lighting setups, posing techniques, composition, and post-processing. Through hands-on demonstrations and interactive sessions, attendees will gain practical insights and valuable tips for capturing stunning portraits that truly stand out. Additionally, Strobepro will be bringing in models to practice with, allowing members to apply their newfound knowledge in a real-world setting. Please note that space is limited, but depending on demand, there may be multiple sessions available to accommodate all interested members. Whether you're a beginner looking to master the basics or an experienced photographer seeking to refine your craft, this workshop offers something for everyone. Prepare to be inspired, challenged, and empowered as you unlock the secrets to creating compelling portraits at the Portrait Workshop presented by Strobepro.

We are looking at holding this event during the winter. Details to come.

Speaker Series

Prepare for an enriching odyssey through the lens of visual storytelling as the Calgary Camera Club unveils its highly anticipated 2024-25 Speaker Series: Mastering Visual Storytelling. This extraordinary series promises to be a pinnacle event in the photography calendar, offering exclusive insights from diverse perspectives across the globe. Delve into a myriad of narratives that transcend borders and cultures, as renowned photographers share their expertise.

Our goal is to provide you with valuable insights, practical techniques, and inspiration to elevate your photographic skills and artistic vision. Each session will focus on a different critical aspect of visual storytelling, providing a comprehensive understanding of how to create images that resonate and captivate.

Sep 17, 2024: Understanding Context and Background

- Explore the significance of context and background in enriching the narrative depth of your photographs. Learn how to incorporate environmental details, cultural contexts, and atmospheric elements to create immersive visual stories. This session will cover the interplay between lighting, composition, and background in creating compelling images.

Discover how to effectively use the surroundings and context to add depth to your stories, integrating background elements seamlessly into your compositions and enhancing the contextual narrative with lighting.

Oct 29, 2024: Capturing Authentic Moments

- Discover techniques for capturing genuine expressions, unscripted interactions, and sincere moments that resonate with viewers. Understand the role of natural lighting and candid composition in enhancing authenticity. Topics will include the use of spontaneous framing, quick adjustments to camera settings, and maintaining sincerity in post-processing. Learn to identify and capture moments of authenticity that bring stories to life, working with natural light and spontaneous composition to enhance the realism and emotional impact of your photographs.

Jan 21, 2025: Using Visual Elements to Guide the Eye

- Learn how to utilize composition techniques and lighting to direct the viewer's gaze and shape the visual narrative. Gain practical tips on using leading lines, contrast, and visual hierarchy to enhance the impact of your images. This session will cover how lighting and composition work together to guide the viewer's attention to key elements within the frame. Understand how to strategically compose your shots to guide the viewer's eye, using various techniques to create visual pathways and highlight focal points, ultimately enhancing the storytelling aspect of your photographs.

Mar 18, 2025: Creating an Emotional Connection

- Explore the power of photography in evoking emotions and forging connections with viewers. Delve into techniques for conveying specific emotions through lighting and composition, and strategies for establishing a personal connection between the viewer and the subject matter. This session will emphasize how to use lighting, framing, and perspective to evoke emotional responses. Dive into the emotional aspect of visual storytelling, creating images that resonate on a deeper level with your audience by using lighting, framing, and perspective to evoke specific emotions and build stronger emotional connections.

Apr 29, 2025: Telling Captivating Narratives

- Unpack the art of storytelling through photography. Learn how to develop compelling narratives, engage viewers in visual journeys, and use lighting and composition to support narrative arcs and character development. This session will discuss how consistent lighting and composition styles across a series of images help maintain coherence and flow, guiding viewers through the narrative arc. Gain a comprehensive understanding of constructing and conveying stories through a series of images, maintaining consistency and flow in your visual narratives to ensure your stories are engaging and impactful.

We are currently finalizing our speakers for each session from among a short list of esteemed photographers who have a wealth of experience and knowledge to share on these respected topics. We are confident that their expertise will provide you with fresh perspectives and valuable techniques to enhance your photographic storytelling. Due to time zones, some of our speakers may have their dates

shifted to a weekend to accommodate their schedules better. If this adjustment becomes necessary, rest assured that we will still hold a meeting on the scheduled night in addition to the new presentation date.

During these meetings, in lieu of a speaker, we will host member photo review sessions. This will be an opportunity for our members to share their work and receive feedback and advice from fellow members. It's a collaborative way to learn and grow together, enriching our collective knowledge and skills.

Special Interest Groups

At the Calgary Camera Club, we're always exploring new ways to engage our members and cater to their diverse interests. That's why we're excited to introduce the possibility of member-led Special Interest Groups (SIGs), based on demand. These SIGs would provide a platform for members to come together and delve deeper into specific aspects of photography that pique their curiosity and passion. Whether it's wildlife photography, portrait lighting techniques, drone photography, or any other niche interest, the formation of SIGs allows members to connect with like-minded individuals, share knowledge, exchange tips and tricks, and embark on photography adventures together. The success of these SIGs hinges on the enthusiasm and participation of our members, so we encourage everyone to voice their interests and preferences. By harnessing the collective expertise and enthusiasm within our community, we can create an enriching and dynamic environment where members can continue to grow and evolve as photographers. If you have a particular interest you'd like to explore further or if you're eager to lead a SIG, we want to hear from you! Together, let's unlock new opportunities for learning, collaboration, and camaraderie.

Troubleshooting with the Camera Store:

Experts from the Camera Store will be on hand to address minor repairs and calibrations. Bring your camera questions! Meanwhile they will be able to answer your questions on the latest cameras, lenses, and gear.

Virtual Workshops:

Dive into the world of digital creativity with the Calgary Camera Club's exciting lineup of virtual workshops! In this series, we're bringing the art of photo editing, manipulation, and composite image creation straight to your screens. Whether you're a beginner looking to enhance your editing skills or a seasoned photographer wanting to explore the limitless possibilities of digital manipulation, these workshops are designed to inspire and empower you. Each session will cover essential techniques and tools for post-processing, from basic adjustments to advanced editing tricks. Learn how to transform your photos into stunning works of art, unleash your imagination through creative manipulation, and master the art of crafting composite images that tell compelling visual stories. Join us online and unlock your full creative potential from the comfort of your own home.

Wrap Up

This special gathering serves as a time to reflect on the highlights and achievements of the past year, celebrate our collective successes, and look forward to the opportunities that lie ahead. Members will come together for an evening of camaraderie and connection, sharing stories, laughter, and, of course,

delicious food at our potluck dinner. Amidst the festivities, we'll also have the honor of recognizing and celebrating the outstanding contributions of our members with our annual award ceremony. It's a time to express gratitude, acknowledge achievements, and inspire one another as we continue to grow and evolve as a community. So, mark your calendars and join us for an unforgettable evening of celebration, reflection, and fellowship.