

Showcasing Your Photographs at the RA Photo Club

Our art is a rewarding one. And I'll bet it has rewarded you with some shots you would like to share with your RA Photo Club friends.

It happens that we have a straight-forward, friendly way to show your stuff and help other club members get to know you.

You are invited to take part in any or all of the Slide Showcases presented on regular meeting nights during year. There is no theme or standard-of-quality. The images simply have to be yours. The images will be shown *without any third-party commentary or judging*.

Start choosing your images now. The Slide Showcases are presently scheduled for the following dates.

October 17, 2023 (submission date: **by 11:59pm**, Thursday, October 12)
November 28, 2023 (submission date: **by 11:59pm**, Thursday, November 23)
January 16, 2024 (submission date: **by 11:59pm**, Thursday, January 11)
February 13, 2024 (submission date: **by 11:59pm**, Thursday, February 1)
March 5, 2024 (submission date: **by 11:59pm**, Thursday, February 29)
April 16, 2024 (submission date: **by 11:59pm**, Thursday, April 11)

Submit your images via the RA Photo Club website. Instructions are below. We accept digital submissions only.

As an alternative to slide submissions, we accept video files. The instructions are below.

You may submit up to seven images for the Slide Showcases. Each image will be displayed on-screen for about eight seconds. Images will be displayed in an order determined by the photographer.

The first image must be a title slide and must have your name on it. If you do not submit a title slide, the coordinator will create one for you, using your first image.

The **eighth** image is your profile image. It is to help the club to know you and relate the images to you. ***It must be a shot of you, the photographer; no icons, avatars or disguises.***

Preparing Your Images

1. The web site takes care of keeping your uploads in order. It will give your images a new file name, using your name and a numeric indication of the order.
2. Save your images with a maximum of **1920 pixels horizontally** and a maximum of **1080 pixels vertically**. Save them in .jpg format at a quality setting that gives a file no more than 3.2MB each in size. (An image 1920px by 1080px probably won't be this large, even at the highest quality setting.) Save them in sRGB colour space, whether they are colour or monochrome slides.

Submitting Your Images Via the Club Website

If there are reasons why you cannot submit your entries via the club web site, feel free to contact the coordinator to discuss the issue. The contact information is at the bottom of this document.

1. Go to www.raphotoclub.ca. Log on with your user name and password. Then go to the **Members** drop-down menu found at the top, near the right side of the page. Choose **Upload Images** from the list.
2. In the page that loads, near the top left, choose the blue **Showcase** button.
3. Choose the correct Showcase from the drop-down list in the upper left corner and follow the directions on the page that loads.
3. Yes, it says that you have 8 entries remaining, but the eighth one must be your profile picture.
4. Except for your profile image, your category will be *assignment*. The box allows you to choose either *showcase* or *profile*. It defaults to *assignment*.
5. There is a **Title** text box for the file name. That can be ignored. Leave it empty.
6. **Submit your comments** by clicking on the blue **Add Comments** button (located near the top left) to open the popup window. **Please include your title with your comments.**

Your comments might be edited. If they can't be read in the 56 second time slot, they will have to be abbreviated. And sometimes comments are reworded to make them easier to read aloud.

Submitting Videos

Please also note that your video may not exceed a display time of 56 seconds and must include the title and closing profile picture. Submissions which run longer will not be shown.

The video may contain sound (voice-over commentary, sound effects, and/or music). Essentially, it may be either a video clip or a very short AV show.

Files should be high-definition format (1280x720 or 1920x1080).

Your video file cannot be delivered via the club web site, and is probably too big for e-mail. You will be responsible for finding a method of delivery. The same deadlines apply to video files as apply to digital images.

If you submit a video file of any duration to a showcase, no other submissions are allowed. Your entire submission will be the one video file (which may contain as many individual JPG files or video frames as you think appropriate).

Video files will be displayed at the end of the Slide Showcase.

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