



CLICK NEWS

A newsletter of your Crescent Beach Photography Club

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A New Start

I have to confess I have only got my camera out once since Covid hit. I could have been taking pictures on my many walks, but it just didn't seem like the thing I wanted to do. Walking is what you do when you can't go to the gym.

If you haven't picked up the camera in a while, you aren't the only one. If you need a challenge right now to shake off some of the dust, we have some for you. If you want to see what other club members are doing, we can help. Read on!

First off, we are not having meetings at Camp Alexander this fall. The hall is not big enough to safely distance and Camp Alexander hasn't decided if they will rent out the hall or what the rules will be.

But the club is alive and we are going to be active. As this is your club, we are starting off slowly to see what you want and what works for all of us. The Executive has held ZOOM meetings and they seem to have potential as a new way of meeting for all club members.

Photo Walks

There will be club **photo walks**. Expect some changes – like being assigned to a small group, being reminded to keep some distance when you all see the same great shot, etc. Lynne will be organizing them. She is planning to shoot Dunsmuir Gardens in Crescent Beach on Thursday, September 3rd. Watch you email for the details on this first photo walk. By the way, if you have an idea for a photo walk or would like to host one, send her an [email](#)

Themes

Themes are back again this fall. Each month we will be issuing a new theme. Your photos will be collected by email just as before. We will be posting the entries on our website and the judges' results from their ZOOM meeting will be presented. Look for some great new themes coming out this month. Mike Strong will be our new Theme Leader. Expect an email about your first theme very soon from Mike.



ZOOM

In 2020, Zoom has become one of the leading video conferencing software programs around.

It enables you to virtually interact with others when in-person meetings aren't possible and has been hugely successful. Zoom is a cloud-based video conferencing service you can use to virtually meet with others. During 2020 it has recently claiming 300 million daily Zoom meeting participants in Zoom Meetings. You can join meetings using your computer or your smartphone or tablet.

ZOOM is the way we are considering holding club meetings for a while. Many other clubs are meeting this way successfully. It is not the same as a face to face meeting, but it does work. If we schedule a ZOOM meeting for the membership, we will email you full instructions before we hold a meeting and we will be training members to assist

you if you need help. You will need a laptop with its built in camera and microphone, a desktop with speakers and a webcam to send video and audio or an iPad/Android tablet or phone with the ZOOM app installed. That's it. It is all free for your use. Welcome to a whole new world!

ZOOM club meetings will be a bit different than attending a meeting at Camp Alexander. First you have to bring your own coffee and cookies. Second it will be more of a presentation – instructional presentations with a remote presenter, theme submissions, photo walk pictures, club member's submissions, even video presentations. Some other clubs are even creating regular new activities on ZOOM, like "My Picture- Your Edit" or a ProShow-like video of images and sound created by a member.

Top help us judge your interest, can you **please just click one of the questions below** to send an email to us. The subject line is automatic, but feel free to expand your thoughts in the body of the email. Let us know what activities you would like to see this fall. And if you need help or advice on ZOOM, just ask for it.

- [Yes I would like to attend a CBPC ZOOM meeting.](#)
- [Maybe, but I want help and advice to get set up.](#)
- [No, I prefer not to meet this way but I still love CBPC.](#)

Your feedback will help us manage the club through these brave new times.