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President's Corner -

"Taking pictures is savoring life intensely, every hundredth of a second." **Marc Ribound**

I love taking photographs, in fact, I feel like a part of me is missing if I am out without my camera. Images are all around us, all the time. This month for member sharing, Clair Ferris has asked us to look for images that have to do with your kitchen. It may seem daunting to find the perfect photo in your kitchen, but they are there. You might have to think outside the box or maybe even in the box, you'll begin to see the photos. I'm looking forward to seeing all the images Club Members found in their journey to the kitchen.

August has already come to our doorstep. As a photography club, we still have been meeting three weeks of the month, since March, through a virtual platform. Over 40 people attended our last speaker presentation; it was such a pleasure seeing you all there. I believe we are all getting better in this new technology and mastering our computer skills. If you haven't given the "GoToMeeting" a try, just do it and enjoy an evening of photography.

August has always been a time for the Club to meet and discuss plans for how to proceed in the months to come. Hopefully, you



have completed the survey that has been sent out so we will be able to see what direction the Club would like to go. Plan to attend the planning meeting on August 25 and provide your input for the Club's future path.

I have seen such beautiful photos on our Facebook page, keep them coming! In the words of photographer, Diane Arbus, "I really believe there are things nobody would see if I didn't photograph them." That is sincerely true after seeing the photos that so many of you have been posting.

Stay safe and stay healthy

T. Walton

Editor's Note:

What a wonderful response we had for the City of Olympia Virtual Field Trip (VFT). Fifteen club members submitted 87 images and what a variety. I'm always a little concerned that many images of the same subject will be submitted and then I'm surprised that I don't receive images of some of the iconic scenes. Of course I won't have room in this newsletter to include



all of the images submitted but rest assured everyone that submitted an image will have up to three images included in the VFT.



Monthly Meetings

During the COVID-19 Pandemic All club meetings are virtual, taking place using the app "GoToMeeting"

Please join "My Meeting" from your computer, tablet or smartphone

If you have misplaced the link to the virtual meeting, it is available in the "Members Only" area on the Club website

New to GoToMeeting? Get the app now and be ready when your first meeting starts:

https://global.gotomeeting.com/install/326734229

Practical Photography August 11, 2020 7-9 pm

This month we will have a presentation by Ed Tromble on "Stacking" (AKA "image averaging"), and is primarily used when taking night photos of the sky, Milky Way, Comets etc. to reduce "noise" and render stars with points. The months of August and September are the last "predictable" months this year to have clear skies, so if you are into so-cial distancing, night photography may be your ticket.

Next month's topic will be on Masking (including Luminosity Masking). Dennis Plank and I will discuss masking in Photoshop and in On1 Photo Raw.

Bruce Livingston, Coordinator

Member Sharing Night August 18, 2020 7-9pm

The theme is the COVID Kitchen. Since we have all been subject to staying home, our kitchens have become the heart of our homes. This should be a fun and creative way to display the talent in the club. Think of anything that passes through or is a part of the kitchen. Here are some ideas:

Photos of food; Still Life; Macro shoots; Family Fun; Food Action Shots; Food and Animals; Food & Humor; Abstracts and more. Anything you can think of. Get your creative hats on and let's see what you can do. Go to Google Images for ideas. Enter anything food related. It will inspire you!

You may submit up to four images. Please size your images to 2048 pixels on the long side. Put your full name on the folder, go to **Drop Box**, inside Drop Box open the **Member Sharing** folder and <u>inside</u> that folder put your images in the **Member Sharing Night**, **COVID Kitchen** folder. Your images must be in Drop Box not later than the Monday evening **prior** to the meeting.



Clair Ferris, Coordinator

General Meeting August 25, 2020 7-9pm

There will be no regular General Meeting this month. This is the date when we normally gather for our Planning Picnic potluck. Since we are still practicing safe behavior with "social distancing", wearing a mask, washing hands frequently and limiting travel we are doing a virtual planning picnic. **See all the details on page four.**

Annual Planning Picnic and Survey August 25, 2020 at 7:00pm On "GoToMeeting"

by T. Walton

You should have received a survey, put together by the Board of Directors, in order to help us on how and what you would like to see the club accomplish in the upcoming year. This year is like no other year for the Club to navigate through. We had optimistically hoped to be meeting again face to face sometime in the fall, however, with the current state of the corona virus and the numbers in Thurston County continuing to climb, we might not be meeting face to face again for Camera Club meetings until the fall of 2021.

