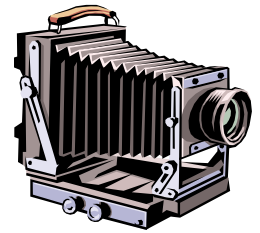




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Refreshments will be provided by the following:

December..... Pot Luck
January..... Ann Rockway
February..... Frank Townsend
March..... Dave Simmerman
April..... Terry Liberty
May..... Jerry Weeks
June..... Gene & Linda Pardee

December General Meeting

By Vice President, Allen Raphael

Happy Holiday's everyone!! So many fun things are coming up for the Olympia Camera Club. For the general meeting this month, everyone is invited to the Apple Park Apartments' cabana room for a Potluck and gift exchange. We take this meeting to put down our cameras and enjoy the sharing of some fun foods and great friendships. And don't forget to bring a small white elephant gift for the gift exchange. The value of the gift should not exceed \$10.00 and it should be wrapped or in a holiday bag. The December general meeting is my favorite and always sprouts at least one great story that will be told for years to come. Dottie, try to keep it clean this year!!

Next month, for the general meeting in January, we will be having the first of our members theme nights. I still have a few places to fill for the evening, so don't be shy. Remember, you get 10 minutes to present on anything your heart desires. Thank you to everyone, and again, Happy Holidays!

WE HAVE A NEW MEETING PLACE FOR THE GENERAL MEETING AND DIGITAL MEETINGS

This year through the great efforts of Rich Kalman we now have a new and larger meeting space.

Please Note: Our meeting location has changed to a new location: POD "A" at Capital High School on Conger Street (between Division and Cooper Point Road). There are two parking lots and two entrances to the building. Pod "A" is closer to the West entrance. That's the one closer to Division Street.

Capital High School
2707 Conger Avenue N.W.
Olympia, Washington 98502-4590

We have the room reserved for the following dates:

Jan 28	Feb 25
Mar 24	Apr 28
May 19	Jun 23

"A great photograph is a full expression of what one feels about what is being photographed in the deepest sense, and is thereby a true expression of what one feels about life and its entirety." — *Ansel Adams*

President's Corner
by Dave Simmerman

What do I do? It's Winter...

Just because the days are shorter, the temperatures are dropping, and the clouds seem to drip a bit more doesn't mean your camera has to collect dust. This is the time of year that we must get out of our comfort zone and try new things to keep our photographic skills at the top of our game. So what type of photography lends itself to this time of year? The simple answer is: The same photography you have been shooting before winter set in. If you are the adventurous type, you can still go out and shoot the grand scenes of nature and wildlife. Just remember to be safe when dealing with Mother Nature and take along a photographic buddy. You can set up a still life / table top scenes and photograph with natural window light or get creative with gels and strobes. You can try your hand at indoor portraiture by photographing your friends or pets. Now if you don't have strobes or gels, invite a friend who has them and make a project out of it. After all, we are a club of photographers helping photographers. You can even organize a winter photographic outing to a museum or gallery to learn the ways of other photographers past or present and then go shooting afterwards.

Along with all this anti-dust collecting activities, now is also the perfect time to improve your image manipulation skills. It doesn't matter if you are in the wet or digital darkroom; we all can learn something new or try a new technique. You also have the opportunity to take a course in photography or Photoshop from you local college or education center. If you haven't visited the digital imaging group meetings in the past, now could be a good time as we show you basic image manipulation skills using Photoshop and other programs. These are just a few ideas and so I challenge all of you to be creative this winter and get out of your comfort zone. During the March general meeting bring a couple images to share of your new found photographic skills. For me, that means setting up some still life and experimenting with colored gels and other materials.

Unique Friendships can be found at the End of a Lens!

**SCHEDULE FOR THE UPCOMING
GENERAL MEETINGS**

December.....	Gift Exchange and Pot Luck.....	Everyone
January.....	Members Theme.....	6 Lucky Members
February.....	Kits Camera Presentation	Mike Estes, Manager Kits
March.....	Members Theme Night.....	6 Luck Members
April.....	Still Life & Portrait Lighting.....	Steve Vento
May.....	TBD	
June.....	Members Theme Night.....	6 Lucky Members
July	No General Meeting	
August	No General Meeting	

Olympia Camera Club Board Minutes

by Chris Weinreich

December 5, 2007, Mekong Restaurant

Meeting called to order by President Dave Simmerman at 6:25 p.m.

