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Olympia Camera Club upcoming Events

| Jul 29, Sat Receiving entries for fair showing |
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| Aug 2nd—6th Thurston County Fair |

Aug 21, Mon. Approx. 5:00pm Planning Picnic—Heritage Park, Tumwater

Sep 25, Mon..Time/Place TBD Scavenger Hunt & Slide Show

July/August General Meeting

Ready to Plan for a New OCC Year???

By Dave Simmerman

FOOD and FUN! Every year members of the Olympia Camera Club get together and plan for the up-coming year's social activities and general programs. This get together consists of a pot luck style dinner with a brain- storming session afterwards. The Vice-President (Dave Simmerman) and Social Programs chair (Gary Ouellette) will solicit requests from the member audience and put together the agenda for the 2006-2007 OCC year. This is where the successful idea of the "Members 10min Themed Program" came from (thanks Donna Butler.) You are encouraged to participate in the planning, as well as leading some of the programs and field trips. So bring your favorite dish and your ideas to help make this another wonderful OCC year.

Place: Heritage Park at Lower Tumwater Falls

Time: 5:30pm – 9pm

Date: 21 August 2006 (mark your calendars)

IN MEMORIUM

The Olympia Camera Club, the community, and the world lost a wonderful photographer on the morning of July 4. Mollie O'Kane did not survive post operative surgery and passed away. Mollie and her husband David have been members of the Olympia Camera Club for a number of years. Mollie has been a frequent contributor to the Scavenger Hunt, various competitions with NWCC and sharing at Club meetings. Mollie was an avid outdoorsman and conservationist. Following cremation her ashes will journey to one of her favorite National Parks.

On July 5 the Executive Committee of the Olympia Camera Club voted Mollie Honorary Membership. We will miss her.

President's Corner

by Shauna Kerns

A Few Words from the New President

By Shauna Kearns

As your new President, I thought perhaps I would give you all a little background information so you can get to know me a little better. I have been into photography since I was in the eighth grade. I got my first camera, which was a used and fully manual SLR, that year for Christmas. I have never taken any formal photography classes, just learned from those around me. My older sister Cami and my dad were both into photography too, so we helped each other along the way. I was on the annual staff in high school and got a little experience in a black and white darkroom.

My experience is limited, but I've found that for me the real joy of photography is making images that I find beautiful. Recently, most of the pictures I take are wedding portraits. For the last couple of years, I have been shooting anywhere from 2 to 5 weddings a year. That's not many, but they are so time-consuming and stressful, that is about all I can handle. Even though they are such hard work, I do enjoy being a part of the wedding and creating images that the family will enjoy for years to come.

I love to create what I think of as a "small piece of heaven." I have given up on trying to create award-winning images. What is important to me now is making images that I enjoy.

One of my favorite pictures that I've ever taken is a simple image of a tree on a bank over a turquoise river running over copper colored rocks, which I took on a recent camera club outing. It's very simple, but I love it because of the way it makes me feel. The color of the water reminds me of a dream I once had, so I call the picture, "Dreamwater." I entered it in the fair because I decided that I wanted to display it, even if it wouldn't win any ribbons. I have since hung it on my cubicle wall at work and it brings me a lot of pleasure to look at it.

Another of my favorites is an image of a door to a garden. It's just a picture of a door, but it's a beautiful door and it reminds me of my favorite book series growing up, "Anne of Green Gables." I adored those books and the memory of them touches me. So you see photography is very emotional for me. I'm sure many of you feel the same way.

I'm looking forward to creating more images that I love in the upcoming year. I hope you will join me!!!

THURSTON COUNTY FAIR

by Frank Townsend

For the Olympia Camera Club the Thurston County Fair Photography Exhibit begins on Saturday July 29 when approximately a dozen club members meet at 9 AM to begin the registration process for the incoming prints. The fair is the largest undertaking the club does all year and that this Saturday is the most labor intensive. The next day, Sunday July 30, is nearly as labor intensive as the prints are judged, we display them for the judges and record the

winners and keep things running.. On Monday we hang all of the prints. Beginning on Wednesday August 2, club members are present at the exhibit during fair hours to answer questions and see to the welfare of the prints.

As in years past, members of the Olympia Camera Club have answered the call. All volunteer slots during the fair operation have been filled except for 4 to 7 PM on Sunday the 6th. We have enough volunteers for the 29th and 31st but could use some more help on judging day the 30th. If you can provide some time give me a call at 705-1349 or email me.

