



# Shutterbug Times

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## President's Corner

By John West, President

### OCC General Meeting Makes a New "Friend" as in New Location and the Video Group Returns

Hi Everyone,

Another month has gone by and I have a little bit of news to report. What kind of news, you may ask? Good news, for all of us in the club, I hope.

For some time now, the officers of the club, myself included, have had a little bit of trouble finding and keeping a semi-permanent place where we can hold our meetings. The truth is that we have moved around a fair amount over the last few years that I have been active in the club. We have had to improvise quite a few times, just to find a place to hold the next meeting. It has been a little bit of a worry for me, as your president, but we have been lucky for the most part, and it has been a rare thing that we have had to cancel or move a meeting at the last minute because the venue that we had booked was unavailable for one reason or another. I do appreciate the fact that the membership has been pretty flexible in regard to all the moving and we do have a pretty strong turnout for most of our meetings, despite the changes that may have occurred over time. So I thank you all for that. And I'm here to announce that we may have worked a little bit of magic to change that situation for the better.

So the good news that I have for you is this: I think we have found a solution to all this inconsistency, for our general meetings at least, and hopefully it will be something that we can rely on for some time to come. We have found a new home where our general meetings can be held, starting this month and continuing well into the future.

As many of you may know, Frank and Terri Townsend recently moved from the Apple Apartments, where they have lived for many, many years, to a new place across the street called **The Friendly Village Mobile Home Park**. Their new complex has a pretty nice clubhouse for the tenants to use, and Terri, in her diligence to serve our camera club, has procured that clubhouse as the new place for us to hold our general meetings on the fourth Monday of every month.

Thus, a very big thank you is due to both Terri and Frank for their efforts to make this happen and to see it through at this month's business meeting where the executive board approved the motion to accept this new venue as our new meeting place.

To be perfectly honest, I did voice my concern at the board meeting during the discussion of this proposal, saying that I thought the clubhouse meeting room might be

too small, especially if our club participation continues to grow, but the board voted to accept this new place as one we should use, and I am now happy with that decision. So despite my initial reservations, I hope that this new venue will serve our needs well into the future and that it is a place that we can rely on to be there when we need it for some time to come. I think that that, in and of itself, is the best thing about this issue. So I am resolved to move forward and accept this as our new home, and to be happy and grateful for it. I hope that all of the members, who attend our meetings, will feel the same way.

This will be the new meeting place for the Olympia Camera Club's general meetings only. The digital meeting will still meet at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church and the critique meeting will continue to meet at Pod B at Capital High School on their respective meeting nights. Stay tuned for some new news about the revival of the clubs video group. I don't have enough information myself to report a time and place for the video group, but things are stirring so check out the announcement on page six.