Present were: President Dave Simmerman, Vice President Allen Raphael, Treasurer Shauna Kearns, Secretary Chris Weinreich, Wes Kirkpatrick, Frank & Terri Townsend, and Marie Browning.

Minutes: The November minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Shauna said November 1st, the club's checking account had a balance of \$840.46 and the savings account balance was \$1346.46. During the month, the club received \$41 in dues and \$300 from an anonymous donor. November expenses were \$11.99 for the web site name and \$71.88 for the web site itself. The ending balance in the checking account was \$1097.59

December meeting: Allen said the meeting will be Dec. 17 at Apple Park Apartments with a pot luck and a gift exchange. January's meeting will be a theme program and he said he needs more participants.

Newsletter: Wes said he needed material by the 9th.

Northwest Council of Camera Clubs: Wes said he was still looking for a place to hold the annual conference next fall. He has explored several sites and has some more to go.

Trips:

Zoo Lights -- Frank said he is leading a trip to the Zoo Lights in Tacoma Dec. 15.

Skagit River Eagle Trip -- Jan. 4-6. Wes said the trip is filling up.

The trip will also include an informal get-together with the Orcas Island camera club on Friday evening. That club is up there on trip also.

Palouse Trip -- Mid May. This trip filled up fast. 18 people registered and the sign-up is now closed.

Painted Hills, OR -- Dave will lead a trip there in mid April.

Web Site: Dave said the site had 1200 visitors in November, down from the October total. The gallery was the site most visited. Dave announced that the web site is being revised so that he will no longer regulate the content. In January registered club members can put up their own pictures and messages directly.

Club meeting site. Club member Pat McLachlan requested that the club move its meetings to another site. She said she is reacting to the fumes that are gassing off from the new carpets in Capital High School. Some discussion ensued, centered around the fact that finding a different suitable location will be hard and the club does have a contractual commitment to the school. The club will ask the school officials if they have had health problems because of the new carpets.

Post office box -- Shauna requested the club rent a post office box.

She thinks that it is more business like for club mail to go to a box than to people's home addresses. Frank moved to rent a box and Allen seconded. After some discussion, the motion was tabled to the next meeting to give Shauna time to get information on box rental costs, the size of boxes available, to make a recommendation as to which Post Office to have the box.

Allen, who is the custodian of the club's equipment, wants to buy a new digital projector. He feels the current one is not as sharp as it could be. After a short discussion, Allen was asked to come up with prices and a recommendation for the January meeting

Meeting was adjourned at 7:10.

Digital Group

Digital Group Schedule

All Meetings

1. Sharing/Critique – Bring images you would like to share with the group. Or if you would like to have suggestions on an image bring it.
2. Photoshop tips & tools – If you've come across a tool or technique you'd like to share with the group – please do. We're here to learn.
- 3.; Why I did that – We'd like to see how a finished image differs from the image you started with and why you chose to make the changes you did.

January

1. Gene Pardee will be talking about lenses
2. Bring images for possible selection for Personal View. Personal View is when all members have an opportunity to edit the same selected image any way they want to. The edited images will be presented at the following meeting

February

1. Personal View – edited image presentations

For more information contact Marie Browning
mariegb@comcast.net

The dates reserved for the Digital Group meetings at Capitol High School are:

January 8
February 12
March 11
April 15 (3rd Tuesday due to Spring Break)
May 13
June 10 (If not in conflict with graduation)

Will Collect Dues at the Christmas Party!!

By Shauna Kearns

It's almost time to start another exciting year with OCC and that means it's time to renew your membership.

I will collect dues at the Club Christmas party, so bring your checkbooks! Cash works, too.

The dues for 2008 are \$20 for singles and \$35 for couples. If you have already paid for part of 2008, I will ask you to pay the remaining months of the year so that we can get everyone on the same billing cycle.

For those of you who can't make it to the Christmas party, you may mail your dues to me at the following address, but please be sure to make your checks out to Olympia Camera Club:

Shauna Kearns, Treasurer
4611 Belair Drive SE
Lacey, WA 98503

2008 Prints for NWCCC Traveling Print Salon

This is a friendly reminder that its not too early to start thinking about your prints for the 2008 NWCCC Traveling Print Salon, which will start in early 2008. remember this is a club print competition. So start picking out your favorite images and submit them to Jerry Weeks to be included in the traveling salon.

The Marin Museum of Contemporary Art

The museum is sponsoring a National Juried Exhibition. The exhibition will be presented at their Novato Arts Center from February 2nd to March 2nd 2008.