We will be hosting the same judges this year as last, Brad Allen and Carol Parkhurst of Tacoma and our old friend Carl Cook. I'm looking forward to a great fair and looking forward to working with so many club members again.

Olympia Camera Club Executive Board Minutes

by Chris Weinreich

Olympia Camera Club Executive Board Minutes July 6, 2006,

Mekong Restaurant

Meeting called to order by President Shauna Kerns at 5:40 p.m.

Present were: President Shauna Kearns, Vice President Dave Simmerman, Treasurer Robert Kletsch, Secretary Chris Weinreich, IPP Frank and Terri Townsend, Bonnie and Terry Liberty, Bobbie Rockett, Wes Kirkpatrick, Donna Butler, Allen Raphael, Kathy Morris, and the club's new social secretary, Gary Ouellette.

June Minutes: Kathy Morris moved to approve the June minutes and Terry Liberty seconded. The motion was passed.

Treasurer's Report: Robert Kletsch reported that after paying bills, the club has \$592.97 in checking account. The treasurer's report was passed.

Planning picnic: Dave
Simmerman said the club's
planning potluck picnic will be
Monday, Aug. 21st at 5:30p,m,
at Heritage Park. The main
business will be planning the
club's trips and programs for the
coming year and Dave urged
people to bring their ideas and
suggestions.

Thurston County Fair: Frank Townsend said that he could use some more help to staff the photo exhibit at the fair.

Capital Land Trust: Terry Liberty said the Land Trust is looking for a photographer to cover their Gala on Aug. 19th. Anyone interested should contact Terry. Terry also needs people to send in samples of their land trust pictures to him. He said the pictures need not be high quality for he just wants to see what people are shooting. The final prints will be exhibited at Batdorf & Bronsons. Dave Simmerman repeated his review of the various Land Trust sites, (he did the same at the June meeting), noting that two of them are virtually inaccessible.

Digital Group: Bobbie Rocket said the next meeting will be second part of the of the basic workflow program.

NW Council of Camera Clubs: The club's new representatives are Wes and Cornelia Kirkpatrick, and the next meeting of the council will be at the Seattle Mountaineers Club.

Name tags: Wes Kirkpatrick raised the issue of the name tags at the club's monthly meeting, saying that trying to keep track of them is difficult, the strings make it worse. Some discussion followed and Dave Simmerman moved that the tags be clip-on types (instead of strings around the neck) and that each person be responsible for their own name tag. Terry Liberty seconded and the motion passed.

Web site: Dave reported that Romania is back on top for the number of foreign hits on the web site. Last month there were 696 visits to the web averaging 58 per day. The most popular site is "About Us" and the second is the gallery of member's pictures.

Membership Roster Revision: Kathy Morris reminded people of the e-mail she sent out concerning the OCC roster disclosure policy and ask people to review it. She wants feed back by the end of the week.

Honorary members: Dave Simmerman moved to make Loren Freeman and honorary club member and the late Mollie O'Kane. The motion was seconded and passed.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

NWCCC Conference Postcard displays

The conference committee for slides is in need for additional slide entries for the competition. If you have any photos you would like to make postcards into and display them please contact Valerie Henschel (360) 452-3408 or email henschel@tenforsward.com. Additional information may be found at www.nwcameraclubs.org/competitionpostcard.htm

Thurston County Fair

The Olympia Camera Club sponsors the Photography competition and display annually at the Thurston County Fair. With nearly 500 prints this is a huge undertaking involving a lot of time and effort by many members. On Saturday, July 29 we are at the fairgrounds receiving prints to be entered into the fair. This involves registering each print, putting information into our data base and preparing the image for display. Sunday, July 30 the prints are judged, this is fun but involves getting the prints before the judges and recording the results. This is probably the longest day we will work at the fair and we will provide lunch to sweeten the pot. On Monday we hang all of the prints. Beginning Wednesday, August 2, we man th information booth at the fair, for this we get free admission to the fair on the day we serve.

At present, we need help on each day but Wednesday. If you can't be there all day Saturday, Sunday, or Monday try to sign up for part of the day. If you can give 3 hours during a week day, particularly Thursday or Friday, please volunteer.

In the end, the fair is a lot of work, but it is a lot of fun too. When your shift is done check out the midway, the other exhibits and the other competitions and take your camera. I promise you, "You'll enjoy it." For further information call or email Frank Townsend.

