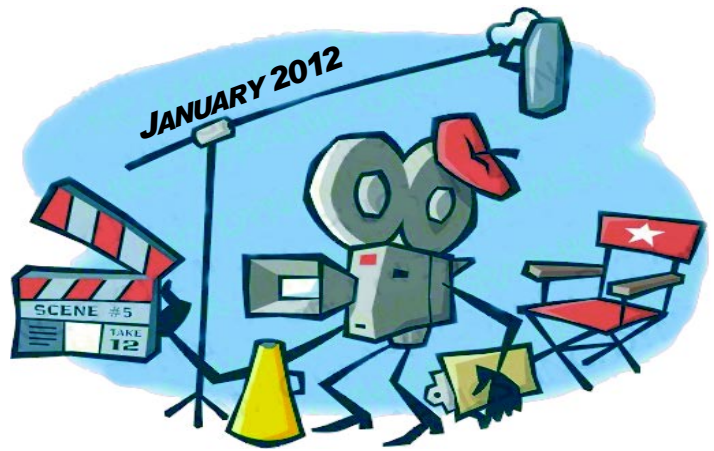


# REEL NEWS

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## JANUARY COLOUR (But not the Blues)

The January meeting will be a tribute to the early work of Joe Bochsler and the City of Hamilton. We will be showing 16mm films done by Bochsler Studios of Hamilton in the 1950's, 60's and 70's. On show will be productions such as "Welcome Visitor", "Sights & Sounds of a City", "Welcome Stranger", "Child, You Are Welcome". and "Wentworth Centennial - 1854-1954" as well as others. These images will bring back a flood of memories for all the members over 60 years old and to the 'youngsters' it will present a manner of filming back when as well as images of things they never had a chance to see. Be there for a very interesting evening of "Old Hamilton".

## MEMBERSHIP

If you have not already paid then please remember to bring a cheque or cash to Mary Cosgrove for your 2011-2012 membership. If you do not, you will be removed from the membership list and will not receive any notifications or newsletters. The form is available on the club website or at the meeting.



## THE CRYSTAL BALL SAYS

... That the following are the project ideas we have come up with for you to create and present to the club. Start working on the concepts now - not at the last minute.

**The themes are:**

**February: Silent Movie - 10 Minutes or less** - Create a story that we can understand or appreciate, but do not use any ambient sounds or narration. Music and graphics are permitted.

**March: Music Video - 6 Minutes or less** - Can you present a story in which the images compliment the music you have selected. Make it interesting rather than just a piece of sound stuck with some pictures.

**April: Winter Interlude - 8 Minutes or less** - You will have had three months to capture, edit and score a production that makes us think well of winter or makes us want to consider moving to the sunny south. Your camera will not freeze to death so get out and use it this winter.

**May: Three items (line, object, location) - 5 Minutes or less** - Use the following three subjects in your May production. Somewhere in the sound track must be the following words (exactly) - "One of the keys to happiness is a bad memory". You must also include a cup of hot liquid in the film (coffee, tea, or chocolate). Finally, part of the production must include a "kitchen" of some type.

**July: Unexpected ending - 7 Minutes or less** - Just when we think we understand your story there is suddenly an ending that we did not see coming. Try not to create a heart attack moment.

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*Happy New Year!*

## Themes for 2012 - cont'd

**August: Vacation** - 8 Minutes or less - So you went somewhere and did something... now entertain us in a manner that makes us want to go to the same place or at least take a holiday.

**September: Special Event (re-enactment, wedding, etc.)** - 10 Minutes or less - Events are usually boring to those not interested in the subject or people, so how can you make your event interesting to most of us.

At the same time you should be working on your entry for the HV-FM Annual Contest. On the website are the rules and the entry form. Please read all of the information carefully and if you should have any questions or concerns then please do not hesitate to contact the contest chairman for 2012, **Ernest Gibson** at [egibson@rogers.blackberry.net](mailto:egibson@rogers.blackberry.net) or 905-648-4284.

We have made some changes this year, but the most important one is the addition of a category called "Original" in which your entry must not have been shown at one of the monthly meetings during the previous year although it must have been shot and edited within the past year. The object is to present a series of films that the members have never seen when the awards are presented after the banquet.



*Manfred Ernst, HV/FM  
Photographer Shot by  
another photographer,  
Ray Bayliss.*



*Paula Cutulle is over  
the moon at her ability  
to count to ten.*



## December Meeting

*by Brenda Bayliss*

Seasons Greetings and Merry Christmas to everyone who joined us at the December Video Club meeting! Warm thanks to all the video contributors and guests over the past year who enhanced our club and our imaginations.

Tonight we were graced with having Dan Copeland as our M.C. We also had several guests from the Buffalo Video Club. Some of them were Ben, John, Thomas and Cindy.

**The project for this evening was about documentaries.**

**Canyon Land** by Harold Cosgrove (6 minutes)

We enjoyed magnificent shots of the Grand Canyon with all its diversity, colour and sunsets. The El Tovar Hotel revealed beautiful views of the canyon and the views of the Colorado River with its varying calm and rushing waters made for interesting comparisons. I was waiting for the traditional view of the mule ride down the side of the canyon and the film didn't disappoint. I expect that the visit to the bottom of the canyon and the stay at Phantom Ranch would be a hoot.

Between the viewings of the videos Dan Copeland displayed and described various tripods and their prices and described what kind of cameras they would be best suited for.

**Harassing the Meter Maid** by Ray Bayliss (2 minutes)

This was a delightful video with a quirky ending that no one could have realized.

