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SPF DIGITAL CHAMPIONSHIP 2026

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Paisley Photographic Society

2026 PLATE TROPHY WINNERS



Centre – SPF Snr Vice President Wanda Mackie with Iain McFadyen of Paisley PS winners of the Plate Trophy.
L and R are the Plate Trophy Joint Runners-Up Stirling & District CC and Queen's Park CC

As event main sponsor Paper Spectrum has given us a discount code of XTEL26 for you to receive 10% discount off Pinnacle Paper, Mount & Backing Board.

The SPF Digital Championship 2026 was once again run as two separate competitions, The Bowie Trophy and The Plate Trophy. 33 Clubs competed. These were judged by our three Judges, as an audience event on Sunday 22nd Nov 2026 at Victoria Hall, Dunblane. This year our Judges were Gary Langley NEMPF, Leigh Preston MCPF and Ray Brammall (YPU), who did a tremendous job.

This event format was the same as last year where all Clubs pre-selected a First-Round entry, which were all Judged in the morning. Over lunchtime Clubs selected from their bank of images, for their Final-Round, which once scored gave their final overall placings. This was made up from the total of the morning and afternoon rounds added together but with the two lowest scores from the morning dropped.

The results in the Bowie and Plate competitions saw some joint placings so results were quite tight. We have listed the Final Top 10 placed Plate Clubs in this e-flash.

Final Overall Plate Trophy Result	TOTAL	FINAL PLACING
Paisley Photographic Society	190	1
Queens Park Camera Club	186	2=
Stirling and District Camera Club	186	2=
Perthshire Photographic Society	185	4
Strathaven Camera Club	181	5
Musselburgh Camera Club	179	6
Dunfermline Photographic Association	178	7
Dingwall Camera Club	173	8
Livingston Camera Club	172	9=
Mearns Camera Club	172	9=

For Full Results please see the SPF Digital Championship page of the SPF Website which can be accessed from the below link
https://www.scottish-photographic-federation.org/spf-digital-championship

Galleries of the winning Clubs are available to view - For the Plate (click here) and for the Bowie Winning Club (click here) The Digital Championship Awards presentation photos are shown on this page.

Our thanks to everyone who helped us throughout the day. Thank you also to those of you who supported our raffle, whether by donation or by purchasing tickets, it help us run these events without the need to raise admission costs.

Eastwood Photographic Society

2026 BOWIE TROPHY WINNERS



Peter Ormsby, Eastwood PS, Winners of the Bowie Trophy with SPF Snr Vice President Wanda Mackie, and Bowie Trophy Runner-Up Dumfries CC's Gordon Rae.

Final Overall Bowie Trophy Result	TOTAL	FINAL PLACING
Eastwood Photographic Society	264	1
Dumfries Camera Club	262	2
Carluke Camera Club	251	3=
Dundee Photographic Society	251	3=
Edinburgh Photographic Society	249	5
Ayr Photographic Society	248	6
Bon Accord Camera Club	243	7
Paisley Colour Photographic Club	236	8
Milngavie and Bearsden Camera Club	230	9
Kirkcaldy Photographic Society	221	10

