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PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY



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Paul Parent's stunning macro photos hone in on the complex beauty of each insect's anatomy

Montreal-based photographer Paul Parent is known for his stunning macro photography. His work has been featured in publications around the globe and he's a firm believer that the photographer's artistic vision counts just as much, if not more, than the expensive equipment used.

Parent, a Nikon user since 1976, has an uncanny ability to focus in on the minor details of the small creatures that surround us. His portraits of insects highlight the texture, colour, and symmetry of their anatomy. Taking advantage of macro photography's shallow depth of field, Parent hones in on particular anatomical features with precision. This allows viewers to gain an appreciation for the complex beauty of these animals, which are typically overlooked.



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“Now that every person in the world is able not only to shoot millions of his or her own photos, but also to manipulate billions of others’ images, the skills of gifted and trained photographers are more invaluable than ever,” shares Parent. “As we increasingly experience photographic images in a disorienting and dematerialised manner, the force of the increasingly rarified, examined, processed and printed photo becomes immeasurable. Photography, as a medium and a craft, culminates with the creation of an object.” Parent’s journey as a photographer has led him to dive deeply into the natural world, whether exploring insects, mammals, or plant life. As he continues to hone his craft, his work reminds us that a professional photographer’s careful attention to composition and colour remains invaluable.

The Insect season is here again time to clean that Macro lens and get snapping



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When ground-nesting wasps leave their nests each day, they turn back toward home before flying along a series of ever-increasing arcs. While the insects gain height and distance, their attention remains focused on the nest. image: alfa-img.com



Hornet



Frozen Waves in an Alpine Colorado Lake

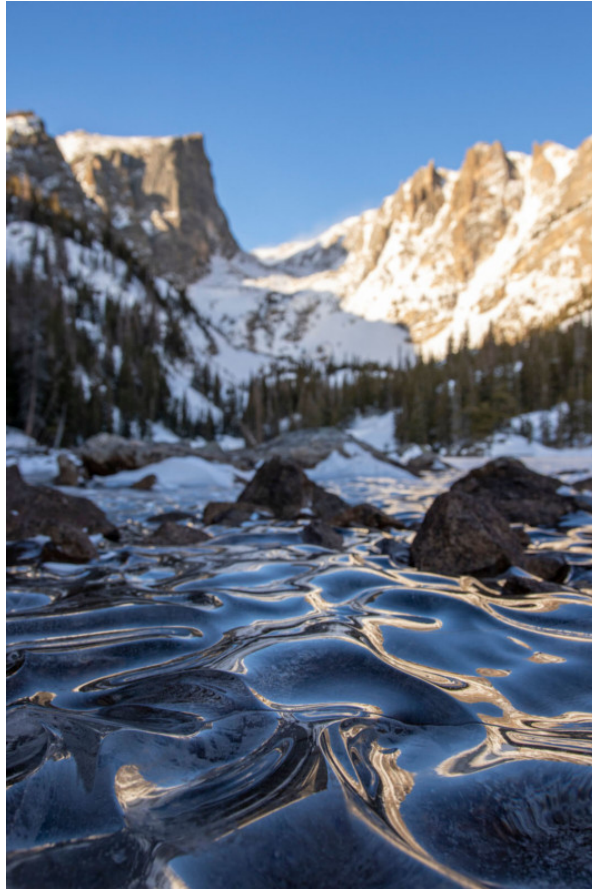
Eric Goss

Every once in a while, the natural world can surprise us, inspire us with something unexpected and unique, particularly to the eyes of an artist. Such a moment came when I made my first visit to a specific alpine lake in Colorado, revered for its location amidst towering craggy spires and the stark reflections it can cast on a calm morning.

Arriving before sunrise, the undulating surface of ice, pockmarked with minuscule hills and valleys, at first seemed unusual but understandable. After wandering the lake, scouting for compositions, a rocky section of the shoreline revealed the amazingly unexplainable phenomenon that kept me returning for multiple shoots: ice waves, as if frozen in time, reflecting the landscape in sleek, twisted curves and ridges. The lines drew me in, laying on the ice to get a ground-level view, and reinforced my intent to create images that convey an unseen perspective.



Unplanned and unprepared, the only way I could shoot at truly ground level was to lie on the wavy ice and use any soft materials available (gloves, hat) to support and solidify the camera for multiple shots with varying focal planes that enable focus stacking to create an image with sharp focus from 6 inches away to infinity. The experience of shooting these photos will likely keep me coming back to this spot as long as I live in Colorado.



GOOD NEWS FROM ROLAND

As you know from the last issue of DPS News, Roland had been admitted to hospital after a minor heart attack. He has let us know that he has now been discharged after having 3 stents fitted in his coronary arteries. The procedure went extremely well and he is now back at home resting and in very positive spirits. Our best wishes to you Roland for a full and speedy recovery.

DPS PROGRAMME APRIL 2020

All DPS meetings are cancelled until further notice. As soon as it becomes clear that it is safe for us to resume our meetings, we will let you know. In the interim, keep entering the monthly competitions and posting your images on the DPS Facebook page, AND STAY SAFE.

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