Sincerely,

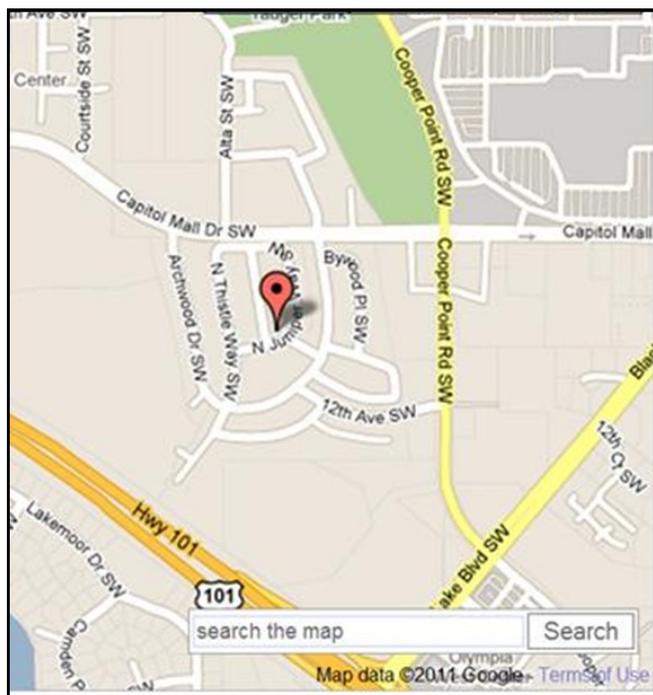
*John West*

## **Map and Directions to the New OCC General Meeting Location (4th Monday of the Month)**

**Address:**

**The Friendly Village Clubhouse  
1111 Archwood Drive S.W.  
Olympia, Washington 98502-4590**

It is located in West Olympia off of Capital Mall Drive SW behind (just west of) the Big 5 Sporting Goods strip mall and about four or five blocks west of the Westfield Shopping Mall; across the street from Yauger Park and the Apple Apartments.



## **Olympia Camera Club Executive Board Minutes March 2011**

### **March 2, 2011 at the Mekong Restaurant**

**Present were:** President John West, Secretary Chris Weinreich, Treasurer Shauna Kearns, Past President Wes Kirkpatrick and newsletter editor, Cornelia Kirkpatrick, Frank and Terri Townsend and Digital Group Chair Debbie Ferrell. Absent was Vice President Allynn Balch.

**Meeting** was called to order at 6:20.

**February Minutes:** Chris moved that the minutes be approved and Frank seconded. Motion was passed.

### **Treasurer's report for February 2010:**

Beg. Balance \$1665.60  
Expenses  
Adjustment for stale check \$20.00  
NW Camera Club dues \$20.00  
Ending Balance \$1625.60  
Savings Balance \$1372.99

**President's report:** John said he had nothing to report.

**Community Liaison:** Per Wes, three club members covered the Capital Land Trust dinner. Pomona Grange needs two more judges for their photography show. Chris volunteered to be a judge.

**General Meeting:** No report – Allynn was absent.

**Social Programs:** No report.

**Thurston County Fair:** No report.

**Digital Group:** Debbie said she had nothing new to report but will give Cornelia something for the newsletter.

**Newsletter:** Cornelia said she needs articles by Saturday.

**Website:** No report.

**Equipment:** John said that he had received several positive comments about the quality of the projected images after it was calibrated.

**Video Group:** No report.

**New Business:** None.

**Old business:** Frank put back on the table the discussion about moving the general meeting place to Friendly Village on the west side of Olympia, where Frank and Terri are now living. (The discussion had been tabled at the February meeting.) Terri said that the space was free, was big enough to accommodate the general meetings, and there was plenty of parking. Some discussion followed and Chris moved to hold the next three meetings at Friendly Village, and Wes seconded. Debbie moved to amend the motion to make it the next four meetings, since that would include all the meetings until the club's new year, which starts in September. The amendment and the motion were both passed.

**Meeting adjourned** at 7:20

*Chris Weinreich, secretary*

## NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY AT ITS BEST

The NWPPNW Spring meeting will be **April 2** at Pacific Lutheran University (PLU) in Tacoma, WA. We will open the doors at 8:30 AM, and the program will begin at 10 AM. The invited speaker will be **Laurie Excell**. Laurie is a widely published nature photographer with credits in Audubon and Outdoor Photographer to name but two. She is also the equipment guru for the National Association of Photoshop Professionals. Her morning presentation is entitled "Shoot from the Heart: Understanding What It Takes to Become Proficient at Your Craft" and her afternoon presentation will be "Excellent Adventures in Wildlife and Nature Photography." Treat yourself to Laurie's website at <http://www.laurieexcell.com/>.

The projected image competition will be exclusively digital. Mail a maximum of three digital files on a CD to Dudley Chelton, 3550 NW Wisteria Pl., Corvallis, OR 97330. Each digital file must be in JPEG format and smaller than 10 MB in size. Include a cover letter with a description of the contents of the CD and a clear statement of the category for each photo (Scenic, Wildlife or Plant life). Any CDs with adhesive labels will not be considered for submission because of the risk of jamming the CD drive. Please use sufficient postage and include an email address so that you can be contacted if there are difficulties reading your CD. Digital files must be **received no later than Friday, March 25**.

Please note the **change from 4 submissions in the past to only 3**. If more than 3 submissions are received, Dudley will choose the 3 that he judges to be best.

