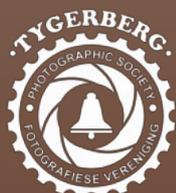


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Rob's Ramblings

Hi everyone,

And so I begin my third year as editor of your normal monthly newsletter, after starting again in February 2024 for my second session! The time has flown, and I thank all of you who have taken the trouble to comment on the newsletters, and all those of you who have contributed by way of photographs, articles, comments, and suggestions. Please keep them coming!

I have decided this year to keep my Rambling's as short as possible, and rather concentrate on the more important stuff - like our photos, and what is happening at our meetings and outings. There will obviously still be normal other news, e.g. from the PSSA and Western Cape Photographic Forum, so that we can get a feel of what's happening outside of our club.

I will instead be sharing a few quotes, maybe some humour, or links to articles, that I have found interesting or entertaining since the last edition. Enjoy!

Till next time,
Rob.

A true artist is
not
one who is inspired,
but
one who inspires others

Salvador Dali

The difference between
something good and something great
is attention to detail

Charles R. Swindoll

There are patterns in everything,
in the whole of Nature,
from the way
the stars turn in the heavens
to the
whorl of a shell
or the petals of a flower.

Celia Rees

Chairman Chatter

Hi there Tygertogs

Welcome back from a long break, hope you are all relaxed and ready for a new year of photography.

We ended off last year with our annual awards evening, this time held on a Sunday at lunch time, and it looks like it went off very well. It was great to see some familiar faces not seen at the event in a long time.

John and Elaine have planned ahead for our outings, and due to the low turnouts, have pre-planned 4 outings for 2026, one per quarter. The first will be on Sunday the 8th February, with an outing to the Strand. More on this outing will be provided by John and Elaine via WhatsApp. See also page 11.

Our January club competition, the first of the year, started off slowly, with 13 members joining in person plus 1 visitor and our judge, Mariana Visser, and 8 members joining us via zoom. Overall we had 82 images, with 42 in set subject and 40 in open category.

Please make sure you review your images on Photovault, to ensure they have been finalised and note that once Photovault has closed for a competition, it cannot be re-opened to accommodate corrections and late submissions. The reason for this is that the images are downloaded and sent off to the judge, early Saturday morning.

We have finalised our submission to host another PSSA Salon, this being our 10th PDI and Prints salon, with a closing date of the 28th August 2026.

Congratulations to our January competition winners, all photographs and details can be found on the following pages.

Michael

January 2026 Competition Winners



WINNER SET SUBJECT SENIOR

Night watch
by
David Barnes



WINNER SET SUBJECT JUNIOR

When your mechanic hands you the bill by *Gustav Nel*

January 2026 Competition Winners



WINNER OPEN SENIOR
Nearly by Francois du Bois



WINNER OPEN JUNIOR
Baobabs at sunrise by Kobus Mouton

January 2026 Competition Winners



RUNNER UP SET SUBJECT SENIOR

The pose
by
Francois du Bois

RUNNER UP
SET SUBJECT JUNIOR

Like a good red wine
by
Elaine Read



January 2026 Competition Winners



RUNNER UP OPEN SENIOR
Sharing the bloom by *Bennie Vivier*



RUNNER UP OPEN JUNIOR
Just a little bee by *Annelize van der Berg*

January 2026 Competition Winners



JUDGE'S CHOICE SENIOR

Floral artist
by
Johan van Wyk



JUDGE'S CHOICE JUNIOR

Watchful Heron in the reeds by *Louis Jones*

General TPS news and information

January 2026 competition

Last month:

• **42** images were entered in the Set Subject category. The highest score on the night was a perfect 15 (David Barnes). The average score was 11.9, and the most common score was 12.

A full list of the Set Subject scores can be found on our website by clicking [here](#).

• **40** images were entered in the Open category. The winning score was also a perfect 15, (Francois du Bois). The average score was 11.7, and the most common score was 12.

A full list of the Open scores can be found on our website by clicking [here](#).

10 images received Certificate of Merit awards. One is on the front cover, 7 are among the winning images, and the remaining 2 can be viewed in the Special Images section at the end.

Mariana Visser was our judge for the month. She was really well-organised, and the quickest judge we have had for a long time. She gave valuable feedback on our images and helped enormously to make the evening slick and professional. Thank you Mariana!

STAR ADVANCEMENTS



Tamlyn Goodwin advanced from **2-star to 3-star**

Keep reaching for the stars!

Membership

Total membership remains unchanged at 50.

And just a reminder for those members who have not yet done so to please pay their membership fees for 2026:

Annual Membership Fees - 2026:

R425 pa for annual membership (Pro rata R30 per remaining months if joining after 30 June)

R320 pa for full time students & Pensioners (older than 60)

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General TPS news and information (cont.)

Learn and Share

There was no L&S during January. Details for our L&S in February will be announced soon, but it will also feature two special wildlife audio-visual presentations that were compiled by Johan Kloppers. Not to be missed!

Outings

There was no outing in January. This year, 4 outings in total have been planned, The first one takes place this Sunday, 8 February, at the Strand. Participants to meet at 09h00 at the Pavilion parking area. John and Elaine have prepared the invitation shown below. If possible, please support these events - a great deal of time and effort goes into organising them.



February 2026 Set Subject

Patterns in nature

DEFINITIONS

Textures are included in this category, as they are a repetition of patterns creating a uniform texture. Patterns can be found everywhere – in nature and man-made constructions.

