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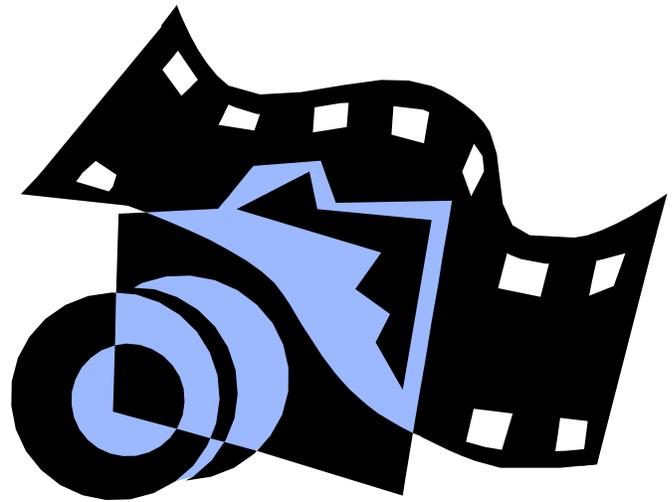
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June Refreshments

Dottie Hall

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June General Meeting

By Dave Simmerman

Are you ready to see what other members are shooting? If you are, then you will be ready for the 10 Minute Members Themed program to be shown this month. **Bobbie Rockett, Kathy Morris, Thi Dang, Rick Sandler, Kevin McNeal, Dottie Hall, and Maria Simmerman** will delight us with their works of imagery. This program gives each of the presenters 10 minutes to display their work and answer any questions from the audience. The presenters are allowed to use any one of the following formats to present their work: Digital Projection, Slide Projection, Video, or Print Media. It is sure to be another wonderful OCC event!

Before we start the main program, there will be a bit of business to take care of. Every year in June, the Olympia Camera Club elects new officers to the Executive Committee. The By-Laws state: Terms of office. The "Presidential Train" shall have a term of three years. The Vice-

President! President-Elect shall be elected annually to serve one year in that office, advance to President the second year, and become IPP in year three. The Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected annually to one-year terms. All officers are eligible for re-election. The positions of Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer will be nominated from the membership and all positions will be voted on and approved by the members. All committee chairs are appointed by the President and are not voted upon by the membership.

The meeting will start promptly at **6:30pm, June 13th** at the Roosevelt Elementary School. See ya there!

*Note: This is the last general meeting until September. There will be a planning picnic scheduled in August. Please visit the OCC website for up-to-date information on all the activities planned for the summer. Enjoy your time off and keep the photographs coming!

Presidents Corner

President's Corner

By Dave Simmerman

Well, I guess this will be my last official article as President of the Olympia Camera Club. I can't believe that a whole year has already gone by. Guess time really does fly-by when you are truly having fun. It's going to be hard to give up the gavel, but Frank Townsend will make a great president and I will continue to support the OCC.

This has been a wonderful year for me and a lot has been accomplished through the camaraderie of the OCC members. If you remember a year ago, when I accepted the position, I told you of my vision for the club. Here are the results after one year: The Digital Imaging Group is still thriving (may have to get a bigger meeting place), we now have an Educational Committee (first basic photography classes are starting in June in conjunction with the YMCA), and the membership has never been better (63 as of last month). We, as a club, have embraced the digital revolution while not forgetting our film and video shooters. Our members' Themed Program has become a regular venue for club members to show off their stuff, as well as the

Basic Photography Course

By Dave Simmerman

Are you ready to learn, or just refresh, some basic photography techniques? Now you will have the opportunity to do so and best of all it's FREE to all paid, card bearing, members of the Olympia Camera Club.

Starting on June 21st from 6 - 8pm, and continuing on the 3rd Tuesday of every month, the OCC Educational Committee, along with the help of the Briggs YMCA, will be conducting a basic photography

course. This one night a month, two hours a night, six month course will cover the basics from learning how to really use your camera to developing your eye and composition. We will cover both digital and film cameras plus no post processing will be discussed, i.e. wet or digital darkroom. The course will have 2 instructors and 5 assistants, from the OCC, to make sure you get all your questions answered. The course will be a hands-on based environment with some lecture to help explain the techniques. There will be an assignment given at the

Scavenger Hunt! Our Community Liaison programs are now showing signs of rewarding growth. What a great time to be in the OCC!

I want to personally thank each and every one of the members who helped my vision become a reality. I could not have asked for a better group of people to work with. I am going continue to be an active member of the OCC and get involved when I can. I encourage each of you to get involved and volunteer when you are able. I was personally grateful for the club pulling together to realize the need for new digital equipment. Your contributions made it possible to purchase these items.