Please also note new requirements for digital photo submissions: The file names for submitted images **must** have the following format: Photo Title\_by\_Photographer Name\_X.jpg, where "Photo Title" is your title for the photo, "Photographer Name" is your name, and X is a 1-character code of P, S or W for Plant life, Scenic or Wildlife, respectively.

In addition, participants are encouraged to bring a **maximum of two prints**. The prints may be matted but not framed. The total external dimensions (including mat) must not exceed 48 inches (length + width). The categories for the print and the projected image competitions are (1) scenic, (2) wildlife, and (3) plant life. As in the past, we will use a "limited hand of man" rule: Any man made object in the entry should not be a major or significant portion of the image.

NPPNW will meet at PLU in Tacoma, WA. From I-5, take exit 127 and head east on Highway 512. After approximately two miles, take the WA-7/Pacific Avenue exit. Turn right on Pacific Avenue S. Turn right on 121<sup>st</sup> Street S (second stoplight, ARCO station) drive 4 blocks. Turn left on 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue S and park in the Wheeler St parking lot. The meeting will take place in Lagerquist Hall of the Mary Baker Russell Building across from the Wheeler parking lot. The main entrance to MBRB is at the southeast corner of the building.

For those who wish to arrive on Friday, April 1, a block of rooms has been reserved at the Best Western Park Plaza. Please contact the Hotel directly ASAP to reserve a room (888-204-5804). If you identify yourself as a member of the Nature Photographers of the Pacific Northwest, you will receive a special rate of \$109 plus tax for one or two persons. From I-5, take exit 127. Drive east on Highway 512 for approximately 9 miles. Take the 9<sup>th</sup> Street/94<sup>th</sup> Ave exit and turn left at the traffic light. At the first stoplight, turn right onto South Hill Park Drive. The Hotel (620 South Hill Park Dr., Puyallup, WA) will be directly before you. The Hotel will be the site of an informal conversation among NPPNW members beginning at 7:30 PM on Friday evening.

In order to assist planners, it is important that you return the following membership/registration information as soon as possible.

## NPPNW COMING IN APRIL, Olympia Camera Club Excursion

by Frank Townsend

On the proceeding page, you will see that the Nature Photographers of the Pacific North West will be meeting at Pacific Lutheran University on April 2. The Olympia Camera Club has been attending NPPNW meetings since its inception and April will be no exception, but more on that in the next paragraph or so. The featured speaker will be Laurie Excell. Laurie Excell shares her passion for wildlife and the wonders of nature through her photography. She has been photographing for nearly all her life, but turned it into a full time career in 2000. Since that time, her images have been showcased in galleries and magazines in the Pacific Northwest, Audubon calendars, postcards, Camping Life Magazine, Amtrak publications, the BT Journal and Outdoor Photography Magazine (UK) to name a few. Her images can also be viewed on her website [www.excellnaturephotography.com](http://www.excellnaturephotography.com). Laurie has also conducted classes on Scott Kelby's online school. She will make a morning presentation, an afternoon presentation and will critique a number of submitted photographs.

I will be attending, (at ten bucks how can I resist) and will be happy to either take someone with me or lead a caravan of car poolers. The doors open at 8:30 and the meeting will start at 10:00. I would like to leave the Martin Way Park and Ride around 8:45, this will give us time to get settled, grab a cup of coffee and snack, and check out the displays that are usually present. The Martin Way Park and Ride is just off I-5 on Martin Way just before the Regal Cinema entrance.

NPPNW holds informal competition in several categories; see their flyer on the separate page for rules and information on how to enter. The fee is \$10, if two from the same household its \$15, keep adding \$5 for each member of your household attending. If you wait and register at the door add \$5 to all of the aforementioned prices, but it is still cheap. Also, there is an informal "gab" session on Friday night. If you are interested in attending that function let me know, I could be talked into attending that as well.

