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President's Corner

Picture Takin' Blues?

Hi Everyone,

I recently bought a new (to me) used camera body. And for six months or so before that I had been in kind of an artist's slump: not feeling very inspired to go out and take photographs, or inspired to take my cameras with me wherever I go, as I have in the past. But the new camera body kind of changed that. I was suddenly interested to try out my new tool even if it was just for shooting things that were everyday things and very close at hand. My girlfriend, her cats, different interesting things around the apartment...just ordinary objects that happened to catch my photographer's eye in a curious way. Everything was fair game, and for the most part, I really like the photographs I produced during that two week period of time that I was testing out my new camera. A large majority of them were 'keepers' compared to my normal fare, which may be one in ten or twenty. You know what I'm talking about. That's what makes digital photography such a dream these days. It costs nothing to shoot those extra 'just for the fun of it' shots that we all do on occasion. So I am happy now with my new toy and the creative process that it has now developed for me at this point.

Now I find that I don't always carry all my cameras with me. For a while there, they were always in the trunk of my car, ready to be used whenever I needed them. But on several occasions I found that that was a less than ideal way to transport them. For one thing, the lenses would all fog up, from being in such a cold environment, if I took them indoors where it was warm; or the batteries would be drained from sitting for so long without being used or recharged. So I took all of my camera's into my home and now I tend to leave them there. They are heavy to carry around and I'm also just lazy enough not to want to put out the effort to always take them with me when I go here or there.

It's a dilemma, because now I have this want and need to take pictures wherever I go, but I don't always have my cameras with me. So what's a body to do? I have a solution that I am finding quite wonderful: More and more now, I am relying on the one camera that I always do have with me: my cell phone camera. I know, it's no where near the quality or the resolution that my digital cameras are, but it does have one very big advantage that my other cameras do not: it is always here and handy to use. And recently it has filled that need for creative expression that has come flooding back suddenly into my life. A precious gift if ever there was one. And I have found that some of my favorite pictures that I have taken lately, have been taken with the camera on my iPhone.

My girlfriend and I went walking around the Olympia capital's campus the other day. She loves the cherry blossoms and I knew that that was one place we were likely to see them. I have some lovely photographs of the capital building framed by the cherry trees and the tulip gardens, all taken with my iPhone. We even asked a stranger to take our picture together on several occasions, and those photos are some of our favorite photographs of us being together as a couple.

What was that old Crosby, Stills, Nash and Young lyric? "If you can't be with the one you love, love the one you're with". I guess right now, I'm loving my iPhone's camera and the photographs I can take with it, anytime, anywhere. It is the creative spirit that is important. The tools are only a means. So use what you have, be it meager or grand. Just get out there and shoot. That's what I'm trying to say. And I hope you will.

-John West, President

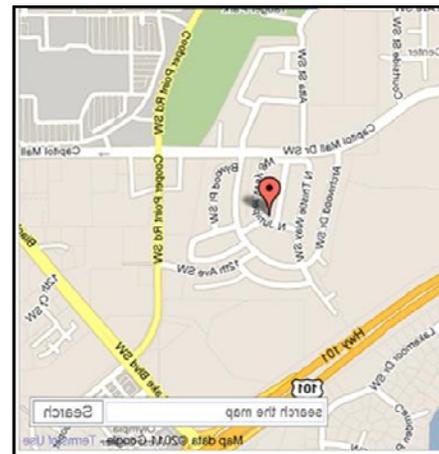
New Location Map and Directions to

OCC General Meeting 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



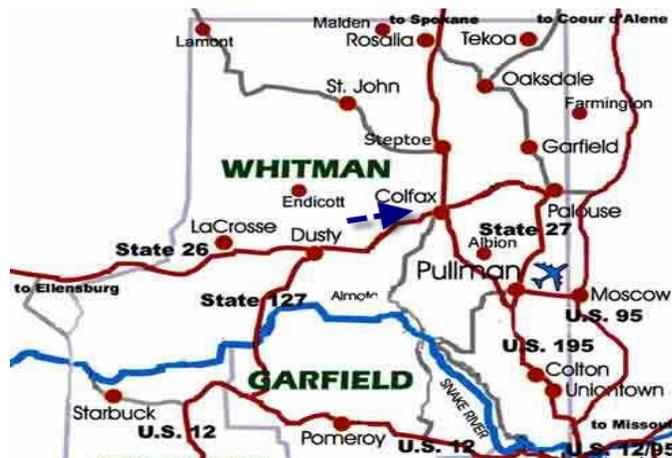
OCC VISITS THE PALOUSE

by Frank Townsend

The rolling hills of the Palouse is fairly unique to Eastern Washington and may be the most photographed area of the state. On Friday, Saturday and Sunday, June 24, 25, and 26 the Olympia Camera Club will be doing its share of photographing the area. This will be a little different than most of our ventures, for one you'll need to make your own room reservations, you will be given maps with locations previously scouted and can join the group any where along the way on any day. Some may leave Friday morning, others on Saturday, and some may return at their own choosing. Many of the spots are too small for a large number of cars to pull off at one time so car pooling once in the area is encouraged, this is also why everyone will have maps so that large caravans won't form.