This exhibit is open to all United States artists 18 and older. Up to six digital images of your original photographic work done in the past four years may be entered. Work may be digital, traditional or mixed media. Entries must not be previously entered into a Marin MOCA or Art League of Northern California show.

The Prospectus and Entry Forms are available from the museum's web site at www.marinmoca.org, or by emailing info@artleagueofcalifornia.org. This e-mail address is being protected from spam bots, you need JavaScript enabled to view it.

Deadline for entries is 11/30/07

Digital Photography Review Web Site (The Ultimate Buying Guide)

One of the best resources available for information about digital photography is the Digital Photography Review website (www.dpreview.com). Here you will find incredibly detailed reviews of just about every camera or digital photography product offered today.

The website has a great check out the Learn/Glossary link. If you are looking to purchase new equipment, take the time to read the in-depth reviews found here before you make your investment. A few minutes here will save you lots of frustration in buying the wrong equipment for your needs.

And speaking of Buying Guides, the searchable Buying Guide at dpreview.com is simply incredible! Simply pick and choose from over 25 different selection criteria's and [dpreview](http://dpreview.com) will list every camera available based on your selection.

And once you have narrowed it down to the top 2 or 3 selections, you can even have [dpreview](http://dpreview.com) show all the details in a side-by-side comparison chart. It doesn't get any better than that.

Announcing the Year 2007 OCC Annual!

Article by Terry and Bonnie Liberty

Every year, OCC members get together to assemble a permanent collection of their recent photographic work. We do this by publishing our *Annual*, a booklet to which we all contribute our photographs. There is a copy of the *Annual* published for each contributor so each person gets a copy to keep. We have found these books to be excellent keepsakes and inspirations. We assemble the book at a gathering at Terry and Bonnie Liberty's home, accompanied by a "finger food" lunch. We would encourage everyone to get involved in this enjoyable activity. It provides a good deal of fun, a collection of your colleagues' work and a look at where we all were, photographically in 2007. The details are as follows:

The Annual

Each *Annual* is made up of one image from each participating OCC member or former member. Participation is voluntary, of course. It's nice but not required that the images were created during 2007. Images may be created by any photo process, film and/or digital, and may be any size from a snapshot to a maximum of 8 1/2 x 11 inches. Each participant provides one print per book so if there are ten participants, there will be ten books, each with one print from each participant.

Publishing Party

The publishing party will be on January 19th Noon, at Terry and Bonnie's home, 8741 Stoney Creek Lane SW. This is **party time!** providing us with a "finger food" lunch and an excellent opportunity to become acquainted with other members. In the event you are unable to attend, you may deliver your prints to the Liberty's or send them with another member. Please provide the name of the person who will be present to assemble your *Annual* for you.

Note: Because we permanently bind the *Annual*, all books must be assembled at the party. It is difficult to add or exchange images with those already included in the binder, so a fully completed *Annual* is our goal! Please assure that your prints are at the Liberty's, ready for assembly on the party date.

The Prints

Option 1:

Prints Mounted on Paper Pages

Photos can be mounted on 8 ½ x 11 pages with titles, etc. The preferred paper is 24 pound bond or similar. Please create your own pages and mount your prints, ready to bind before the party. You may use materials, colors etc. of your choice. In that way you can control the placement of the print and information you want included on your page. When mounting, allow a ½ to ¾ inch extra margin along the left hand (long) edge of the page for binding.

Option 2:

Prints Done Directly on 8 ½ x 11 Photo Paper

You can bring prints that are done directly on 8 ½ x 11 photo paper. We will bind these into the books with no need for other materials. When printing, allow a ½ to ¾ inch extra margin along the left hand (long) edge of the page for binding.

Let's Party!

So everyone decide if you'd like to participate and if so, what print you want to contribute. If you wish to participate, sign up on or before the OCC Christmas party on December 17th. After the 17th, print and mount the required number of images, make up some "finger foods" for a potluck and come to the party!!

If you wish to participate or have any questions, please call Terry at 786-6652 or e-mail him at liberty@sprynet.com. **Terry will need an exact count by December 17th so make sure you sign up!**

Directions

Via Highway 101 and Mud Bay Road

Here are directions to Terry and Bonnie's house.

Go South on I5 to Olympia the exit on highway 101.

Take the exit and head West on 101.

You'll pass exits to Cooper Point Rd. and Black Lake Blvd.

Keep going West on 101.

Get off 101 on the Mud Bay Rd. exit.

Bear right until you come to a stop sign the bottom of the exit at the fire station on Mud Bay Rd.