## Shilapoo and Ridgefield In A Day?

by Frank Townsend



The Shilapoo wildlife Area is home to a large heronries, the nesting area for great blue herons and March should be a good month to view them and to see other fowl at Ridgefield. On March 25 I'll car pool to the Vancouver area to visit these two sites. The trees of Shilapoo should be full of huge nests of sticks used year after year. March should also be a good time of the year to find Tundra Swans and other at Ridgefield. Previous visits to Ridgefield have resulted in photos of river otter, herons, feeding hawks and more.

On March 25 I will leave the Panda Express parking lot in the Fred Meyer shopping Center off Trospen Avenue in Tumwater at 7:00 AM for the drive to the Vancouver, Washington area. I'll visit Shilapoo first then move on to Ridgefield, possibly returning to Shilapoo later in the evening. If you want to carpool/caravan meet me at the Panda Express, bring a lunch, drinks and snacks, oh yes a camera, long lens and a tripod would be helpful. Give me a call or email me if you need any more information. [frank\\_townsend@comcast.net](mailto:frank_townsend@comcast.net)





## Video Group Kick-Off

by Shauna Kearns

Are you interested in video? Many photographers are trying out video because many digital cameras now have video capabilities. The Olympia Camera Club's Video Group has been dormant for a few years and it's about time we start it up again. Whether you just want to try using your camera's video feature or if you have been shooting video for years, you may be interested in hanging out with other video enthusiasts.

We would love to revive the Video Group and we need to know who is interested and what their interests are. To get the ball rolling, I will be hosting a Video Group Kick-Off Meeting at my house on Saturday,

### April 9th at 10:00 am.

We will get together and discuss our interests for the group, whether it's guest speakers, field trips, editing sessions, sharing videos with each other or all of the above. If you are interested in video, please come and bring your ideas!

Since I'd rather not have my home address posted on the web with the newsletter, I will send out directions to my home via the club's Yahoo distribution list when the date gets a little closer. Hope to see you there!



## Forward to the club by Nandita, from Tacoma Photographic Society



<http://www.tacomaphoto.org/index.php>

The Puyallup Spring Fair Photo Contest, sponsored by Tacoma Photographic Society, is now accepting entries. Deadline is April 6th, 2011. Prizes are: Adults: Best of Show \$100, Second place \$80 and Third place \$50, plus Awards of Merit and Honorable Mention ribbons. Youth (under 18 as of April 1, 2011) receive ribbons and Awards of Merit (No cash). Entries will be exhibited in the Spring Fair, at the Western Washington Fair Grounds in Puyallup, April 14th-17th 2011. Entry fee: Adults, \$10 per photo, Youths \$3 per photo, with a limit of 5 photos per maker. All the details are on the entry form, available on the TPS website, just click on the pink tulips.

# March 2011 Olympia Camera Club Monthly Meetings

## Digital Meeting Refreshments

### Digital Meeting

Second Tuesday of the Month 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

**Still meets at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church,  
Westside of Olympia**

For more information contact:

Debby Ferrell, Digital Group Chair, [debfer@yaho.com](mailto:debfer@yaho.com)

Month	Member
March	Linda Murphy
April	Lonnie Paul
May	
June	



### Photo Critique Meeting

Third Tuesday of the Month 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

**Still meets at Capital High School, Pod B**

For more information contact:

Tom Blankenship, Critiquing Group Chair

[tom@tomblankenship.com](mailto:tom@tomblankenship.com)

### General Meeting

Fourth Monday of the Month 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm



Month	Topic	Presenter	Location
March 28th	TBD	Devin Sawyer (tentative)	Friendly Village Clubhouse
April 25th	Member's Theme Night	Club members (sign-up with Allynn)	Friendly Village Clubhouse
May 23rd	TBD	Kevin McNeal (tentative)	Friendly Village Clubhouse
June 27th	Member's Theme Night	Club members (sign-up with Allynn)	Friendly Village Clubhouse

### Business Meeting

First Wednesday of the Month 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm

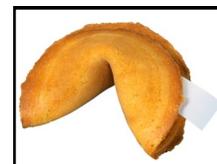
**Meets at Mekong Restaurant (banquet room), Downtown Olympia**

Address: 125 Columbia Street NW

All members and guests are welcome to attend.

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