

GALLERY COMMITTEE REPORT 2013-14

The RA Gallery has had 4 change-overs this year: Summer, Fall, Winter and Spring. Additionally we have participated in two shows at the Ottawa Archives and one at the Ottawa Public Library. The two shows at the Archives had vernissages.

The RA gallery shows typically have 10 prints and 70 to 80 digital slides. The Archives shows (which have been shared with the Camera Club of Ottawa) have featured about 40 prints and 40 digital images from each club. Many good comments have been made about our displays. The RA staff has taken over the job of restarting the TV display if it has been stopped or shut down.

In total this year, forty RA members have participated in these shows. While congratulations are in order for those photographers who have shared their images, more participants are needed to continue to offer new shows at this frequency or even increase the number of times the shows are changed. I urge all of you to set aside your favourite images and submit them to the gallery.

Two future considerations are worth discussing: (1) whether to continue with the Ottawa Archives shows and (2) whether to purchase new frames for the RA Gallery to allow for the display of 20"x24" prints.

1. The Ottawa Archives shows take a lot of effort to mount. However the non-central location and business-hour timing restricts the number of people who can see the shows. We need to discuss whether the effort to continue is worth it.
2. The print section of the RA gallery has not been updated for many years. Many members print their pictures for home in the 20"x24" format which the present frames cannot accommodate. Purchasing specialty gallery frames of this size might encourage more photographers to make their images available.

Please give your views on these questions to the gallery committee and /or the executive.

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Gallery Committee Chair.