



First Place "Steel Filigree" by Julie Golding Page

Parkland Photography Club

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Nineteen members of the **Parkland Photography Club** met in the **Doghide Gallery** on Tuesday, April 28. Welcome to new members **Katherine** and **Hannah Ukrainetz**.

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Guest presenter at this meeting was **Geoff Payton**, president and founder of the **Northern Image Photographers** in **Prince Albert**. **Geoff** attributes the success and growth of their club to their stress on having fun with no competition among members. They enjoy a lot of community involvement with about seventy photos on display in the city; they go on many shoots; and they sponsor a "Weekend in the Woods" outing every June and September. **Geoff** instructs photography classes once a week so he has lots of prepared lessons on photography.

The topic he chose for this presentation was **"Simplifying and Improving Photography"**. The concepts he presented were illustrated with many images.

- Have a strong centre of interest and fill the frame.
- Watch for distractions in the photo.
- Try a vertical format.
- Careful use of foreground interest can add depth and a sense of scale.
- Apply the rule of thirds.
- Leave room for the subject to move toward the middle of the photo.
- Change the angle, distance, lens, time of day, season to see how that affects the photo.
- Be creative. Take shots of pieces that represent the whole.
- Self-critique your images.

We asked **Geoff** to judge and critique our theme shoot images for this month. The topic was **"Hoar Frost"** and we had sixteen entries. First place went to **Julie Golding Page** for her **"Steel Filigree"** ;

second place to **Edwin Brehmer** for his **"Ghostly Aura"** (above); and third place to **Jillian Anderson** for her **"Rock Frost"** (bottom of page). While he was critiquing these photos he gave us some hints on the use of reflectors and stated that the only filter he uses very often is a polarizer. He urged us to try lots of cropping on our photos.

Thanks to **Alie** and **Glen Neish** for supplying the lunch for this meeting.

Following the lunch break, **Geoff** presented a slide show of photos taken at the **"Weekend in the Woods"** which is held at one of the northern lakes. Some of the lakes they have chosen for their site are **Anglin Lake, McPhee Lake, Candle Lake, La Ronge, Sandy, and Little Bear.**

President **Anne McIntosh** thanked **Geoff** for sharing his knowledge with us. She also reminded members of the **"Transparency Battle"** in **Saskatoon** on Sunday, May 3. Theme shoot suggestions



for next year were to be handed in to her at this meeting.

The next meeting will be held at 7:00 PM in the **Doghide Gallery** on Tuesday, May 26.



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