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President's Remarks

This month, I wanted to highlight some upcoming events, besides our regular meetings.

<u>Photo Swap Meet</u> – Edge Lake Mobile Home Park's Community Center will be the site of a Photo Gear Swap Meet and Sale on Saturday, March 16th. There will be no cost to attend, however if you wish to arrange for table space, you will need to contact the Olympia Photographers MeetUp group at http://www.meetup.com/Olympia-Photographers/.

<u>Nikon School</u> – The Nikon School is coming to the Marriott at the SeaTac Airport on the weekend of April 6th & 7th. This is *not just for Nikon owners* and is a worthwhile investment. Nikon has made available a *complimentary ticket for each day*, which will be given away in a drawing at our General Meeting this month, Tuesday March 26th.

NPPNW – The Spring Conference of the Nature Photographers of the Pacific Northwest (NPPNW) will be held on Saturday, April 6th and feature photographer Frans Lanting.

<u>The Palouse</u> – Frank Townsend and Jack Lien are working on a weekend trip for July (details can be found page 6 or via upcoming email announcements).

<u>Future Position Openings</u> – Our club year ends in June when I will be stepping down as your President. Rosalind Phillips will transition into that position. Openings for service to your club exist for several other positions that will have vacancies at that time, including <u>Vice President</u>, <u>Digital Group Chair</u>, <u>Treasurer</u>, <u>Newsletter Editor</u>, <u>NWCCC Representative</u>, <u>NWCCC Traveling Prints Coordinator</u> and the club needs a <u>Data Entry</u> person for the <u>Thurston County Fair</u> photo contest, as well as an <u>understudy</u> for our <u>chairperson</u> to be able to take over the following year. It takes many people to keep our club running smoothly. While there are some people that have expressed an interest in some of these positions, if you have any interest at all in helping out, please let us know. Many hands make for a much lighter work load.

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Cool Abstracts

Submitted by Rosalind Philips, RosalindPhilips@comcast.net

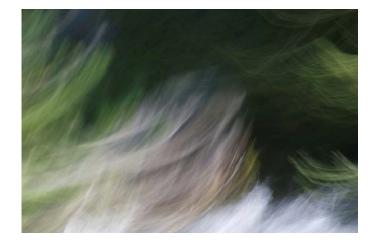
I am always interested in finding new ways to look at images. One of the many newsletters that I subscribe to is one by Lee Varis. This month's newsletter contained an interesting technique to make photo mandela.

The link to the tutorial is: http://blog.varis.com/2011/11/10/how-world-of-photomandalas/?utm_source=Master+List&utm_campaign=404f8914d9-

Varis_Spring_Workshops&utm_medium=email

I did the tutorial and this is what I came up with. What do you think? I think it is a great way to breathe life into images.

Original Image:



First Attempt:



Second Attempt:



Columbia Gorge Waterfalls

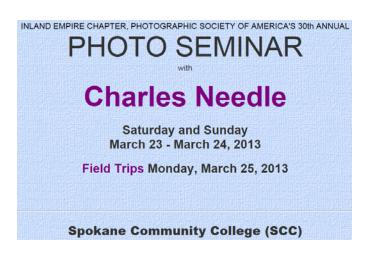
Saturday, April 20th, 2013, 9:30 am

By Frank Townsend, Frank townsend@comcast.net

I'm sure everyone is familiar with Multnomah Falls along Interstate 84 in the Columbia Gorge. But, have you seen Horsetail Falls or Shepherds Dell? On Saturday, April 20 I will drive along old Highway 30, parallel to the Interstate and visit at least six falls, only one of which can be seen from I-84. None reach the magnitude of Multnomah but each are incredible. Along the way we will stop at an overlook to view Crown Point, then we'll stop at Crown Point to visit that historic site. Sunset may find us back at one of these sites to watch the setting sun light up the Gorge. Or, sunset could be a draw to Multnomah, the best lighting I've ever seen there was at sunset.

I'll leave from the Panda Express parking lot in the Fred Meyer shopping center on Trosper Ave at 8 AM. Bring a tripod and I would recommend a wide angle lens. You should also bring lunch, snacks, and drinks. We'll stop for dinner on the way home. I always recommend a tripod and for this trip I suggest a wide angle lens. You might consider some neutral density filters if you want to get the slow shutter feathery look to the falls. Mark your calendars now.

http://www.psainlandempire.org/seminar/ index.html



Frans Lanting NPPNW Guest Speaker, Saturday, April 6th

By Frank Townsend, Frank townsend@comcast.net

Else where in the in this issue of the newsletter you will find an announcement and registration form for the April 6 meeting of the Nature Photographers of the Pacific Northwest (NPPNW). I had intended on writing a brief biography on Frans but everything I found says pretty much the same thing as the biography in the meeting announcement, so I'll share some of my personal thoughts. I first became aware of Frans Lanting about the time I joined the Olympic Camera Club. He, along with Galen Rowell, were often featured in Outdoor Photographer and other magazines I read at the time. I was more familiar with his work than anyone besides Art Wolf. A video featuring him and Galen was the first I owned and I attended an Inland Empire conference in Spokane when Frans was the speaker. You can visit his web site or National Geographic's to gain more insight, but take my word Frans Lanting is truly one of the premiere photographers of our time.