The closest hotels are in Colfax, the Siesta Motel is only \$62 but is small and nearly full. Call 509-397-3417. Best Western is about twice that but has more room. Call 509-0397.

Sally Parker and Linda Foss are the leaders of this expedition and have sent everyone an email about the trip, please contact them for more information or contact me and I'll ask them.



By Town

Colfax

- Learn about Colfax history at the Perkins House Museum

Colton

- Tour St Gall's Catholic Church
- View the impressive holiday light display in Nov/Dec

Dusty

- Have a meal at the unique Dusty Cafe

Garfield

- Visit the historic ghost town of Elberton
- Relax by the Garfield fish pond
- Pick your own apples at the orchard

LaCrosse

- Visit the historic stone houses of LaCrosse
- Play or relax at the city park
- Have a meal at the LaCrosse Cafe

Oakesdale

- Tour the Barron Flour Mill
- Stay at the Castle House Bed & Breakfast
- Have a latte and homemade cinnamon roll at Ditzy's, Neats & Dumb Dumbs

Palouse

- Visit the Newspaper & Printing Museum
- Treasure hunt at unique downtown shops

Pullman

- Walk or bike on the Chipman Trail
- Visit museums on the WSU campus
- Shop and dine in downtown Pullman

Rosalia

- Stop by the historic restored Texaco Visitor's Center
- Shop for antiques, art, and books
- See the John Wayne Trail

Tekoa

- Hike or hanglide on Tekoa Mountain
- Enjoy a live performance at the historic restored Empire Theatre
- Enjoy a summer horse show or rodeo at the Iron Horse Arena

Uniontown

- Photograph the famous wagon wheel fence
- Shop for antiques at one of several specialty shops
- Visit a dairy barn transformed into an art center -
Artisans at the Dahmen Barn

Olympia Camera Club Executive Board Minutes April 2011, held at the Mekong Restaurant

Present were: President John West, Vice President Allynn Balch, Secretary Chris Weinreich, Past President Wes Kirkpatrick, Newsletter Editor Cornelia Kirkpatrick, Digital Group Chair Debbie Ferrell, Frank and Terri Townsend and Mort Shecter. Treasurer Shauna Kearns was absent.

Meeting was called to order at 6:20.

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

Treasurer's report for March 2010:

Beg. Balance \$1625.60

Collections:

Dues—\$525.00

Coffee Kitty—\$7.00

Expenses

PO Box Fee—\$62.00

Capital High School Room Rent (January and February) - \$75.00

Coffee Supplies—\$37.69

Ending Balance \$1982.91

Savings Balance \$1373.86

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

Community Liaison: Wes reported that one of the club members will be one of three judges at Pomona Grange photo show. The show is for Grange members only. The Olympia Parks and Recreation Department want photos of the Arts Walk, which will take place at the end of this month. Those pictures will be shown at the members' theme night at the May general meeting.

General Meeting: Allynn said that Devin Sawyer will show his pictures from Haiti at the April meeting. He was in that country as part of a medical team. The May meeting will be a members theme night with pictures from Arts Walk. Kevin McNeil will give a presentation at the June meeting.

Social Programs: Palouse trip planned for June.

Thurston County Fair: Allynn said she will have an update at the next meeting.

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: Wes reported a new benefit of PSA for clubs is web site hosting; check it out at PSA, <http://www.photoclubservices.com>.

Equipment: John had nothing to report.

Video Group: Shauna Kearns will host a meeting of the group at her house (1645 Bright Star Way NE, Olympia) April 9th at 10 a.m.

New Business: Wes moved to make long-time club member Chris Enrico a life time member. Frank seconded, and the motion was passed.

Old business: None.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 *Chris Weinreich, Secretary*

Are you Ready for the April 22nd & 23rd Spring Arts Walk?

Event photography shoot for the Olympia Camera Club

Friday: 5 pm to 10 pm and Saturday: 12 pm to 8 pm in Downtown Olympia

What is Arts Walk? Experience visual and performing arts in over 100 businesses by hundreds of artists every fourth Friday/Saturday in April and first Friday in October. Special features include hands-on family activities, demonstrations and impromptu street performances.