The survey centers around the fact that our meetings, for the foreseeable future, will be conducted on the virtual platform. Please take the time to complete the survey and give us input on how we can make the club a positive experience for you and fellow Club members. Please take a few minutes to answer the questions by August 18. There is also a link to this year's survey on the OCC website, in the MEMBER'S ONLY AREA under MEMBER SURVEY.

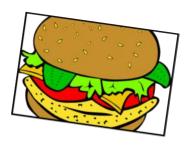
To join the August Virtual Planning Picnic, log-in to the club's website and look under the MEMBER'S ONLY AREA menu for the TELECONFERENCE LINK. If you haven't downloaded the "GoToMeeting" software, follow the instructions on that page for getting the software installed, and then click the link. The planning meeting will be on Tuesday, August 25 at 7:00 pm.

The survey results will be reviewed with the membership during our planning session. All members are invited and encouraged to attend. We want to hear your ideas and suggestions; the survey starts us off in that direction. The "pot luck" dinner will not be quite the same, we just couldn't figure out how to do a virtual platform meal.

You can also access the survey at the following link:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BGSNGT6





Membership Report

by Colleen Easley

Our membership count this month is 150. We had one member join in July. Please welcome, Chuck Hall.



Webmaster Report

by Colleen Easley

Galleries

Our new online galleries are looking good. You can view them on our site by going to PHOTO GALLERIES and then either Member Sharing Galleries or Field Trip Galleries. Galleries are not published until after being published in the newsletter or shown at a member sharing meeting, but you can add images anytime. You'll have one week after publication to finish adding your images. Please feel free to participate in the online galleries even if you didn't submit to the newsletter or share at Member Sharing Night. You're allowed up to 10 photos in each gallery. To add images use the link for ADD IM-AGES TO GALLERIES in the MEMBER'S ONLY MENU. Photos must be 2048 on the long side and be 2 mb or less in size. Please use a compression program if your file sizes are too large. Here's the link to free online compression software. https://www.img2go.com/ compress-image

Update Your Profile

by Colleen Easley

I've now placed a link in the MEMBER'S ONLY menu for Editing your Profile. If your email or phone number changes, please log in and make the appropriate changes. It might be a good idea to take a look at your info in the Member's Directory to be sure it's current and if you haven't already done so, please add a short bio about yourself.

PSA Interclub PID Competition

by Pam Hoaglund

For the past two years the OCC has participated in the PSA Interclub Projected Image Division Competition. Last year three of our members received honorable mention for their image.

It won't be long before the 2020-2021 competition year will start. The submission deadline dates are November 15, 2020, February 15, 2021 and April 15, 2021. It's time to start thinking about entering an image in the competition. In mid September I will send out an email to the OCC membership soliciting members to send me an email of their intention to enter the November competition. The first six members that I receive an email from will be in the competition. If there are more than six emails of intention those beyond six will become alternates. Once the six entrants are identified I will send them an Image Release Form to sign and return to me and I will announce the deadline for the image submission to be sent to me. If you have any questions regarding the competition please contact me at: pamhoag46@gmail.com.

Requirements for Entering Image in PSA Interclub Competition

You <u>must</u> be an OCC member to participate but do not have to be an individual member of PSA. Entry Guidelines:

Images are to be digital only. Film images can be scanned into digital.

Photographic work must be the maker's; no commercial clip art is allowed.

Category is General. Content is "open" and may include creative images, with all forms of manipulation permitted.

Color or Monochrome. Monochrome images are those that give the impression of black and white, or black and white plus one fully toned color.

All submitted images are judged together and are not separated by Color or Monochrome.

Image Release Form: signed by participating members. It guarantees the images are:

Their own work

They have the necessary model and or property release if ever needed

They give PSA permission to display their images on the PID Interclub website

They understand they alone hold all copyrights

Image Size:

Horizontal images will be no more than 1400 pixels wide or 1050 pixels tall.

Vertical images will be no more than 1050 pixels tall.

JPEG format only, with no file size restrictions.

sRGB color space is recommended Suggested file name:

title of image_photographers name.

DO NOT put a watermark on the image.

Traveling Prints

by Kim Buechel Traveling Print Director

Please make arrangements with the Traveling Print Director to pick up your NWCCC Traveling Print Salon print if your print is not going forward for final judging. The photographers whose prints are going to the final judging are:

Eugene Eckhardt Dennis Plank Townsend Walton D. J. Mark Tamara Mandeville John Gerecht.

Please use the OCC Website, Membership Directory for my contact information.



Olympia Camera Club Virtual Field Trip Schedule

by Cynthia Whelan

For the foreseeable future, OCC will not be gathering for field trips. But, we want to continue to share our collective love for photography by gathering our photographs from our previous experiences and showcasing them in the OCC Newsletter.