The event will be held in Eugene, OR which is a pretty long journey for us. Because of this I will be going Friday and have decided to take advantage of the rate Phoenix Inn has offered. If you want to go and can leave on Friday I would be happy to have your ride along or caravan. There are a number of motels in the area whose price is less than Phoenix's and you can find them with a quick internet search. If you are interested in displaying your shots (I think you should) follow the instructions on the announcement. The competition is very friendly and you may be critiqued by Frans himself.

On Friday night many of those attending get together to discuss recent travels and photos. During the past several Friday night sessions the speaker has joined the group and participated in a less formal atmosphere than the Saturday session. I won't guarantee that Frans will participate, but I'm told he will be in the hotel early enough to do so. Please call or email me for questions or to let me know if you are going. www.lanting.com I recommend it.

Call for Photos of Abandoned Homes and Farms

By Frank Townsend, Frank townsend@comcast.net

I received the following request for photographs in an email from Richard Taylor and am passing the request on so that you can decide whether you wish to participate or not. Several members of our club have visited the site and feel it is genuine and interesting. Before you decide you should look it over and even ask questions at the email address provided.

"Hello - my wife and I have recently begun a blog about the beauty in abandoned homes and farms called <u>abandonedbeauty.net</u>, and we're hoping to feature the work of amateur photographers.

What we're looking for – ideally – are sets of more than one image of homes and farm buildings that have been abandoned, but still show vestiges of the original beauty of their design. We'd especially love to have a little bit of info about the home – at least where it's located, how the photographer found it, maybe something of the history of the house.

Above all, we'd like to have excellent photographs!

We want to give full credit to the photographers – links, email address, whatever they'd like. We'll also be happy to note copyrights where applicable.

Could you pass this along to your membership? We'd love to have the chance to feature their work in what we hope will become a popular blog. If your members have something they think we'd like to feature, please have them contact me at richard@rtastudio.com."

Photo Show Opportunities

By Christian Weinreich, Christianweinreich@reachone.com

Lightbox Photography Gallery, Astoria OR (http://lightbox-photographic.com/exhibitions/thenude/)
This gallery is well worth checking each month or so because they have different themed shows, and a lot of the stuff is quite good. Some of the nude images that are up this month are stunning.

Chris Weinreich has a show in downtown Olympia that will be up thru Arts Walk. Some of his older pics, scenics, horses, yogas, no nudes nor dancers. Its at Thomas Architecture Studio, Inc., 109 Capitol Way N (between Browsers Books and the tattoo shop). Hours are Monday thru Friday, 8 to 5.

Other Upcoming art show calls:

Call to Artists - Juried Maritime Art Exhibit

Victoria Blackwell Curator, Exhibits & Collections Harbor History Museum 4121 Harborview Drive Gig Harbor, WA 98335 253-858-6722 ext 5 www.harborhistorymuseum.org

Entries are now being accepted for the 2013 Juried Maritime Art Exhibit at the Harbor History Museum in Gig Harbor, Wash.

Attached is a prospectus with entry guidelines and information on the painting workshop presented by guest juror Kathy Collins.

Entries will be accepted through OnlineJuried-Shows.com only click the link below to go to the site. Scroll down to the Harbor History Museum logo featuring the 14th Annual Maritime Art Exhibit:

http://www.onlinejuriedshows.com/

Call to Artists - Sumner Fine Arts Festival

Presented by the Sumner Downtown Association August 2, 3, & 4, Jury process is now open for artists interested in participating in the Sumner Fine Arts Festival For more information, please visit our website at www.sumnerdowntown.com or call 253.720.9846

Prospectus and application attached here

Application deadline March 31, 2013

Laurie A. Miller Program Manager 253-720-9846 Cell

Calls for art & volunteers: Shoreline Arts Festival



Call to Artists - Opportunities

Community Event **Auburn Art Walk** --- **Call to Artists** <u>www.auburnartwalk.com</u> Auburn's 3rd Annual Art Walk on Friday, May 10, 5:00-9:00 PM, *Apply to participate today! Deadline: March* 15, 2013.