Social Functions Coordinator

By Gary Ouellette

OCC Photo Trip Coordinator Update #1: I'd like to say first Thanks to Shauna for asking me to fill the position of Social Coordinator for this year, Shauna "I'll do my best". I'm not sure how social I am but I'll give it a shot. From what I understand this position is more of a photo trip coordinator job so I'd like to change the name at the get go. My name is Gary Ouellette and you can reach me on my cell phone at 360-507-3923 or my photo email address of godigitalphoto@gmail.com I think my job is to ensure our club members have a chance to "get out and about" in the coming year and we can do this by having those interested in leading trips identifying themselves to me so I promote and advertise each photo trip in advance. If you know of a place, either close by or far away that you would like to act as a Photo Trip Leader (PTL for short), just give me a call or email and let me know. I'll help make it happen. Some places are beautiful to photograph at anytime of the year as others might be dependent on seasons or events and are time sensitive. I'd like to fill our year with as many trips as possible giving us memories to remember for a lifetime.

Proposed Trip #1, The Great Prosser Balloon Rally -22-24 Sep, Prosser, WA. Photo Trip Leader (PTL) for this trip is: Gary Ouellette, 360-507-3923, godigitalphoto@gmail.com This event starts at the Prosser Washington Airport on Friday September 22, and will last through Sunday September 24th, 2006. Sunrise launches are scheduled on 22, 23, 24 (weather permitting) arrive early, about 6:15 to watch and shoot the pilots prepare the giant Balloons at sunrise. For more information go this web site: http://www.prosserballoonrally.org/443/6.html My wife and I have booked a room in Sunnyside, WA (15 miles from Prosser) for 22-24 Sep. If anyone would like more information on this Photo Trip

Best of the Northwest Photography Workshop

We want to let you know that a few spaces are still available for our upcoming Best of the Northwest Photography Workshop at Mount Rainier, August 11-14, 2006. Because the Rainier Lodge is closed this year for renovations, lodging availability is tighter than usual. If you are planning to take the workshop, we encourage you to sign up soon and make your reservations at the Nisqually Lodge as soon as possible (888-674-3554). Nisqually Lodge is holding rooms for us, but they are going quickly.

Email or call us (503-224-1856) with your questions and to sign up. It will be a beautiful time of year to be in Rainier and we hope to see you there!

Sincerely, David Cobb and Gary Hayes

Best of the Northwest Photography Workshops 503-224-1856

www.nwphotoworkshops.com

Scavenger Hunt Film Rules

REQUIREMENTS: One roll of 24 exposure color slide film. A 35mm camera. Enthusiasm, imagination and a sense of humor. Photo subjects are listed on the reverse side. Make a dinner reservation with Dave Townsend, 705-1349 when time and place is determined. Your encouraged to attend the dinner meeting without having taken Scavenger Hunt pictures.

RULES:

- 1. Make one exposure for each title listed on reverse.
- 2. Have film processed and mailed by the processor to Ann or Dave, or deliver your exposed film, <u>unopened</u>, from the processor to Ann or Dave.
- 3. They may be taken in any order. Please use the list on the reverse and identify the camera exposure number and enter a brief description of each exposure taken. Please check the column indicating whether the photo was taken horizontal or vertical. Your list must match your pictures with the subjects. Ann and Dave are not able to match your imaginative images with the subjects for you.
- 4. Make an identification slide. This will tell Ann and Dave who the slides belong to. Creativity counts.
- 5. Processed slides must be received unopened from the film processor. When you have completed taking the pictures, use a photo mailer to send pictures in for developing, or, you may use a local processor and deliver slides, unopened, to Ann or Dave.
- 6. They <u>MUST</u> receive your slides by Saturday, September 2, 2006. Put Ann and Dave's name and address (as noted on the entry from) on the mailer as the person the processed film is to be returned to. Mail or give your slide listing (see reverse side of this instruction sheet) directly to Ann or Dave.

Slides taken under conditions other than these are not eligible for entry into this Scavenger Hunt.

Ann and Dave will assemble your slides into a program for Club viewing. We all will see our Scavenger Hunt pictures for the first time at our special meeting.

The pictures will then be the Scavenger Hunt.

