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Kamloops Photo Arts Club: www.kamloopsphotoarts.ca

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Flexibility is the key to Kamloops Photo Arts Club's weekly Wednesday night meetings. April 2/14 is one such example when the Club eschewed their usual meeting place at Henry Grube Education Centre for the 'theatre-in-the-round' setting of Thompson Rivers University's Brown Family's 'House of Learning'. This Gathering House, reminiscent of the Salish People's pit-house, seats up to 350 people in tiers under its log roof of beetle-killed wood topped with sod and solar panels. The \$32-million dollar building features a 'Living Wall' in its atrium that filters air for the 78,000 sq. foot building housing diverse study, library and office space. The building is worth a photographers visit just on its own.

The draw to gather at TRU was Victoria, BC, Wildlife Photographer and Biologist, Jared Hobbs www.hobbsphotos.com. Hobbs was speaking on behalf of the Nature Conservancy of BC & Canada in their fundraising quest to protect and manage thousands of acres of grasslands, a threatened eco-system, in the Kamloops area. The purchase of the Napier Lake Ranch 25 km south of Kamloops on Hwy 5A will keep a large tract of grassland intact in perpetuity. Grasslands make up about 1% of BC's lands but are home to 30% of the province's endangered species – sharp tailed grouse, long-billed curlews and migrating cranes.

The grasslands are a favourite haunt of KPAC photographers. Many are also Conservancy members so were glad they didn't have to choose between this special event with Lieutenant Governor, Her Honour Judy Guichon, a ranching neighbour of Napier Lake, giving the opening address, and a KPAC meeting. Jared Hobbs passion for his subject came through beautifully in his photos and comments. A bit of networking took place during the reception with KPAC's award winning nature photo-graphers being introduced to the Nature Conservancy's chief organizer for BC. (*NB –Always carry business cards with you www.natureconservancy.ca)

Retro Glimpses on Hwy #1, *Barbara Klie, KPAC*

Fifteen KPAC photo-graphers met at the Dreamcycle Motorcycle Museum, east of Sorrento on Hwy 1, for a chance to photograph new (2002) and old (1924) motorcycles and learn about their history. Owner Mark Lane graciously lowered the barriers and offered to move any motorcycles if we needed a better angle for our photos. It was a fabulous view into the history of



the motorcycle with lots of shining chrome and colour - a photographer's candy store. We had a good lunch at Sprockets Cafe in the same building. Next on the agenda was capturing images at the White Post Automobile and Antique Museum a few kilometers west at Tappen (just down the road a bit). There were a number of shiny classic cars on display inside, but many more vintage vehicles in the yard all yearning for TLC and restoration. To round off the afternoon, Dave Bennewith, KPAC's Field Trip Director had also organized a visit to Jim Ford's Corral (off the beaten path just south of Sorrento). The Corral was full of antiques, automobile and Gas Station memorabilia. It has to be seen to be believed; something to put on your list for next summer. Everyone had a great time and came away with many wonderful photos. It was a really interesting photo outing.

www.dreamcycle.ca www.whitepostautomuseum.ca www.jimfordcorral.ca