All Virtual Field Trip photograph due dates will be posted on the OCC Member Calendar.

Please size your images to 2048 pixels on the long side. Put a watermark on the image and title each image. Example for title: Milky Way over Mt Rainier_Pam Hoaglund. Please send the images as an attachment to an email to newsletter@olympiacameraclub.org by the newsletter due date.

Here is the Virtual Field Trip schedule for 2020:

Skagit Valley and the San Juan Islands September 3, 2020

This virtual field trip will take us to the area north of Seattle and will include the Skagit Valley, Whidbey Island, the San Juan Islands, Mt Baker area, and other photographic sites north of Seattle, south of Canada and west of the Cascades. This covers a pretty wide and diversified area. I'm sure we will all learn about some new sites to explore and photograph.

Members may contribute up to four images per person per virtual field trip.

Please size your images to 2048 pixels on the long side. Put a watermark on the image and title each image. Example for title: Milky Way over Mt Rainier_Pam Hoaglund. Please send the images as an attachment to an email to newsletter@olympiacameraclub.org by midnight Thursday, September 3, 2020 and post them to the Virtual Field Trip Gallery by logging into the Olympia Camera Club website and uploading them at https://www.olympiacameraclub.org/post-image-2/



"A Day on the Life of OCC" October 8, 2020

In October our Virtual Field Trip will be: "A Day in the Life of the OCC."

The OCC motto is "Photographers Helping Photographers and Their Community Since 1935." To help camera club members keep on shooting, our next virtual field trip is to photograph your new normal day - "A Day in the Life of OCC." Go out, or stay in but show us four photos from any given day before the due date of October 8. You are encouraged to pick a day, see what the day brings, and take photographs during that day. After post processing, share with fellow OCC members on the virtual field trip. Tell us about yourself, your life, and your photographs.

Members may contribute up to four images per person per virtual field trip.

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Virtual Field Trip Schedule continued on next page

Starry Starry Night... November 5, 2020

Join us in a walk through the night by sharing your astro and night photography in a virtual field trip to our night sky. Show us a variety of your photos taken of comet Neowise, the Milky Way, cityscapes, the moon, night time long exposures, and maybe a total eclipse or two. Took a photo in the dark? Share with fellow club members who, what and where you photographed in the darkness. It is recommended that you work backwards through your photo library, and share photos from the 21 Century, unless you have an absolutely amazing shot from the last millennium. Got a telescope? What lens did you use, and what were your settings?

Members may contribute up to four images per person per virtual field trip.

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"Gratitude" A Holiday Reflection in the Times of the Corona Virus December 3, 2020

This is a more personal thematic virtual field trip. What are you thankful for this holiday month? Take a moment to reflect on the last year, and share with us a photograph, or up to four photographs of what you are grateful for this year. You may already have photos from this year, but if you haven't taken many photos, this is an opportunity for you to look back and pause, and photograph what you are thankful for this holiday.

The pandemic has changed all of our lives. Yet, we are still here, we are still a club, and I bet there are many things that you can photograph to express your gratitude; maybe a snapshot of a family Zoom meeting. Maybe you were able to visit something or someone this year. Maybe you are just thankful that the holiday did arrive, despite the pandemic. Some things never change. Photograph it and share with fellow OCC members.

Members may contribute up to four images per person per virtual field trip.

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Custom Camera Settings for HDR and Birds by Bill Ballard

Take advantage of your camera's Custom mode to quickly change camera settings in the field. For all my cameras, I use custom setting one for HDR and setting two for action/ birds in flight; these settings I do at home. With HDR and action settings already done, you basically go from normal shooting to HDR or birds in flight in a few seconds with just a turn of the mode dial. Keep in mind; you can always adjust your Custom settings in the field while shooting in Custom mode. Those field changes are only temporary. The next time you use that Custom mode, its original settings will be there. This makes doing HDR and action shots easy and thus you do more of them. Landscape, for instance, I may take a shot and then think what HDR might do for this scene. I change the mode dial, select Custom one, and the camera shoots a five exposure HDR burst. You might use it to bracket exposures (not HDR) to ensure you get the exposure you want. You should find you will shoot a lot more HDR this way.

Custom mode settings are not difficult; I currently use Sony and Panasonic cameras. Basically, you adjust camera settings for the Custom mode number you want. Save those settings to the Custom number (see your camera manual as to how). Then, every time you turn the mode dial to that number (like 1) the camera has those settings. For me, I currently use the following setups:

#1HDR –aperture priority, aperture set to F7, ISO 400, AFS focus, 1 stop exposure bracketing of 5 shots with multi shot (holding shutter down shoots all 5 in sequence), wide area focus, raw.

