

Snapshots

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Admiring Burtynsky, by Michael Anderson

What's Your Vision?

By Dass, Vice President

The other day I was thinking about the Forum and what it might be 20 years from now. Many of us will probably not be around, so what steps do we need to take to ensure the Forum's survival?

The Forum provides something important and unique, and we should do our best to preserve it for the future. In this light we are initiating a 'Vision Committee'.

The goal of this committee is to develop strategies to ensure the long term growth and vitality of the Forum. All ideas will be welcome and anyone who is interested in participating is invited to volunteer.

Upcoming Meetings

September 18 – Seal
Stephen Gilligan
With Maker's Introduction

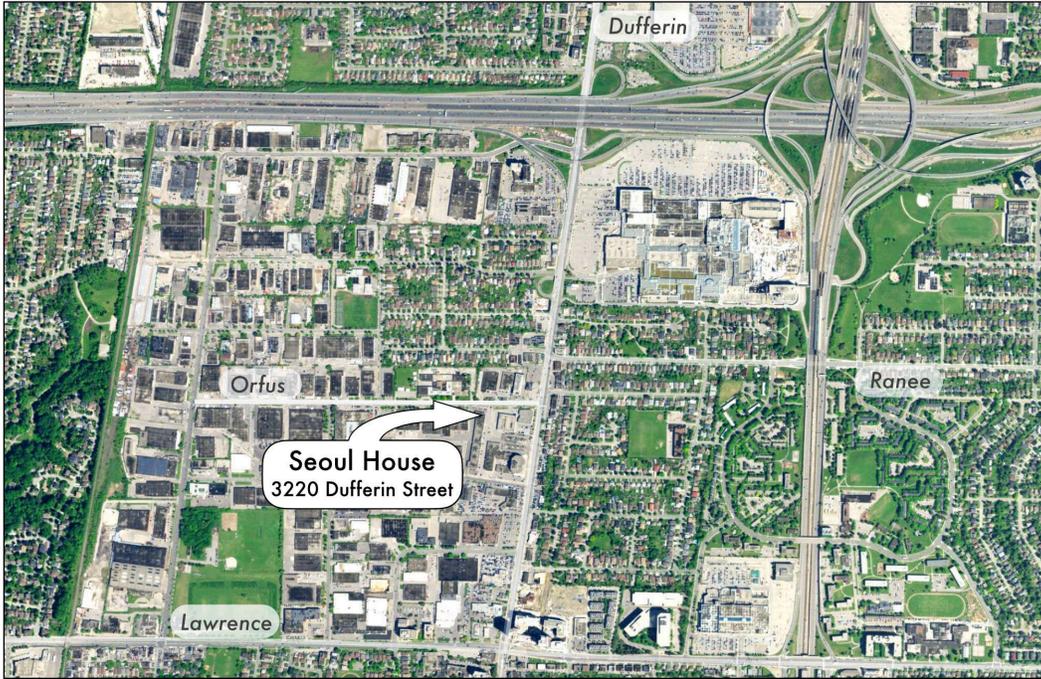
October 2 – Seal
Matthew Robertson
Maker and Title Announced

October 16 – Seal
Leif Petersen
With Maker's Introduction

At the Toronto Focal Forum we share a passion for the printed photograph: it's our chosen means of creative expression, so we strive for artistic and technical excellence. Our candid print reviews are times for diverse work and different ideas, creating an invigorating, ongoing conversation about our experiences in art and in life. These evenings are times of inspiration, honing our craft of clear vision and communication, enriching our photographic pursuits. This is the measure of our success.

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Message from the President

Stephen Gilligan, Sept 2019

Summer passes quickly and I hope you all had a chance to enjoy it. Our first meeting of the year on September 18th is just around the corner. Remember we will be meeting at Seoul House in the banquet room and based on our year end banquet experience, it will be a great room for dinner and our print review sessions. I am looking forward to it!