Scavenger Hunt Digital Rules

DIGITAL SHOOTERS: How good are you? Do you need to take more than one shot to get it right? Here's a challenge! Turn off your preview screens and test your skills, **while having fun**, with the new Scavenger Hunt for 2006. Take 24 digital shots, one shot - one category, and let us be the judge at the Scavenger Hunt 2006 Dinner. Remember this is **NOT** a competition and we are relying on the honor system, (one shot - one category, no second chances) when you take your images.

RULES:

Images must be new images taken after receiving this announcement (no great shots from your archives!)

NO post-production in Photoshop or other image manipulation software, other than sizing and naming the image file for the projector (read below.)

Images must be shot in JPEG, in the camera. (No RAW or TIFF files allowed)

One category - One shot. (think as if you are following the slide film rules, see above)

IMAGE FILE PROPERTIES:

Image Resolution: No more than 1024 pixels wide (horizontal) **or** 768 pixels high (vertical) at 72dpi (No cropping: Resize the actual file)

Image Format: JPEG (all other formats will be rejected! i.e. PSD, PDF, TIFF PNG, or GIF)

Profile: In camera - sRGB or AdobeRGB1998

Filename: Your name _ category (example: DaveSimmerman_Curves.jpg) This makes it easier to compile the digital slideshow portion of the Scavenger Hunt.

Send your 24 images, on CD, along with the category list, to Scavenger Hunt 2006, c/o Dave Simmerman, 1225 Rockcress Drive SE, Olympia, WA 98513, by Saturday September 2nd. The CD will be returned at the Scavenger Hunt 2006 dinner. Email will not be accepted.

Olympia Camera Club Scavenger Hunt 2006

| Your Name:Address: | | | Fill in this form and give to Ann or Dave by Sept. 2, 2006 |
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| Photographs may be taken in any order. | | | |
| Titles | Exp.# H | V | Give a brief description of the slide/image representing the title |
| Self identification | | | |

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| 2 | Abstract | | |
| 3 | Babies | | |
| 4 | Barns | | |
| 5 | Bridges | | |
| 6 | Circles | | |
| 7 | Collectibles | | |
| 8 | Community event | | |
| 9 | Couples | | |
| 10 | Doorways | | |
| 11 | Downtown | | |
| 12 | Entertainment | | |
| 13 | Foliage | | |
| 14 | Frame a subject | | |
| 15 | Fruit | | |
| 16 | Legs | | |
| 17 | Mailbox | | |
| 18 | Neon | | |
| 19 | Oops/your choice | | |
| 20 | Pets | | |
| 21 | Purple | | |
| 22 | Special Effect | | |
| 23 | Texture | | |
| 24 | Windows | | |

Slides MUST fit the category. Use your IMAGINATION!

Mail your slides to
Ann Rockway Mail your CD of digital images to

Dave Simmerman

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NWCCC Semimonthly Meeting July 8th—Mountaineers Club, Seattle

The upcoming NWCCC Annual Conference, November 17-19 2006 at Fort Worden State Park Conference Center was discussed and some of the topics discussed were:

- 1. Pre-registration: \$35.00 Late registration \$40.00
- 2. Send your Registration:to NWCCC PO 44825 Tacoma WA 98444-0825
- 3. A block has been reserved at a local motel. Harborside Inn 1-800-942-5960. Housing is also available on site. Participants must make inquiries and reservations.
- 4. Sony is scheduled to bring their new digital camera. Wacom, Epson, and Microsoft are other possible vendors that will be present
- 5. Proposed schedule is in progress. Speakers are Bob Stahl, (Poetic Eye) Keith Lazalle (Possible Keynote speaker), Karyl Kolb (Critique and composition) and Paul Levy (Color management). These speakers offer a wide variety to the program and are very interesting.
- 6. "This is PSA" by John Davis
- 7. Janet Rapelje and Val Henschel "Postcard from Your Photos".
- 8. Plans for various field trips are in progress as well.

NWCCC Annual Conference Fort Warden State Park Port Townsend Nov 17 - 19

MARK IT ON YOUR CALENDAR AND MAKE A FIELD TRIP ADVENTURE THAT INCLUDES THE CONFERENCE!!!!

The next planned meeting for the Northwest Council of Camera Clubs is scheduled for: September 9th
Central Pierce Fire station
114th St S and A St E
Tacoma, Washington

The meetings are held the 2nd Saturday of odd numbered months, 10:00am at various locations. Please look at the Activities Calendar on the web for all the details. The website for the NWCCC is www.nwcameraclubs.org.

Any member of the club is more than welcome to attend these meetings.

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