

# APCS NEWS

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## Australian Photographic Collectors' Society

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*From Daguerre to Digital*

### PHOTOGRAPHY MARKET

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2015 - Box Hill Town Hall

1022 Whitehorse Road - Melway 47E9 - Train, Tram & Bus

9.00 am - 1.00 pm \$5 Entry

**Need a camera, lens, filter, flash, film, anything photographic?**

60 tables full of useable and collectable digital and film equipment and related items, OR talk to vendors who may be able to help and may know where to find what you want.

**Are you a collector?** Meet with others at events, auctions etc. Only \$30 per year covers magazines & newsletters – see web page for details – join at the Society table.

Market information & table bookings, contact Leigh Harris (03) 9898 0483

email: market@apcsociety.com.au

### Surprise presentation at February meeting

Some months ago Bruce Mathieson contacted me asking for a copy of a photograph I had taken at the October auction as he wished to use it as the basis for a painting.

Upon completion Bruce had originally intended to quietly give the painting to Margaret Mason before the February meeting "to avoid any problem if she hated it, and to offer to frame it if she did".

However, after some of the committee members saw

the painting before the meeting it was decided a more formal presentation should be made at the start of the meeting.



Bruce need not have worried – he later heard that Margaret and her family were "delighted" with the painting.

### A message from Margaret

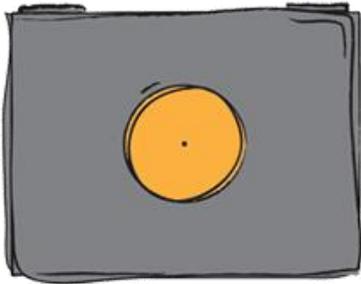
A cap with a white cross on a red ground on the brim was left at the February meeting. Call me on 9836 3719 to claim it.

### Tip for painting darkslides

Heat your oven to 200F/95C or so. Turn it off and insert small painted object on a wooden board. The residual heat will bake the enamel paint.

You can also use higher temperatures and leave the oven on to get crinkle effects. It is very much a case of trial and error.

Convection ovens help as the fan evens the heat and speeds drying.



## Worldwide Pinhole Photography Day™

The fifteenth annual Worldwide Pinhole Photography Day will be celebrated on Sunday, April 26, 2015. More info at [www.pinholeday.org](http://www.pinholeday.org)

## Heliographs explored



Here is a fascinating video exploring how 3 of the oldest known photographs produced in the mid 1820's by Joseph Nicéphore Niépce were made.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zLnvAWOPNA&t=120>

Heliography was a process where Bitumen of Judea, naturally occurring asphalt, was coated onto glass or metal. It

hardened in proportion to its exposure to light. When the plate was washed with oil of lavender only the hardened areas remained.

## New, slightly used Leica could be yours for \$25000

Leica are producing a limited edition "Correspondent" version of the Leica M-P digital rangefinder, designed by musician Lenny Kravitz.



The camera, which will be available in a limited edition of 125 sets has been "artificially aged" to give the appearance of a well used camera.



Each camera also comes with Summicron-M 35 mm f/2 ASPH and Summilux-M 50 mm f/1.4 ASPH lenses in a custom handmade case that's also covered with snakeskin.



Lenny Kravitz is a long term Leica user, having received his first Leica, a Leicaflex, as a gift from his father when he was 21.

Kravitz has just published a book – "Flash" about his life on the road as a rockstar, and is currently staging an exhibition of his photography at the Leica Gallery in Los Angeles.

## A more affordable Leica

Currently available in Europe is a Leica kit with 2 lenses for just 60 Euro.



Each lens mounts magnetically, and the shutter release works, as does the viewfinder.

This one is not artificially aged, and is made out of 100% non chemically treated natural material – wood!

## Massive zoom lens

Just a few years ago we were amazed when a zoom lens with a 6 X zoom range (28-200mm) was introduced.

Canon have now introduced the SX60HS, a 16MP digital camera with a built in 65X (21-1365mm) f/3.4-6.5 zoom range! And the results judging by the results shown in the following videos are very, very good....

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UslaprPbpmI>

And some footage of the 2014 Lunar eclipse

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vs4UCzVlb0c>

Not to be outdone Nikon have just introduced the Coolpix P900 which has a 83x Zoom with a range of 24-2000mm!