

Drogheda Photographic Society

Newsletter

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Narrow West Street
Drogheda

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Editor's Address

Dear Member,

Welcome to the second edition of the Drogheda Photographic Society Newsletter. This newsletter is the first of two volumes to be published for the year 2014 – one for each half of the year. It will be published on the Society's Website as well as being sent via e-mail to all registered members.

I think all will agree that the Society has grown stronger in the past year. Members have enjoyed sharing ideas, learning new techniques and certainly enjoyed each others' photographs. In addition to this, the Society has come together socially on many occasions and friendships have formed on the basis of our shared interest.

Of course, new members are always welcome. In September 2013 new members were welcomed and have continued to join throughout the year. I look forward and encourage more and more people to join us, which will undoubtedly add to the diversity and future of this growing Society.

Paul Murray & Joan Kelly, co-founders of the Drogheda Photographic Society, continue to bring guidance and support to the group, encouraging members to submit articles of interest and participate in competitions and discussion. On their behalf, I hope you enjoy getting out and about with your camera and I hope you enjoy being part of this newsletter!

Official Monthly Meetings

(First Thursday of each month)

January 2014	The year got off to an early start on 2 nd January with a great attendance in the familiar meeting room of Barlow House.
February 2014	The meeting held on 6 th February enjoyed Marina Brannigan's display of her DPS competition winning photographs. Helen Black also demonstrated her Polaroid Camera.
March 2014	The DPS Web Site was officially presented by Colm Gargan. Paul Murray provided a Brief Photographic History.
April 2014	The Beginners Level Photographic Competition was held
May 2014	The Higher Level Photographic Competition was held 1 st May
June 2014	The items covered at our meeting on 5 th June consisted of an evaluation of our competitions, a photo essay of Slane and information pertaining to a new €10 class soon to be available.

Official Monthly Outings

(Third Saturday of each month)

January 2014	The official monthly Group Outing was different from usual. Instead of going outside, a room in Barlow House was used to construct and photograph a Still Life subject. All members were asked to bring a single object which contributed to the construction of the Still Life – using Window Light.
February 2014	The second workshop received strong support with lots of thanks due to Ian McGuirk who setup the studio.
March 2014	The third workshop also received wonderful support and everyone was requested to submit any photographs taken to the DPS Photo Bank. These workshops were not of a competitive nature, but rather served as a <i>Learning Curve</i> for all to enjoy.
April 2014	More photographs were needed for the Photo Essay on the Hill of Slane. Such a visit to Slane took place on Saturday 19 th April and the photographic themes were: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Landscape (views from the Hill of Slane) - Stonework - People / Visitors to the site.
May 2014	This month's Saturday outing brought the Group to the Boyne River Ramparts / Southside. Theme : 'Photograph a Bridge'
June 2014	June's outing was to the Irish Cement quarries, North Road, Drogheda. The quarry's plant life was ablaze with colour. Beautiful sunshine added to the enjoyment of the day. Theme: 'Landscape'

Workshops in Barlow House – Jan., Feb., Mar.



Above and below are examples of photos taken at our January, February & March workshops in Barlow House.



Special Interest Groups

As the group expands, so too have its interests. Specialised interest groups, who share an interest in a particular subject or who wish to specialise in particular aspects of photography, have shown an interest in coming together.

The first meeting to establish DPS Special Interest Groups was held on 20th March 2014 in Barlow House to discuss the formation of such interest groups