Turn left on Mud Bay Rd. and cross under the freeway.

Shortly after the underpass is Delphi Rd.

Turn left on Delphi.

Follow Delphi for about six miles.

Eventually (about 6 miles) you will come to the intersection with Waddell Creek Rd on your right.

At the intersection, stay on Delphi (left) for another 1/4 mile or so.

As you enter a long left curve, you'll find a white-on-green sign for 8741 and a street sign "Stoney Creek Lane" on your right.

Turn right at the sign, pass the mailboxes on your right and follow the paved driveway.

At the next 8741 sign, turn right and go to the top of the hill to a cul-de-sac.

Drive straight through the cul-de-sac (sign says 8741) and you're there.

Our address is 8741 Stoney Creek Lane SW

Phone is (360) 786-6652

Alternate Directions Via Black Lake Road at Highway 101

Get on Black Lake Road going South from the Hwy 101 overpass.

Follow Black Lake Road past the lake and continue on it until you get to Delphi Rd.

Turn left (South) on Delphi.

Follow Delphi for about two miles.

You will come to the intersection with Waddell Creek Rd on your right.

At the intersection, stay on Delphi (left) for another 1/4 mile or so.

As you enter a long left curve, you'll find a white-on-green sign for 8741 and a street sign "Stoney Creek Lane" on your right.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
16	17 Olympia Camera Club Christmas Party - Apple Parks Apt	18	19	20	21	22 Winter Solstice (6:08am) (gmt)
23	24	25 Merry Christmas	26	27	28	29
30	31	1 HAPPY NEW YEAR 2008	2 Business Mtg Mekong Rest. 125 Columbia Street Olympia, WA	3	4 Bald Eagle Weekend - Clark's Skagit River Resort Rockport, WA	5 VideoGroup Bald Eagle Weekend - Clark's Skagit River Resort Rockport, WA
6 Bald Eagle Weekend - Clark's Skagit River Resort Rockport, WA	7	8 Digital Mtg Capital High School 6:30pm	9	10	11	12 NWCCC Mtg. Port of Edmonds Edmonds, WA 336 Admiral Way, Edmonds
13	14	15	16	17	18	19 OCC Annual making party, Bonnie & Terry's Home
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28 General Mtg. Capitol High School— POD "A"	29	30	01	02	03 Video Group

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Hunt's Specials
Northwest Council of Camera Clubs

20% off is being offered to the members on Hunt's regular low price when purchasing frames, mattes, and photo albums. Contact Chris Giunto at Tel 800-221-1830 ext. 2323 for more details. Hunt's now carries a full line of TAP albums and mattes.

Digital Frames

Hunt's now stocks digital frames. Contact Chris Giunto for pricing.

Canon

Currently a new low price is being offered on the Canon 5D Body. It is being offered to members for \$2149.99.

Canon 5D with the 24-105 lens	\$2899.00
Canon 40D Body (currently in stock)	for price "Call"
Canon G9	\$ 449.99

Currently Canon is offering some instant rebates up to \$125.00 on the following lenses and speedlites until January 13, 2008:

EF 85mm f/1.2L II USM	EF-S 10-22mm f/3.5-4.5 USM
EF 16-35mm f/2.8L II USM	EF 100mm f/2.8 Macro USM
EF 70-200mm f/4L IS USM	EF 24-70mm f/2.8L USM
EF 17-40MM f/4L USM	EF 100-400mm f/4.5-5.6L IS USM
EF-S 60mm f/2.8 Macro USM	EF-S 17-55mm f/2.8 IS USM
EF 70-200mm f/4L USM	EF 70-200mm f/2.8L IS USM
EF 50mm f/1.2L USM	Speedlite 580EX II

Trade-Ins

Hunt's is offering competitive pricing for a Nikon D200 and all other photographic equipment trade-ins toward the new Nikon D300. Contact Steve Genatossio at ext. 2312 for more details.

Nikon

Nikon has started to ship the D300, D3, 24-70, and 14-24 lenses. Members that are interested in making a purchase should send Gary Farber your full address and telephone number. Gary will contact you regarding availability and price. Nikon will start to ship the 500 and 600VR lenses in January or February of 2008

The Nikon 18-200VR lens is being offered to members at a price of \$699.99. Ask about the price and availability on the Nikon 105VR, 70-200VR, and 200-400VR, along with all other Nikon lenses.

Call or Email Gary Farber for all requests.

Thanks for your business, and I will talk with you soon.

Regards, Gary Farber

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