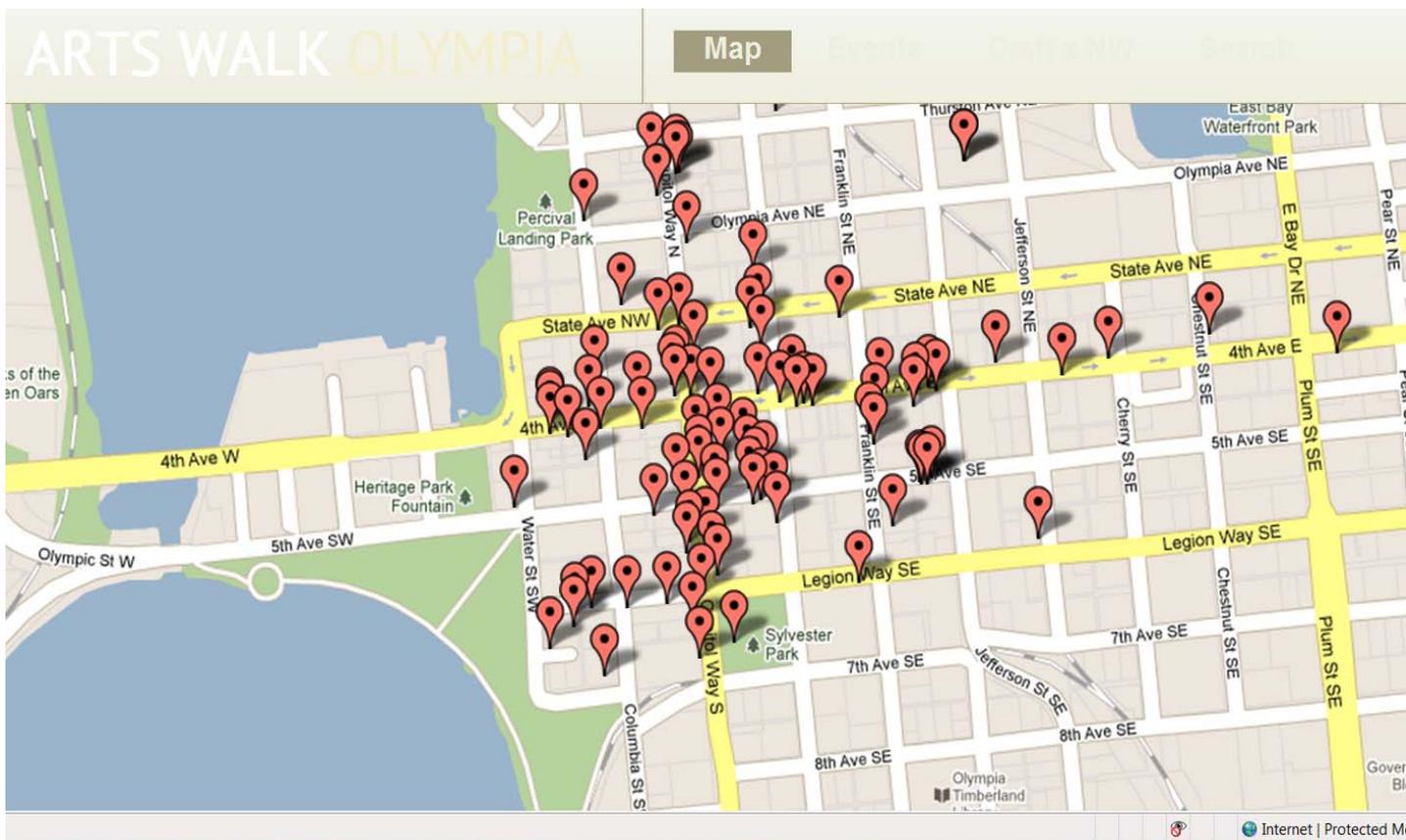
Part one—Stephanie Johnson from the Olympia Parks & Recreation in the past has ask the club members to take and submit images as they walk around the town during Arts Walk and then we'll submit them to her. She has then used them in their promotion of the event and various brochures. So this year she would like any and all members to take photos of the happenings and submit them to her. She would like to have images that are most quintessential to you and represent what you are thinking about. Also images of reflections in the window store fronts are some examples of what she could use for representing the event.

Part two—Once you have taken your images, pick 10/15 of what you like the best, put them on a thumb drive or CD and bring them to the **May 24th General meeting**. After viewing your images the members present will pick and submit the images to Stephanie. This has always been a fun event and also a way to let the community know that the club is active and involved.

So, when you're on the way out the door, pick up your camera and have fun.

Wes Kirkpatrick, Community Liaison

See map below for an idea of the many Arts Walk photo-shoot locations.



April 2011 Olympia Camera Club Monthly Meetings

Digital Meeting

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

Meets at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Westside of Olympia

Hosts for April: Gene and Linda Pardee

For more information contact:

Debby Ferrell, Digital Group Chair, debfer@yaho.com

Digital Meeting Refreshments

Month	Member
April	Lonnie Paul
May	
June	



Photo Critique Meeting

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

Meets at Capital High School, Pod B

For more information contact:

Tom Blankenship, Critiquing Group Chair

tom@tomblankenship.com

General Meeting

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



Month	Topic	Presenter	Location
April 25th	Images from Haiti	Devin Sawyer	Friendly Village Clubhouse
May 23rd	Arts Walk Image Review	Club members	Friendly Village Clubhouse
June 27th	TBD	Kevin McNeal	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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