

Wildflowers & Seascapes

Hornby Island, BC

May 2 - 7, 2009

Workshop leader: Leona Isaak

Assisting instructor: Sharron Milstein

Hornby Island, the crown jewel of BC's Gulf Islands, offers a rich visual palette to nature and landscape photographers. From dramatic sea-side bluffs to driftwood-strewn beaches and lush coastal forests, photographic subject matter abounds. Gentle woodland trails lead to shorelines distinctive for the fascinating shapes, textures and colours of the sandstone rock formations. Hornby Island is home to many birds and a varied population of marine mammals including blue herons, cormorants, bald eagles, harlequin ducks, sea lions, and seals. The warm days of early May bring forth a profusion of wildflowers. Shooting stars, fawn lilies, chocolate lilies, blue camas, lady's slippers and many more beauties grace the inland meadows and grassy sea bluffs.

It gives me great pleasure to be working with Sharron Milstein, well known photographer, teacher and workshop leader. For years Sharron and I have tried to get together running a workshop and we've finally achieved that goal. Please join us.

Leona Isaak

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COST

Tuition of \$1250.00 (Cdn) includes shared accommodation, all meals and boat trip to Flora and Chrome Islands. Limited to 15 participants.

ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE

You are responsible for your own transportation to and from Hornby Island. If you prefer not to bring your own vehicle, I will put you in touch with others who are driving from Victoria, Vancouver or Nanaimo.

BC Ferries provides service to Hornby Island from Buckley Bay, an hour's drive north of Nanaimo on the Island Highway.

Workshop starts at 1:30 p.m. Monday, May 2 and ends at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, May 7.

TO REGISTER

Booking is on a first come, first served basis. You may phone or e-mail to reserve a spot. Mail the enclosed registration form with a deposit of \$250.00. Balance is due April 1/09. Once you are registered, I'll send information about camera gear, transportation, and other things. Please get in touch with me if you have questions prior to registering.

ELIGIBILITY

This event is designed for photographers at all levels from the beginner to the very experienced. Familiarity with your equipment and a good understanding of camera basics are the only prerequisites. Digital and film users are both welcome.

ACCOMMODATION AND MEALS

The Hornby Island Diving Lodge is a modern, spacious and very comfortable chalet located across from the beach and wharf at picturesque Ford Cove. The Lodge offers shared bedrooms (double occupancy), ample shared washroom and shower facilities, a sauna and a large lounge. The dining room and workshop classroom are also located in the Lodge.

Many participants like to come a day early to get settled in and acclimatized prior to the start of the workshop. Let me know ASAP if you plan to arrive prior to May 2 or stay on after the night of May 7.

Wholesome and delicious meals are prepared on-site and vegetarian options are always available.

CANCELLATION POLICY

A \$50.00 processing fee is charged for any cancellation. If there is a waiting list for participation in the workshop and I can fill your cancelled spot, you will get a total refund of monies paid (less processing fee) no matter when you cancel.

If you cancel and I can't fill your spot, you will get a full refund (less processing fee) if notice of cancellation is received on or before April 1/09. If you cancel after April 1/09 but on or before April 8/09, you will be refunded 50% of the cost of the workshop (less processing fee). Cancellations after April 8/09 but on or before April 15/09 will be refunded 25% of the cost of the workshop (less processing fee).

No refunds are given for cancellation after April 15/09.

FIELD LOCATIONS

The following describes only a few of our field locations.

Weather, light and blossom conditions are all considered in choosing field sites. Often one location is so appealing that it demands a repeat visit. Our goal is to schedule field trips that get us to the right place at the right time.

TRALEE POINT

The beach at Tralee Point features boulders, rocks and sandstone shoals. The colours, shapes and textures are particularly photogenic late and early in the day when the sandstone takes on a beautiful warm glow. Herons and seals play along the shoreline and low tides reveal sea stars, anemones, and many other inter-tidal wonders. The pebble and rock strewn beach has some amazing sandstone rock formations. Lichens flourish. Eagles soar overhead or maintain a silent watch from shoreline treetops. Tralee boasts fine views in every direction.

HELLIWELL PARK

This 300-acre Provincial Park offers grassy sea bluffs, a magnificent coastal forest, oak tree groves and rocky beaches. The views are spectacular and, in spring, small wildflowers grace the headlands. Swatches of pink sea blush are interspersed with larkspur and delicate pink shooting stars. Camas blossoms mingle with tall grasses and the rocky cliffs shelter bunches of deep yellow mimulus. In the forest beyond the bluffs are Douglas fir, juniper, yew, cedar, and arbutus trees. Meandering trails are edged with sword ferns, mosses and other forest greenery.