#2 Action/Birds – mode set to Manual, aperture F7 or F8, shutter 1/1600, AFC focus, Auto ISO, high burst, multi custom focus area, raw.

If you've wanted to do more HDR and action shots, this is a way to do it.



"The two most engaging powers of a photograph are to make new things familiar and familiar things new"

William Thackeray

Virtual Field Trip Olympia, WA

This is our fourth virtual field trip and we are staying close to home. So often we think we have to travel great distances to capture great images and forget to explore our own "backyard". We hope you enjoy the trip through these images taken in and around Olympia and that you will discover new places to visit and photograph.





























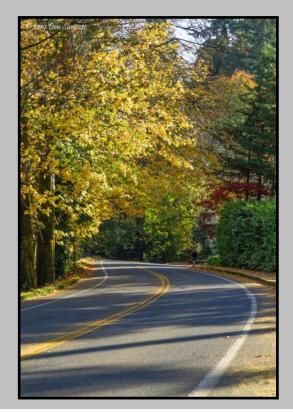






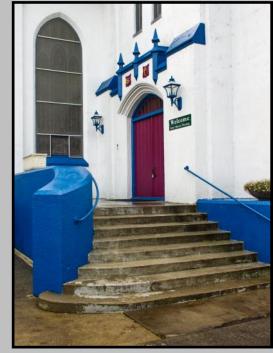






















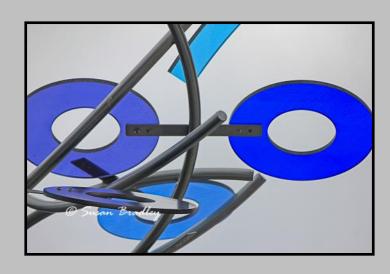
























Olympia Camera Club Business Meeting Draft August 4, 2020, 6:30pm to 8:30pm GoToMeeting

Officers and Members present

Townsend Walton, Ed Tromble, John Damitio, Tammy Mandeville, Bruce Livingston, Pam Hoaglund, Colleen Easley, Clair Ferris, Rosalind Philips, Cynthia Whelan, Linda Pardee, Gene Pardee and Rene Conger.

The meeting was called to order by President Townsend Walton at 6:30 pm. with a quorum present.

Approval of July's Minutes

Tammy Mandeville made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 7, 2020 Board Meeting. Ed Tromble seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

Treasurer's Report

John Damitio read the Treasurer's report and it is on file at the OCC Dropbox.



Old Business

1) **Filing of 999N**

Townsend Walton led a discussion on filing the IRS 999N form. It was decided that John Damitio will do the filing.

2) August Planning Meeting

Townsend Walton led a discussion on the OCC Planning Survey.

3) School Report

Townsend Walton reported on the school closure.

Committee Reports President's Report

Townsend Walton thanked Pam Hoaglund for the great job she is doing on the Newsletter. He also wanted to thank everyone who has been keeping the club active.

Equipment/Teleconferencing

Nothing new to report. A discussion ensued on teleconferencing.

Membership Report

Colleen Easley reported one new member for a total of 150 members.

Community Liaison

Nothing new to report.

General Meeting

Ed Tromble reported that due to the virtual "Annual Planning Picnic" there will not be a General Meeting in August. Our speaker in September will be Kah Wai Lin, a PSA goodwill ambassador.

Practical Photography

Bruce Livingston reported the August meeting will have Ed Tromble do a presentation on Image Stacking. Dennis Plank and Bruce Livingston will do presentations on Masking for our September meeting.

Member Sharing

Clair Ferris reported "Covid Kitchen" will be the theme for this month's Member Sharing meeting.

Social Chair

Nothing new to report.

Newsletter

Pam Hoaglund discussed photos and articles needed for the Newsletter.

Webmaster

Colleen Easley reported the Photo Galleries are working well.

Thurston County Fair

No report.

Field Trips

Cynthia Whelan reported the Virtual Field Trip for August 6 is the City of Olympia. In September the Virtual Field Trip is the Skagit Valley and the San Juan Islands. In October our Virtual Field Trip will be "A Day in the Life of the OCC". November's Virtual Field Trip is "Starry Starry Night...." December's Virtual Field Trip is

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"Gratitude" A Holiday Reflection in the Times of the Corona Virus. A discussion on field trips ensued.