SPF Digital 2026 Individual Awards



Best Overall Image – Wolfpack Yellowstone by Alastair Swan, Ayr PS

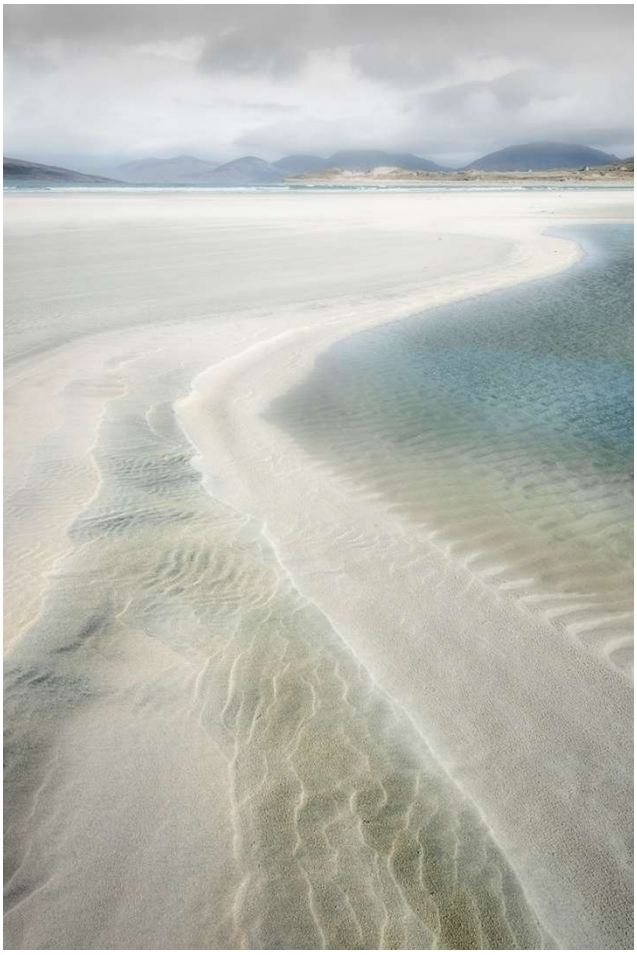


Best Bowie Image – The Donkey Traders by Libby Smith, Carluke CC



Best Plate Image – Just Sitting in the Woods by Andrew Daw, Cowal CC





Above Left - Best Creative – Guillemot Icon by Stan Farrow, Dundee PS
Right - Best Landscape 'Hunter Kennedy Award' – Seilebost Beach by Peter Paterson, Edinburgh PS





Above Left - Best Nature – Caught in the Mist by Iain McFadyen, Paisley PS
Right - Best Portrait – Reflections of the Same Soul by Michele Campbell, Carluke CC

Ray's Judge's Choice Bowie – Through the Tunnel by Ken Lindsay, Eastwood PS

Ray's Judge's Choice Plate – Lewis Rollo 88 by Alan Edwards, Perthshire PS

Gary's Judge's Choice Bowie – The Mind's Horizon by Rikki O'Neill, Dundee PS

Gary's Judge's Choice Plate – Shelduck by John Ross, Stirling & District CC

Leigh's Judge's Choice Plate – Prime of Morning by Brian Cathie, Queen's Park CC

Leigh's Judge's Choice Bowie – Upwards by Graeme Hilditch, Eastwood PS



Some of the SPF Digital Championship Individual Award Winners with SPF Snr Vice President Wanda Mackie who made the presentations on the day.

Ray's SPF Ribbon Award Bowie – Defender 409 by Maybeth Jamieson, Dumfries CC

Ray's SPF Ribbon Award Plate – Into another World by Mike Clark, Musselburgh CC

Gary's SPF Ribbon Award Bowie – Eyes Through by Eion Johnston, Edinburgh PS

Gary's SPF Ribbon Award Plate – Western Sandpiper with Sandworm by Keith Barnes, Dingwall CC

Leigh's SPF Ribbon Award Bowie – Ice Warriors by Alastair Swan, Ayr PS

Leigh's SPF Ribbon Award Plate – Flooded Jetty by Alan Gray, Stirling & District CC

SPF Paper Spectrum Award - Water Rail by Gavin Hanna, Eastwood PS



L to R Ribbon Awards - Flooded Jetty by Alan Gray, Stirling & District CC; Ice Warriors by Alastair Swan, Ayr PS; Western Sandpiper with Sandworm by Keith Barnes, Dingwall CC



L to R Judges Choice - Shelduck by John Ross, Stirling & District CC; Lewis Rollo 88 by Alan Edwards, Perthshire PS; Through the Tunnel by Ken Lindsay, Eastwood PS





L to R Ribbon Awards - Eyes Through by Eion Johnston, Edinburgh PS; Into another World by Mike Clark, Musselburgh CC; Defender 409 by Maybeth Jamieson, Dumfries CC





L to R Judges Choice - Upwards by Graeme Hilditch, Eastwood PS; Prime of Morning by Brian Cathie, Queen's Park CC; The Mind's Horizon by Rikki O'Neill, Dundee PS



The 2026 SPF Digital Championship Judges – L to R – Gary Langley, Ray Brammall and Leigh Preston.

A gallery showing all of the 20 Individual Awards that were presented on the day is available to view

https://www.scottish-photographic-federation.org/2026-spf-digital-championship-individual-awards



L to R – Peter Ormsby DPAGB, John Love DPAGB, Paul Skehan DPAGB, Sheila Farries CPAGB, George Taylor SPF Imm Past President, Teresa Mitchell CPAGB, Frank Roscoe CPAGB, Robert Macdonald CPAGB, Russell Walker DPAGB, Ruth Hayton for Robert Nairn DPAGB.

Scottish photographers successful at the PAGB Awards held in Dalston in April 2026 who were able to attend the SPF Digital Championship were presented with their Certificates at the event throughout the day.