HERON ROCKS

Located on Hornby's southwest shore, Heron Rocks is a broad stretch of wonderful sandstone formations. Millions of years of plate movement and earthquake activity have produced pockmarks, cracks and crevices in the smooth rock. Side-light and the warmth of late afternoon or

evening illumination accentuates the pattern, texture and shape of the sandstone. The foreshore gives way to a driftwood strewn beach and then a grassy meadow with masses of camas, clumps of chocolate lilies and many other wildflowers. Garry oak trees fringe the headland and gentle trails lead back into an old fir forest.

SHINGLE SPIT

This is where the ferry docks on Hornby. There is a pub and an excellent restaurant. Above the ferry terminal, a path hugs the rim of Shingle Spit Bluffs offering views of Lambert Channel, Georgia Strait and the mainland mountains. In spring the bluffs are moist and green with mosses, ferns and groundcovers that provide a lush backdrop for clusters of low-growing wildflowers. At sunset, the waters below reflect an ever changing palette of vibrant colour as the sun sinks behind the Beaufort peaks.

CLASSROOM TOPICS

Intermediate to advanced camera techniques
Innovative approaches to image making in camera and in Photoshop
Basic digital workflow
Creating Digital AV presentations

QUESTIONS?

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NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: HOME _____ WORK _____

E-MAIL: _____

Please put a check beside applicable statements.

I am a vegetarian _____

Put me in touch with someone who wants to share transportation _____

I am a film user _____ I am a digital user _____

*Enclosed is a deposit of \$250.00 (cheque or money order) payable to **Spirit of the West Photo Ventures** and the signed INDEMNITY AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY.*

I will pay the balance of \$ 1000.00 Cdn. on or before April 1/09.

I have read and agree to the terms of the cancellation policy found on page 2 of the Wildflowers & Seascapes workshop information brochure.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

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INDEMNITY AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY

IN CONSIDERATION OF MY BEING PERMITTED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE EVENTS OR ACTIVITIES AND/OR FUNCTIONS (ALL OF WHICH ARE REFERRED TO AS 'THE EVENTS') OFFERED OR ORGANIZED BY **SPIRIT OF THE WEST PHOTO VENTURES**, I HEREBY FOR MYSELF, MY HEIRS, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, AND ASSIGNS, RELEASE AND FOREVER DISCHARGE **SPIRIT OF THE WEST PHOTO VENTURES**, THEIR OFFICERS, MANAGERS, SERVANTS, AGENTS AND VOLUNTEER LEADERS, (ALL OF WHICH ARE NOW REFERRED TO AS THE 'ORGANIZATION' FROM ANY AND ALL LAWSUITS OR ACTIONS, CLAIMS OR DEMANDS BY REASON OF ANY DEMAND, LOSS, DEATH OR INJURY TO MYSELF OR TO MY PROPERTY ARISING FROM MY PARTICIPATION IN THE EVENTS NOTWITHSTANDING THAT THE SAME MAY HAVE BEEN CONTRIBUTED TO OR OCCASIONED BY THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE ORGANIZATION.

I AGREE TO SAVE, HOLD HARMLESS AND INDEMNIFY THE ORGANIZATION FROM AND AGAINST ALL LAWSUITS, CLAIMS, ACTIONS, COSTS OR EXPENSES IN RESPECT TO ANY DEATH, INJURY, LOSS OR DAMAGE TO MYSELF OR MY PROPERTY HOWSOEVER ARISING OUT OF OR IN CONNECTION WITH THE EVENTS AND WHETHER THE SAME MAY HAVE BEEN CONTRIBUTED TO OR OCCASIONED BY THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE ORGANIZATION.

I RECOGNIZE AND ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THERE ARE INHERENT RISKS AND HAZARDS INVOLVED IN PARTICIPATING IN THE EVENTS INCLUDING, BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY, SUCH AS SUDDEN CHANGES IN WEATHER, FALLS ON STEEP TERRAIN, FAILURE OF MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT, AND THE BEHAVIORS OF ANIMALS, AND THE POSSIBILITY OF BECOMING LOST AS WELL AS ALL OTHER HAZARDS ASSOCIATED WITH OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES AND OTHER PURSUITS OF THE ORGANIZATION AND I AGREE TO ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS AND HAZARDS, AND I FURTHER AGREE TO BEAR ALL COSTS OF RESCUE OR MEDICAL ATTENTION RENDERED TO ME PERSONALLY ARISING FROM THE EVENTS.

I HAVE READ THIS RELEASE AND INDEMNITY AND ACCEPT ITS TERMS.

SIGNED ON THIS _____ DAY OF _____ 2008/2009.

SIGNATURE

PLEASE INDICATE A CONTACT NAME AND PHONE NUMBER IN CASE OF EMERGENCY.

NAME: _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS: _____