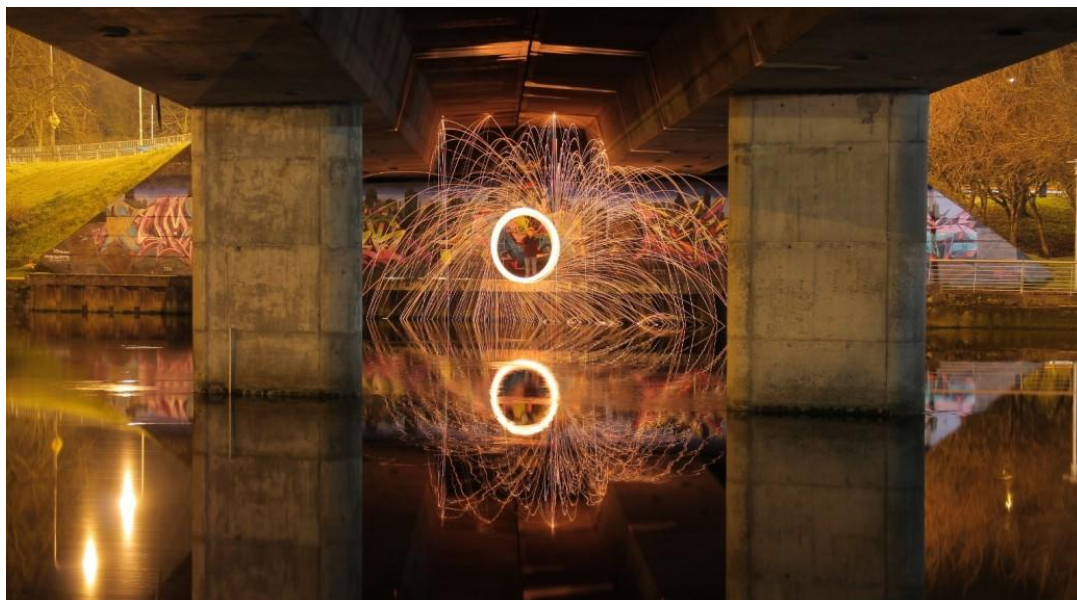
The following criteria, for the success of a 'Special Interest Group' was outlined by Paul Murray:

To be successful, Special interest Groups must have a Working Committee comprising of three DPS members:

- **An Administrator** – organises and sets out plans before the event date
- **A Group Leader** – takes charge on the day of the event
- **A Secretary** – takes responsibility after the event

The outcome of this meeting was the establishment of two Special Interest Groups:

- **Night Photography**
- **Landscape**



The above photograph demonstrates steel wool spinning, under the Bridge of Peace, Drogheda. Demonstrated by Damien Smith. This technique gives off wonderful light and colour, which is best captured and appreciated in night light.

Competition Time

Venue: Barlow House, Narrow West Street

Principal Adjudicator : Kevin Finger of Balbriggan Camera Club

Competition Secretary & Host: Daz, DPS Society member

Digital Media Operator: Damien Smith

Room Keeper: Pat Whearty

Photographers: Adrian King & Helen Black

Liaison: Aine Kelly & Marie O'Brien

Administration: Joan Kelly & Deirdre Hyland

Maximum Number of Photos: 3

Terms & Conditions were documented and available to all, for both competitions, in advance of those competitions. Penalty points may be incurred if conditions are not fully adhered to.

Beginners / Open Photography	Closing Date: 30 th March, 2014 Date of Competition: 3 rd April 2014 Criteria: Open to all subjects
Higher Level / Landscape, Woodland Scene, Park Land	Closing Date: 27 th April, 2014 Date of Competition: 1 st May 2014 Criteria: Landscape, Woodland Scenes, Park Lands.

Some words of advice from Kevin Finger, Adjudicator:

"I am retired and like to keep myself busy with my photography. One important thing is that you must enjoy your photography. A simple test about your photo, do you like it enough that you would hang it on your living room wall? If yes, then it is good enough.

Remember, it's the eye and not the equipment that counts every time".

Beginners Competition – The Winning Photograph ...



Winning photograph, taken by Erich Sumperhofer. Below, Kevin Finger presents the prize to Erich.



In April 2014, the Drogheda Photographic Society awarded first place to Erich Sumperhofer for his wonderful invigorating photograph taken while sailing through the Baltic Sea off Northern Germany.

Erich explains, 'the photograph was taken with a Nikon F60 film camera, taking care that the sun would be hidden behind the sail, to limit the brightness in the picture and to ensure that the details of the ship would be correctly exposed'.

Runner up – Beginner's Competition



David Sheilds is the photographer of this photo.
David was awarded 2nd prize in the club's April competition.

Congratulations to Erich and David and to everyone who participated and took the time to submit an entry.

Higher Level Competition The Winning Photograph ...



Congratulations to Daz, the owner of the winning photograph of the Higher Level Competition. Daz took his photograph in the Giants Causeway, N. Ireland.