Again, thank you, for all that you, as members and as a club, have done! Let's make the coming years just as rewarding as this past year has been.

Keep the Photographic Spirit in your Heart and the Camera to your Eye!

Dave Simmerman

end of each class so you will have something to work on until the next class period. You will need to bring in a print depicting the assignment given and it will be reviewed by your instructors and peers. A certificate of completion will be given to those who complete the entire 6 courses. So come join us for some learning and fun at the Briggs YMCA meeting room! Non members of the OCC or YMCA will be charged a \$6.00 fee. More information on the OCC website.

Calendar

June 2005						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
May 29	30	31	June 1-5:30 Business Meeting - Mekong Rest.	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13 - 6:30 General Meeting - Roosevelt Elem	14 - 6:00 Digital Imaging Group	15	16	17	18-7:00 Silver Falls Trip
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	July 1	2
3	4 -Fireworks on Comencement Bay	5	6	7	8	9

Oregon Park Wrap Up

by Frank Townsend

Though only five members ultimately made the journey to Silver Falls State Park in Silverton, Oregon we had a full weekend. Dave and Maria Simmerman, Kathy Morris, Terri and I got started at 7 AM and drove the 3 and half hour trip to the park. We began by descending from the very top of South Falls, 177 feet to the very bottom, then took the long trek back up walking behind the falls them-

selves. By then we were more than ready for lunch at the historic lodge. We drove to an overlook of North Falls then to the trail head. The trail, barely a half mile, took us behind the thunderous falls to vantage points of this 136 foot beauty. Then on to Upper North Falls, a mere 65 foot fall, cascading into a quiet pool. We felt we had enough walking so we drove back to Woodburn to check into our hotel then on to Mt Angel for a dinner at a brew pub so new the beer wasn't even ready yet.

On the second day we started at Winter Falls then followed the trail about a mile one direction to take in four more falls, the best of which was the 106 foot Middle North Falls. We backtracked to the North to visit Twin Falls then backtracked again to ascend to the parking lot. Dave and Maria beat feet for home while Kathy, Terri and I stopped at Gustav's in Clackamas for a sumptuous German meal. Nine waterfalls and schnitzel, what a weekend.

Digital Imaging Group

By Rick Sandler

This will be my last meeting as chair of the Digital Imaging Group (DIG). During the two years that I have been chair, there have been many changes. Attendance has steadily increased and the average meeting attendance is now 18. Many OCC members have been trained in the basic principles and methods of digital imaging through a combination of DIG classes, tutorials and problem image reviews. We have had great success with digital slide-shows produced from OCC photo shoots and members have demonstrated their creativity by producing stunning "Personal Views". DIG has attracted new members to the club. Finally, the club has recently acquired a digital projector and laptop.

I want to put the real credit for the success of the Digital Imaging Group where it belongs, to those who have regularly attended the DIG meetings and have contributed by actively participating. I particularly want to thank Dave Simmerman for his unfailing commitment to support DIG and especially for providing the use of his equipment and software. I also would like to express my appreciation to all OCC members for their support of the digital equipment purchase.

The next chair will have some real opportunities to improve and ex-

Mt Rainier Waterfall Trip

by Frank Townsend

For those who missed the Silver Falls State Park trip this is your chance to visit another Silver Falls, this time at Mt Rainier National Park. On June 18, Kathy Morris and I will lead a trip to Mt Rainier to visit Silver Falls. These falls are on an easy 3 mile round trip path through old growth forest. Though not nearly as majestic as those we

pand upon the current successes of DIG. If attendance continues to grow it will become necessary to find another meeting venue. It has been almost two years since the first Adobe Elements classes were conducted. It may be time to start another series of classes. Two years ago, digital cameras were viewed by many as exotic technology. Today a first class digital SLR can be purchased for \$700 and almost everyone uses a point and shoot digital camera for snapshots. What are the implications of this change on the role of DIG within OCC?

At the June DIG meeting we will discuss future opportunities as part of the main topic, which will be the annual DIG planning session. Hopefully the results of this session will help the new DIG Chair to make the group even better during the next program year.

JUNE 14 MEETING AGENDA

1. Selected Tim Gray Tip (Liberty, 15 Min.)

This is the second in a continuing series of digital imaging tips that will be based on the content of Tim Gray's April Seminar.