NPPNW/ NWCCC

Bruce Livingston will be contacting NPPNW's President about paperwork. NWCCC will be having a Virtual Conference in November and NPPNW is looking into having a virtual November Conference.

PSA

Pam Hoaglund received an email and forms from Nancy Speaker, director of the PID Interclub Competition. Rounds end: November 15, February 15 and April 15.

New Business

1) Insurance

Townsend Walton was contacted by Colleen Easley re-

garding the Clubs Insurance Policy. Colleen had asked if someone was going to contact the agency to see if there would be any rebates on the policy. A discussion ensued. The years policy had already been paid, however, it was agreed to see if there were any refunds available since meetings were no longer taking place at the high school.

2) Dues

Townsend Walton led a discussion on membership renewals and collecting dues.

Adjournment

Pam Hoaglund made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ed Tromble seconded the motion. Adjournment was approved by Unanimous consent.

Submitted by Secretary Tammy Mandeville.



















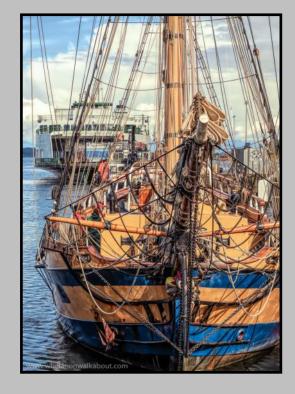


























Photographic Society of America (PSA)

PSA is a worldwide organization for anyone with an interest in photography. Founded in 1934, the Society is for casual shutterbugs, serious amateurs, and professional photographers.

Individual digital membership is \$45 a year.

Membership offers a wide variety of services and activities:

- 1. Monthly Journal
- 2. Online photo galleries
- 3. Image evaluation
- 4. Study groups and courses
- 5. Competitions
- 6. Annual Conference
- 7. Discounts on photography-related products/services
- 8. PSA travel aide
- 9. Webinars

For a complete overview of membership benefits go to www.psa-photo.org





Dates to Remember

All club meetings will be virtual on "GoToMeeting"

- 11 August Practical Photography Meeting
- 18 August Member Sharing Night
- 25 August Virtual Planning Picnic
- 1 September Board Meeting
- **8 September Practical Meeting**
- 15 September Member Sharing Meeting
- 22 September General Meeting
- 29 September TBD

Sizing Images for Newsletter

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Dimension: 1024 - 2048 pix long side Please keep images 3MB or less

Please title your image and include your name in title

Title Your Name

Please Watermark your image!

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Deadline for articles and images for the September newsletter is 3 September at midnight.

August 2020

Olympia Camera Club Monthly Meetings

Business Meeting

Monthly on the First Tuesday of the Month

Tuesday, September 1, 2020 from 6:30pm to 8:30pm

Contact: Townsend Walton, President



Practical Photography

Monthly on the Second Tuesday of the Month

Tuesday, August 11, 2020

Program: Ed Tromble will be presenting a program on "image stacking" which is often

used in astrophotography.

Contact: Bruce Livingston, Chair



Member Sharing Night

Monthly on the Third Tuesday of the Month

Tuesday, August 18, 2020

Program: Covid Kitchen. Photos of food; Still Life; Macro shoots; Family Fun; Food Action

Shots; Food and Animals; Food & Humor; Abstracts and more.

Contact: Clair Ferris, Chair



General Meeting

Monthly on the Fourth Tuesday of the Month

Tuesday, August 25, 2020

Program: No General meeting this month. We will be having our virtual

Planning Picnic. See details on page four.

Contact: Ed Tromble, Chair



Koffee Klatch Meet up, Every Other Wednesday Morning from 9am to 11am Panera's Bakery, 2525 Capitol Mall Drive SW, Westside of Olympia

Open discussion about photography and other topics of interest

Canceled until further notice



Executive Committee

Associate Memberships

President

Townsend Walton

Vice President
Ed Tromble

Secretary

Tammy Mandeville

Treasurer
John Damitio





Committee Chairs

Community Liaison

Bruce Livingston

Equipment Custodian Rosalind Philips

NWCCC Traveling Print & Open Salon Competitions

Field Trip Coordinator
Cynthia Whelan

Membership
Colleen Easley

Practical Photography
Bruce Livingston

Member Sharing Night

Clair Ferris

Newsletter Editor
Pam Hoaglund

PSA Representative & Interclub Competition Coordinator
Pam Hoaglund

Thurston County Fair
Colleen and Dale Easley

NPPNW Liaison

NWCCC Liaison

Scavenger Hunt Rosalind Philips

Webmaster
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