

Carla Hamilton, ACAPA

Nominee for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President

It was shortly after I graduated high school in 1978 that I bought my first camera, a Pentax K-1000 35mm. My idea was to take lots of photos as I travelled around Vancouver Island and the Sunshine Coast on a motorcycle. Little did I realize I had begun a lifetime love for photography, beginning with landscapes and later to include animals and wildlife. My love for horses led to a front cover photo publication in "Gait Post" and "Le Cheval Canadien" magazines, as well as publications in the B.C Horse Council Calendar for several years. The Township of Langley also included my photos in their calendars for 4 years, although those had more of an urban flavor. PADS have used one of my Santa photos with a PADS Orca as their Christmas card fundraiser.

My work took me from a 25yr career, with a variety positions from a telephone operator to a Installer/Repairperson with BCTel/Telus. I then went on to my second career as a Dispatcher/911 Operator for Abbotsford Police, White Rock RCMP and retired 15yrs later from Langley RCMP. During my working career we raised 3 wonderful children who were active in sports and music. I volunteered as the President of the Music Association for DW Poppy Secondary and for North Langley Little League as a coordinator. I have volunteered to do photography for the Christmas Wish Breakfast at Newlands in Langley, and the Langley Memorial Hospital Fundraising Galas.

I am an active member of Langley Camera Club since 2015, having held the roles of Membership, Outside Competition Coordinator, Club CAPA Rep, Langley Arts Council Rep, Vice-President and have filled in for the secretary on a number of occasions. I also currently lead a Special Interest group within our club for members who are interested in wildlife photography.

I joined CAPA in 2016 and received my ACAPA designation in 2021. I have taken the CAPA judging course and am currently on the selection committee for the Langley Camera Club. I am active CAPA District Rep – Pacific Zone since 2020.

I have been the official photographer (volunteer) for the Aldergrove Fair and hold a membership in the Aldergrove Business Association. I own a studio that I enjoy very much, especially over the Christmas season when Santa and I entertain about 400 families over 6 weeks for a photo session guaranteed to delight every age.

I actively pursue my own photographic education and encourage others in the pursuit of education and photographic excellence.

Regards

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