L to R – Rosemary Roscrow for Keith Barnes DPAGB and Rosie Barnes CPAGB, Gordon Scott DPAGB, Margaret Lothian DPAGB, SPF Snr Vice President Wanda Mackie, Lynne Watson DPAGB and Maybeth Jamieson MPAGB.

https://www.scottish-photographic-federation.org/pagb-awards-results

Click on the following to visit the successful SPF photographer's Galleries containing all of their successful pictures -

[Robert Macdonald BPAGB]

[Teresa Mitchell CPAGB] - [Sheila Farries CPAGB] - [Frank Roscoe CPAGB]

[Les Fraser CPAGB] - [Rosie Barnes CPAGB]

[Lynne Watson DPAGB] - [Robert Nairn DPAGB]

[Paul Skehan DPAGB] - [John Love DPAGB]

[Peter Ormsby DPAGB] - [Margaret Lothian DPAGB]

[Gordon Scott DPAGB] - [Russell Walker DPAGB] - [Keith Barnes DPAGB]

[Maybeth Jamieson MPAGB]

NOTICE - MILEAGE EXPENSES INCREASE

THIS APPLIES TO ALL SPF LISTED JUDGES AND LECTURERS TOO!

As Clubs have already agreed Expenses amounts with Judges or Speakers for the current season we suggest that anyone wishing to now charge more than has been agreed, contacts the Club in advance to discuss, and does not simply turn up requesting more than the initially agreed amount. The Club may now be unable to afford you.



The government has announced a change in the car mileage rate not subject to tax from 45p/mile to 55p/mile backdated to 1st April 2026. The rate had been the same since 2011. The PAGB has agreed that we should reflect this change in our advice and from this date the maximum mileage rate which can now be claimed by Judges and Lecturers is 55p per mile. Details HERE.

[Speakers (Judges & Lecturers) – The Photographic Alliance of Great Britain]

55p/mile is not the cost of running any car, but rather a contribution given that such mileage is only partial use of a private car. HMRC accepts this rate for expenses as a compromise regardless of the actual car or the balance of use. PAGB adopts this as a maximum rate to protect listed speakers and to provide some certainty to Clubs when planning their programmes.