The premise showed two senior citizens coming out of a coffee shop and noticing that a meter maid was writing a ticket on a just expired parking meter. The couple hassled the meter maid so much that the woman ended up writing several tickets and putting them under the windshield wiper.

As she walked away muttering, and the seniors watched her leave, they noted that they'd have to hurry to catch the bus, and also mentioned that they should do it again because it was fun; only with a different meter maid. Surprise!!! (The blooper also garnered laughs). This is Paula Cutulle's first time in front of the camera in an acting roll working with Ray. I think she did very well, don't you?

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*Brenda Bayliss records her comments  
for the monthly newsletter.*

## **2 Guys by Anonymous (3 minutes)**

This was a really interesting film that left a lot open to the imagination – and boy did we have a lot of people with imagination!! This presentation was a cartoon drawing of an angel and a devil (with a very hairy back), talking about their views on Final Cut Pro. As they argued and debated, neither noticed their cat, Pussy constantly leaving larger and larger “presents” on the floor. Quick shots of very beautiful blue eyes and a “come hither” attitude failed to register on either of these two guys. It was very funny and quite inventive.

## **Estancia La Porteño by Rick Doelle (3:16 minutes)**

This was a video about a trip through South America, with a special stop at the Estancia La Porteño. Visitors can ride along trails through the countryside as the gauchos have done for centuries, or ride in a carriage reminiscent of the hacienda’s owner and his family. We also saw competitions of skill and steady horsemanship when the gauchos competed in sliding a small spear through a dangling gold ring. A less competitive version of the ring spear was set up for the visitors with a guaranteed success rate. The people were then treated to an authentic meal prepared outdoors and traditional gaucho music.

## **Ontario Steam Museum by Joan Jacquemain (3 minutes)**

Joan treated us to a visit to the Ontario Steam Museum. She was planning on showing the Garden Tour but the video machine had other plans. This was the day that the Brantford Men’s Probus Club Rally was visiting. A ride on a steam engine pulling a wagon and then a lecture by Wayne Fischer on the TSSA regulations and all the tools and equipment needed to keep these magnificent engines going. Always remember the past and the ingenuity that made these great machines.

## **HVFM Christmas 2010 by P. Bentley (3 minutes)**

With the background of Yakety Sax (Benny Hill’s theme song) playing, Paul provided us with a hilarious review of last year’s Christmas party in a speeded up version which everyone enjoyed immensely.



*John Weiksna from Buffalo (left) entertains Jon Soyka with another of his “bad” jokes.*

An announcement was made that Ralph had just celebrated his 90th birthday. Three cheers for a man on a special day.

Agnes Hughson was the winner of the 50/50 draw tonight.

Paula Cutulle made an announcement that she was looking for volunteers/ talented people to participate in a stage production called ***It’s All Good***. It will showcase Hamilton and areas local talent and it will be at the Sir John A. MacDonald Theatre on Friday, January 27th 2012. Come out and support local talent!

The show will present a series of artistic dance performances, a silks act from Zacada Circus and a live band; bringing to life the music of Matthew Good. The performances feature local artists showcasing one of Canada’s most talented musician.

Key performers are: Amy Adams [XCD], Knee Deep Band, McMaster Dancers, Rhythum Plus Dancers, Shooting Star Dance Co., and Zacada Circus!

Opening performance by Kori Pop.

**TICKETS:** Adults: \$18 • Students: \$15  
Group Ticket Special: Purchase 10, get an additional free ticket.

Limited Seating - General Admission

Doors open at 7:00 p.m. • Show starts at 8:00 p.m.

**TO RSVP:** [itsallgoodhamilton@gmail.com](mailto:itsallgoodhamilton@gmail.com)

OR

text or call: 905-869-7381

Please bring a non-perishable food item. We hope to raise 500 lbs. of food for the Hamilton/ Stoney Creek Food Bank!

It looks like we made a good contribution with the amount of dry goods everyone brought in. Deserving people will be able to have a good hot meal. Thank you everybody!!



*Johnathan Garfield (right) amuses Fred Briggs and Rick Doelle (left) with his attempt at growing hair.*

## Now for the yummy part!

During the break, the club was treated royally to a wonderful array of goodies and desserts. The group enjoyed the offerings of scrumptious meatballs; piggies in a blanket, wonderful rigatoni, and sandwiches with various fillings. We drank coffee, tea and pop and those who wished to try it, were treated to a sample of non-alcoholic beer. The only thing we missed seeing were the cabbage rolls.

There was an incredible array of desserts with everything from pumpkin pie, mincemeat tarts, shortbread cookies and chocolate crescent cookies. I especially loved the dessert with the cherries and cake (*May I please have that recipe!! Please?*)

People snacked and talked and enjoyed each other's company and when the evening was over, there were enough leftovers to take home.

So with the end of this year we look forward to our first meeting in the New Year. Everyone drive safe, drink sensibly, eat sensibly and remember loved ones and we'll see you all soon.

***Merry Christmas, Joyeux Noel, Feliz Navidad, Froehliche Weihnachten, Buone Feste Natalizie.***



A good turnout on a cool evening in December.



The annual HV/FM Christmas Cake was provided by Adam and Agnes Houston.



Adam Houston (left) and Ken Davy match each other in hair colour, glasses and under the nose growth but still cannot get their sweater color skills together.



Agnes Houston gets ready to attack the HV/FM Christmas Cake.



Some of the Christmas Feast awaiting the members and visitors at the December meeting.



Diana Schopf gets a plate of food while Tom Schopf gets a single meatball. And they talk about equality of the sexes. Diana also provided Erdinger Alkoholfrei (a German, non-alcoholic wheat beer).



Cynthia Liber from the Buffalo Club came fully ready for the Christmas experience.