Runner up – Higher Level Competition



This photograph was awarded 2nd prize and was taken by Deirdre Hyland .
The photo was taken in Farnham Estate, Co. Cavan.



Drogheda photographic society

wishes to welcome everyone to an Open Evening that celebrates our first year as an amateur photography group.

**Venue: Barlow House (Old Garda Station)
Narrow West Street, Drogheda.**

Time: 8.00 pm

Day: Thursday Date: 3 October 2013

Listed below are activities conducted during the evening:

- Photographic display of images taken by society members.
- Demonstration of the Pinhole Box Camera and image development process
- Special guest speaker is Colin Bell of the Drogheda Camera Club and Maher's Chemist on West Street.
- Tea, coffee, biscuits etc will be served.



Founded by Paul Murray and Joan Kelly in September 2012 the ethos of the society is education of photography, promotion of photography while serving as a social outlet. All levels of photographic competence and camera format are embraced.

In the past year the society have held an Official Monthly Meeting in every calendar month with an array of activities that included a photo competition for beginners, a photo competition for higher level camera users, demonstrations lectures and presentations.

In addition to Official Monthly Meetings there has been a Photographic Group Outing in every calendar month. During these Group Outings there have been Camera Exercises for Learners, Assignments and development of a Photo Essay undertaken.

Our first newsletter can be downloaded from our web site. In addition to this we are putting in place other download documents of photographic know-how.

Future planning includes:

- Publishing a book of members' photographs.
- Public exhibition of members' photographs.
- Photography Competitions.
- Diploma & Certificates for varying degrees of photographic competence.
- One day trips.
- A photographic weekend.



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The society is open to new members during any month of the year. To learn more log on and download an information Document from our website:

www.droghedaphotographicsociety.com

Drogheda Photographic Website

Nest Design have created a wonderful website for the DPS which can be found at www.droghedaphotographicsociety.com

The website provides us with many interesting articles about what's happening in the vicinity, things to do, places to go and it also gives us a forum through which we can share interests with each other and the world wide web. It's an easy way to keep up-to-date with everything the society is involved with.

Here you can submit your photographs, post comments, text and blogs. It's a fantastic way to keep in touch with all those interested in photography and a great way to inform and enjoy your hobby outside society outings and meetings.

We look forward to hearing from anyone with an interest in learning more ... this can easily be done through the website.

Email
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Facebook
www.facebook.com/DroghedaPhotographicSociety

You can also contact our Coordinator Paul Murray on 086 054 2144

Tips & Tutorials

A Free Website for photographic tutorials:

<http://digital-photography-school.com/better-landscape-photography-tips-and-video-tutorials/>

A site for American photographic shops in general, but also has useful information on new product etc.

www.photographybay.com

Good places to look for cheap, quality and quick delivery ink.

<http://www.printcartridgedirect.com>
www.inkmaestro.ie

Checkout information and pictures taken at Dublin Airport. You may be interested in some aviation photography...

www.adamryanaviationphotography.com

For anyone interested in the Creative Commons licence, which allows others to use your material, in varying ways.

www.creativecommonsireland.org/events/

When sending large photo files or data via email use:

- Google Chrome
- Google Drive
- Myinterest

Choose handbooks / manuals for every make of camera that are not expensive
David D. Busch's Books for Digital Photography

Checkout on www.amazon.co.uk

NEWSLETTER ENTRY

Listed on this page are the names of society members with Project Titles:

	Name/s	Project Title
1	Joan Kelly	Administrator
2	Adrian King	Archivist (Principal Archivist)
3	Daz	Competition Secretary
4	Paul Murray	Co-ordinator
5	Damien Smith	Digital Media Operator
6	Helen Black	Facilitator
7	Brendan Murray	Lecturer
8	Áine Kelly	Liaison Member
9	Marie O'Brien	Liaison Member
10	Brendan Ennis	Regular Ph/graphy Group Outing / Manager
11	Sean Dowling	Promotion
12	Pat Whearty	Room Keeper
13	Ian Mc Guirk	Web Browser (1)
14	Niamh Boyle	Web Browser (2).
15	Colm Gargan	Web Team Architect/Manager.
16.	Catherine McEvoy	Librarian
17.	Deirdre Hyland	Newsletter Editor