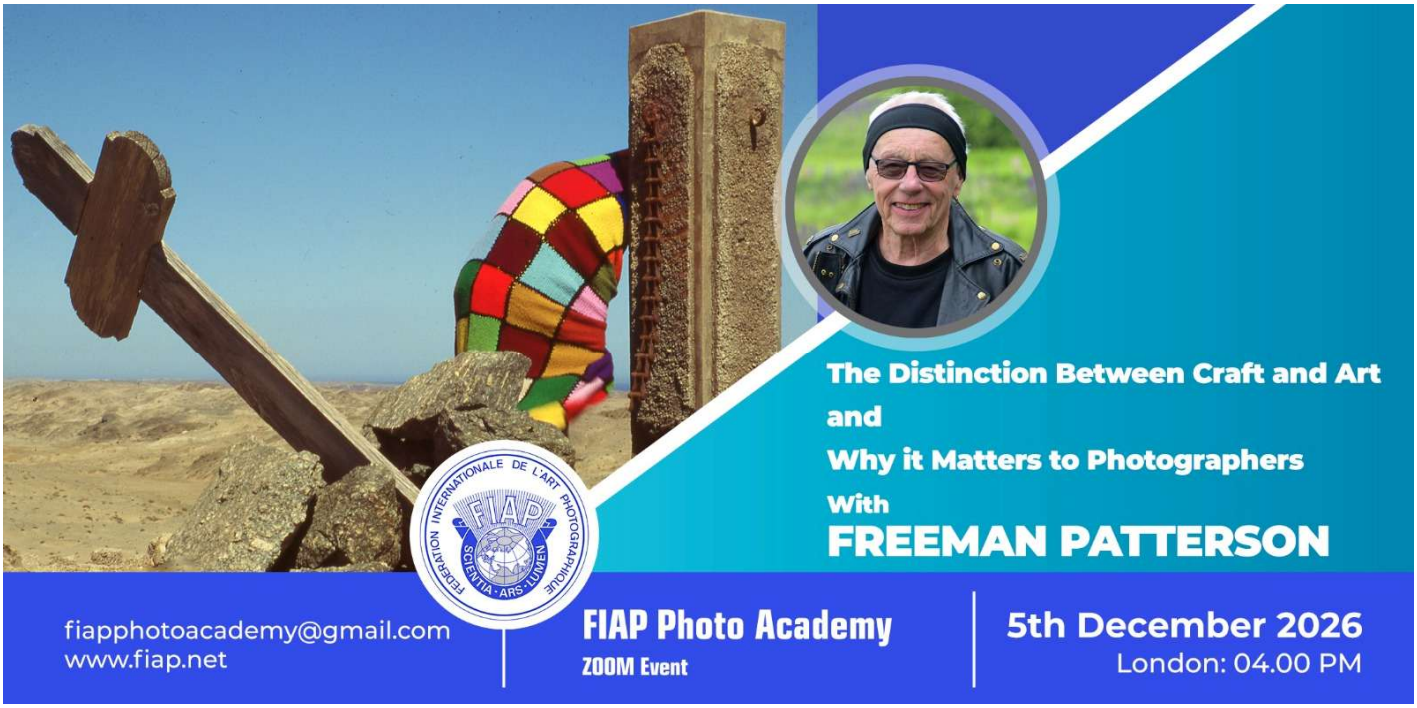
FIAP FREE TO ENTER COMPETITION OPEN TO ALL SPF CLUBS



Visit the FIAP page of our SPF website on the link below for full details

Deadline extend to 29th December

https://www.scottish-photographic-federation.org/fiap



Presented by the FIAP Photo Academy Online Events - The Distinction between Craft and Art And Why it Matters to Photographers at 4pm London Time with

Freeman Patterson HonEFIAP on Sat 5th Dec

Photographers talk a great deal about tools and techniques, in other words, about craft. Seldom does one hear a good discussion of why making images is important to them or about the meaning of their work. Craft is about "how to do it," art is about "why we do it."

This presentation is about the important connection between the two. Freeman Patterson of Shamper's Bluff, New Brunswick, Canada, has had a career in photography and visual design that spans more than 60 years. He has taught innumerable workshops in many countries, but especially in Canada, South Africa, and New Zealand. He has authored 15 books, five of them on photography and visual design; his most recent, Embracing Creation, was published in conjunction with the opening of his large retrospective exhibition at New Brunswick's Beaverbrook Art Gallery in September 2013.

Freeman is an elected member of the Royal Canadian Academy of Art, a recipient of the Photographic Society of America's highest award, the Progress Medal and of FIAP's highest award, the Hon. EFIAP. He was appointed to the Order of Canada in 1985 and the Order of New Brunswick in 2013.

Visit the following webpage (click here) for more complete information and to read the current and back issues of "Images, Ideas, and Reflections," Freeman's periodical letter (six issues per year).

To register to attend https://bit.ly/4zr6vQE



L to R – Derek Noble EFIAP, David Greer EFIAP/s, Ruth Hayton EFIAP/s, George Taylor Imm Past President, Lorna Hayton EFIAP/s, Fraser Johnstone EFIAP, George Robertson EFIAP, Alex McNaughton EFIAP/b.

Scottish photographers successful at the FIAP Distinctions 2026 (Category A) who were able to attend the SPF Digital Championship were presented with their Certificates at the event. One (Category C) Portfolios Distinction Certificate was also presented.



L to R – John McNairn EFIAP/d4 who was also awarded his PFIAP certificate, the 1st photographer in Scotland to achieve this new (Category C) Portfolios Distinction. Brian Cathie EFIAP/s, Roy Smith EFIAP/b, Wanda Mackie SPF Snr Vice President, David Reid EFIAP, Sandy Gilmour EFIAP and Iain McFadyen EFIAP/p.

See our 2026 gallery with the portfolios submitted by these authors to gain their Category A Distinctions in 2026, or find out about the Category C Portfolio (PFIAP) Award.
https://www.scottish-photographic-federation.org/fiap-distinctions-results

It's Nice That Invitation

It's Nice That have recently launched **Trade Secrets**, a free three-part webinar series in partnership with **MPB** designed to give emerging photographers and art directors behind-the-scenes access to industry pros.

We just wrapped up our very first session with **Sam Nicklin**, which was a huge success, and we still have two brilliant talks to come.

Each session breaks down the creative process, lighting, composition, and kit, followed by a live audience Q&A:

- **24 Nov (4:30pm GMT): *Arielle Bobb-Willis* - Colour, movement and surreal composition**
- **2 Dec (4:30pm GMT): *Ana Flores* - Narrative portraiture and cultural storytelling**

The sessions are 100% free, and anyone who registers also has the chance to **win a quality-checked Fujifilm X100V camera from MPB**.

Beyond getting directly in front of an **It's Nice That** host and an industry pro, attendees can chat and connect with others globally.

Visit Trade Secrets website for sign-up link and details on

https://www.itsnicethat.com/articles/trade-secrets-mpb-photography-event-partnership-101126

Look Out for the SPF Portfolios Special Edition coming next, with lots of Images as well as all of the Presentation Photos!