We have reduced the cost of dinner since my last announcement. It will now be \$20.00. It is important to let Rhonda know you will be attending so that there will be enough food on hand. Please pay attention to her request for response. It is also important to remember that, based on our arrangement with Seoul House, dinner is a compulsory component of attendance. It will be most enjoyable to share dinner together as we did in the past, prior to Katz's.

By now you will have seen the option as communicated by Leif, that payment for our membership fees and meeting meal costs can be made by eTransfer. If you are comfortable with doing so, please take advantage this option. It is a more efficient collection of funds.

The executive is working on a few projects that we hope will enhance the experience for the members of the Toronto Focal Forum. We also are exploring methods to attract new members to or circle. We will reveal more on these topics in the weeks to come.

I am looking forward to seeing you all again later this month. It will be a great season for the Toronto Focal Forum! Be well.

Stephen will be moderating our first meeting of the season on Wednesday, September 18.

Nancy Ross takes the stage and muses on the puzzle of the creative mind.
We think artists are ahead of their time, she says, but actually they express where we are now.
We don't recognize where we are, so their art seems strange.

— Kay Larson

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Our Meetings for 2019-2020:

September 18
October 2
October 16
October 30
No Seal
November 13
November 27
December 11
No Seal
January 15
January 29
February 12
No Seal
February 26
March 11
March 25
No Seal
April 8
Esecutive Nominations
April 22
Annual General Meeting
May 6
No Seal

Submitting to Snapshots is Fun and Easy!

Matthew Robertson, Snapshots Editor

Stop me if you've heard this one before, but Snapshots is *your* newsletter. It serves our small but dedicated community made up of photographers and friends, giving us a way to keep in touch and build on our regular meetings.

So why not contribute your work to be featured?

Send in your articles, essays, or anything else that you'd like to see included that adds to our community and gives us a better sense of the person behind the artwork. Lengths ranging from two to three hundred words is great.

And of course, send in your artwork as well: any image shown at the previous meeting, regardless of 'seal' status, is encouraged. If you want to include a bit of text as well, even if it's just a few notes to go along with a photograph, you may even get a page all to yourself.

So how do you submit your work? It's easy!

For photographs: jpeg files that are about 1000 pixels on the long side, with moderate compression, are perfect. Name your files with both your name and the photo title as you want it to appear to ensure accuracy and attribution.

For articles and other text-based work: just type it out as a regular email – no special formatting, attachments, or file type needed. You can include notes and directions for the editorial staff if desired, but titling your email "For Snapshots" also works well.

And only one final thing to remember:

Send in your work for inclusion to tffsnapshots@gmail.com no later than the Wednesday before each issue comes out.

Thanks very much.

Matthew will be moderating our second meeting of the season on Wednesday, October 2.

Snapshots is on the web!
<http://www.focalforum.ca/snapshots.html>

Sometimes I enjoy just photographing the surface
because I think it can be as revealing as going to the heart of the matter.

– Annie Leibovitz

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Three Movements, by Leif Petersen

That Dirty Word... Money

Leif Petersen, Treasurer

You recently received an email regarding e-payment of the annual membership fee and the pay-per-meeting buffet dinner at the Seoul House. I thought it would be worth repeating the process here. This will also apply to any other instances where payment is being made to the TFF – Christmas dinner, year end banquet, etc.

E-Transfer Procedure:

- In your on-line bank account menus, you will see an option to send an 'Interac E-Transfer' or similar.
- Fill out the required information and set up the recipient as **tff.treasurer@outlook.com** (the next time you do it, you'll just have to select that email recipient from the list).
- Indicate the \$ amount and provide a security question: **"What is the name of our group?"**
- Please use **TorontoFF** as the answer.

Of course, if you are not signed up for on-line banking, bring cash to the meeting.

Since we must advise the restaurant how many people will attend, please remember to confirm your attendance at the next meeting via an email to Rhonda Starr (starr1@sympatico.ca) no later than 3 days prior to the meeting and follow the payment procedure above.

Thank you,
Leif

[Leif will be moderating our third meeting of the season on Wednesday, October 16.](#)

In retrospect, my plan to fluster an astronaut by throwing extreme situations at him might have been flawed.

– Randall Munroe