



## Barbie Lindsay Presentation

We invited the esteemed photographer Barbie Lindsay EFIAP/s, MPAGB, FBPE to judge our annual exhibition. The exhibition was to open on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April but Barbie gave us a wonderful talk on her style of photography on Thursday night. An open invitation was extended to members from other clubs and it was noted how far many had travelled such as Virginia, Ballynahinch and Banbridge.

<http://www.barbielindsay.co.uk>

From her own website, Barbie describes herself as a 'little unconventional' and a 'photographic obsessive' and told us she takes photographs every single day. She loves all aspects of photography from generating her own images to analyzing those of others. Some of her images have been deemed too controversial for display but she declares that 'true photographers should embrace all aspects of photography and not judge images on whether they would look good hanging on their living room walls. Not every image should be a pretty picture, but instead should convey a message or evoke a reaction from the viewer'. We got only a hint of such images in her talk as she described her photographic journey from graffiti to tattoo artistry, from tattoo conventions to fetish conventions.

On the other hand, Barbie showed us her Natural History photography, particularly those insects and reptiles found around the Alton Water Reservoir. She showed us travel photography from India and some very creative imagery showing her deft hand at Photoshop image manipulation. Her current creative project centers on creating imaginative images on the theme of children's nursery rhymes.

All in all, an eclectic display of photographic images that evoked humor and sadness, amazement and intrigue; not least, it was very entertaining.