For this set subject, we are only looking for patterns in nature, i.e. NOT man-made.

They are made up of repeated objects, shapes, or colours and whether they're random or ordered, can be very pleasing to the eye. Those patterns can be everything from curves to straight lines. When working with curves, circles and shapes, consistency in size and shape is what is important.

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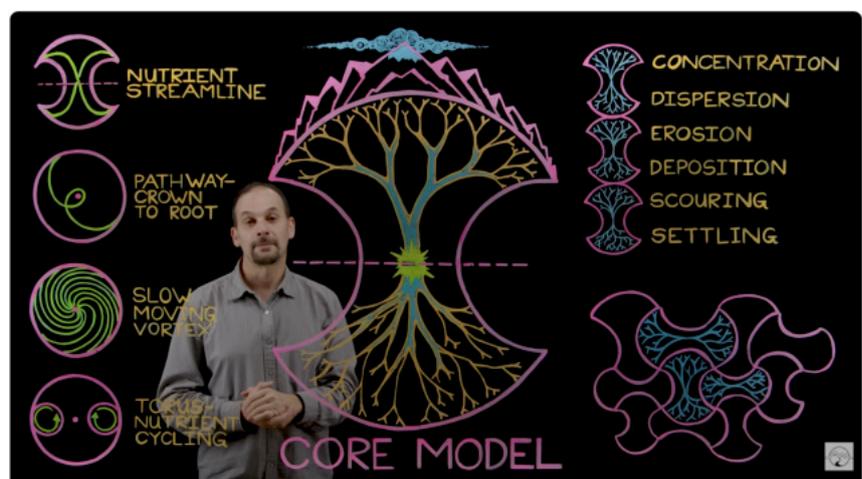
Closing date for Photovault: Friday 20 February 2026
Competition night: Wednesday 25 February 2026

Judge

The judge for the month is Andrew Pike from Westville Camera Club

Patterns in nature

This might not be everyone's cup of tea, but I found it very interesting and educational, The video is about 10 minutes long, it's by Andrew Millison, and entitled "How to see the hidden patterns in nature". Click on the image to go to the video.

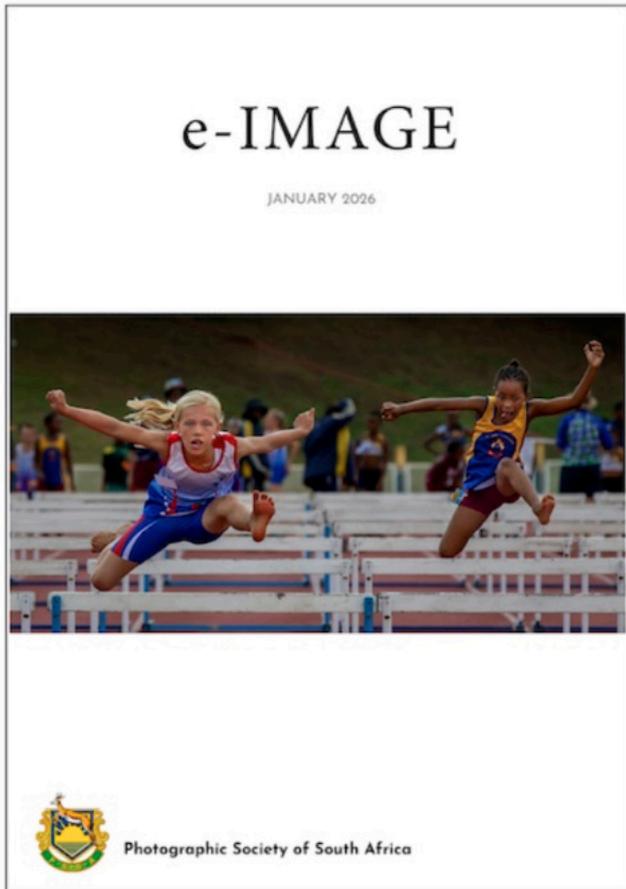


How to See the Hidden Patterns of Nature

Other news and information

From the Photographic Society of South Africa (PSSA)

All items below are taken from the latest PSSA Newsletter, edited by Bridgid Wickham.



The January 2026 issue of e-IMAGE is now live on the PSSA website. This edition is packed with inspiration for every photographer. [Click here](#) to read the latest stories and showcases from our community!"



PSSA Honours - Wishing all our current applicants good luck!

Judging will take place on 13th, 14th and 15th of February...

The next judging session is scheduled for 10th; 11th and 12th of July. We remind all applicants that they can request support from one of the judges on the panel when preparing their panel.

Other news and information (cont.)

PSSA Monthly Competition Winners



SENIOR WINNER

Elsabe du Toit from Hibiscus Photographic Society is the January winner. Elsabe, congratulations on your winning image:
[Introspection](#)

JUNIOR WINNER

Gerrit van Rooyen from Pretoria Photographic Society is the January winner. Gerrit, congratulations on your winning image:
[Whispers of Light](#)



WEBSITE WINNER

Rodney Cory from Southern Suburbs Camera Club is the January winner. Rodney, congratulations on your winning image:
[Morning Harvest](#)

Special images



COM VANDERBIJLPARKSE FOTOGRAFIESE VERENEGING DIGITAL SALON

Peeping through the clouds *by Pieter Swart*

COM TPS JANUARY 2026
SET SUBJECT

Butterfly tears
by
Marleen la Grange



Special images (cont.)



COM TPS JANUARY 2026 OPEN

Always alert by Brian Moffatt