2. DIG Annual Planning Session (All, 45 Min.)

Be prepared to discuss ideas that you have for not only future DIG meetings but also the future of the

visited in Oregon, I'm sure you will be pleased with them. We will have the opportunity to visit Reflection Lake and another water fall or two on the journey home. We have already had several people express interest so don't miss out, this could potentially be the biggest trip of the year.

We will meet at the Panda Express by Fred Meyer's just off Trospen Avenue in Tumwater at 7 AM

DIG as a committee of OCC. Items to be covered will include, input for the annual planning picnic in August, new directions for DIG to meet the interests of more OCC members, a possible new meeting venue and consideration of how to improve the content of future meetings.

3. The Fourth Personal View Project (All, 25 Min.)

Members will present their photos for the forth Personal View project. For more details on the project see the DIG article in the January 2005 newsletter.

4. Intermediate Elements: Camera Raw (Sandler, 15 Min.)

Adobe Elements 3.0 now supports Raw files. In this session we will review Adobe Camera Raw as implemented in Elements 3.0. Shooters that have wanted to use Raw but have not done so because of the high cost of Photoshop CS can now process Raw files by purchasing or upgrading to Elements 3.

5. Sharing Prints and Images (All, 10 Min.)

6. Problem Prints and Images (All, 30 Min.)

Bring an image on CD and members will make corrections in real time. Bring a print and members will discuss possible solutions.

on Saturday, June 18 to carpool to the park. Count on me driving and I can take 3 passengers in addition to Terri and I. Bring a lunch, snacks, and water there is no snack-bar where we are going. Pack like you would any walk through the woods in the Pacific northwest. We will stop for dinner along the road on the way home. Call me at 705-1349 or email fmtat3200@cs.com so I don't leave you behind.

May Business Meeting

Meeting minutes were read and approved.

Newsletter

- Jim Wall suggested that we offer classified ads in the newsletter at a cost of \$1 in order to raise money for the newsletter.
- Frank Townsend moved that we allow ads for members in the newsletter. Size and price to be determined at the next meeting, so the motion was tabled until the next business meeting.
- Jim will propose sizes and cost of ads at the next meeting.

Artswalk

- 15 members participated in Artswalk at the booth. The cost was \$15 to set up the table. Sales were \$286. Only 4 hours were spent at the booth.
- Dave announced that the club has been asked to participate in a bazaar in Olympia during July or August. There will be a \$15 booth fee for the bazaar. Dave will bring more info to the next meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Savings Account

2313.64 Beginning balance
1.41 interest
270.00 digital fund
298.64 Tim Grey profit
2883.69 Ending balance

Checking Account

1005.97 beginning balance
48.00 Dues collected
60.00 Tim Grey seminar late payments
78.56 Tim Grey meals & bagels
82.80 Tim Grey's hotel expense
26.02 Coffee for NWCCC board meeting
298.64 Transfer to savings
727.01 ending balance

Field Trips

- In August, there will be a trip to the Ice Caves at Mt. Adams.

Educational Services Committee

- Seven members met to discuss curriculum for the photography classes. The group decided that Dave Simmerman and Jeff De la Cruz will teach the classes and everyone else will be assistants. Dave and Jeff will meet again to discuss the classes.
- The price is now \$6 per class for non-members.
- Dave is trying to get the Y to print flyers so we can advertise. He will also announce the classes to the newspapers and radio stations.

Community Liaison

- A possible joint show with the Capital Land Trust will be July 2006 or Falls Artswalk in 2006.
- 14 people have expressed interest in participating.
- Terry will send an email to participants asking for images to present to Batdorf and Bronson. Terry meets with Georgia Munger of Batdorf and Bronson the third week of May to show the images.
- If we are accepted, we will then go out and shoot the properties.
- Terry will ask participants to submit prints by mid-May. Images must be at least 8x10.

Digital Equipment Purchase

- We have a total of \$1172.00 in pledges
- We have collected \$1133.97. Some folks contributed more than they pledged. Once we have collected all pledges, we should have \$1213.97.
- Rick made a recommendation for the equipment purchase. He suggested using Dell for the laptop, since they are reasonably priced and give good service. The total price for the purchase as he recommended, would be \$2116.00 including shipping.
- The group made modifications to the order which brought the price down to \$1800 or so.
- Rick stated that he could order the equipment when he returns from vacation on May 17th. Rick will give Bob the final price before he orders the equipment.
- Terry motioned that the purchase be approved as presented. The motion was seconded. All were in favor.
- We will elect a custodian for the equipment in June. We will discuss the rules for custody of the equipment at the June business meeting.

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