Artists are teamed with local businesses for a fun night of art and wine tasting. If you are interested in participating in this event as an artist, please apply! Original art work accepted includes but is not limited to: oil, watercolor, photography, metal, wood, pottery, drawings, glass art, jewelry and mixed media.

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Photo Gear Swap Meet & Sale Saturday March 16, 2013

9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Edge Lake Mobile Home Park - Community Center 3928 21st Ave SE, Lacey WA 98503

This is an opportunity to BUY, SELL or TRADE photo gear. WHO: All local photographers that wish to participate or just check stuff out. Participants include Olympia Camera Club members, Olympia Photographers Meet Up Group members and anyone else that is interested. WHAT: Tables will be available INDOORS for sellers who are REGIS-TERED. WHEN: Saturday, March 16th from 9:00 A.M. WHERE: Edge Lake Mobile Home Park - Community Center, 3928 21st Ave SE, Lacey, WA. This is the location that the Olympia Camera Clubs Critique Group meets. **REGISTRATION** for table space is being handled by the Olympia Photographers Meet Up Group at: http://www.meetup.com/ Olympia-Photographers/events/16219909/ COST: NO CHARGE, however you may be asked to help cover the cost of an ad in the Olympian if one is run. See discussion at the link above. QUESTIONS: Post questions at the above website.

Tacoma Photography Society is having the annual Spring Fair Photo Contest, questions contact robertam55@clearwire.net WIN CASH PRIZES!!

The 12th Annual Spring Fair Photo Contest, sponsored by Tacoma Photographic Society is now accepting entries. Deadline for entry is April 10th, 2013. ENTRIES WILL BE EXHIBITED IN THE SPRING FAIR, at the Washington State Fair Grounds in Puyallup, April 18th -21st 2013. PRIZES are: Best of Show \$100, Second place \$80 and Third place \$50, plus Awards of Merit. Entry fee: \$10 per photo, with a limit of 5 photos per maker. All the details are on the entry form, available on the TPS website http://tacomaphoto.org/ just click on the pink tulips. Roberta Marshall, Secretary Tacoma Photographic Society

Phototunities for Shooting

A listing of events of visual interest for Olympia Camera Club members

Submitted by Gene Pardee, gene@egp-photo.com

April 1–30 Mount Vernon, Burlington, La Conner

Skagit Valley Tulip Festival

The area's tulip farms open for self-guided tours, and community celebrations take place throughout the Skagit Valley all month. (360) 428-5959, tulipfestival.org

April 13–14, 20–21 Holland America Bulb Farms, Woodland

Woodland Tulip Festival

Tour the display gardens while enjoying live music, foods and an arts-and-crafts fair. (360) 225-4512, habf.net

April 20-May 12 Hulda Klager Lilac Gardens, Woodland

Lilac Days

Experience the tranquility of the Victorian-era farmhouse—open during the festival for tours—and colorful gardens of the famed lilac hybridizer Hulda Klager. lilacgardens.com

April 27 Downtown Olympia

Procession of the Species Celebration

The capital city's colorful parade encourages artistic expression—through imaginative animal and plant costumes—to inspire appreciation and protection of the natural world. (360) 705-1087, procession.org

Source: http://www.aaawashingtonjourney.com/ events/

Visit the Palousse

By Frank Townsend, frank townsend@comcast.net

Jack Lien, and I have had several discussions regarding a club trip to the Palouse. Jack has offered to guide us to some of the best photo locations so that we can each get a prize winning shot. We have also discussed experimenting with night photography and painting with light. There are 2 to 3 rooms available at Jack's home and he has offered to set up cots. He has offered to let those with trailers to set up in his pasture, though there is no power there. If we fill those accommodations he has arrangements with the Best Western in Colfax for about \$100 per night including tax, if you look at their prices on the internet you will agree this is quite a deal. There is another motel in Colfax but you will have to make your own arrangements with them.

If you haven't met Jack, his reputation as a highly sought-after instructor and guide is rooted in his knowledge and expertise of both photographic principles and his understanding of nature. He leads nature and wildlife photo tours and workshops. Jack is passionate about photographing the spiritual essence and natural grandeur of this place called the Palouse and is the only photo tour company to offer over a dozen photo tours to the Palouse each year. Jack also leads tours to Yellowstone and recently took a group including several OCC members to San Diego.

All of this will take place on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday July 12 through July 14. In order to get enough time for shooting I encourage you to arrive Friday. I would like to hear from you early if you intend on going, if there is not enough interest we may cancel so that Jack can have his weekend back.

OUR 25th MEETING!

The Nature Photographers of the Pacific Northwest spring meeting will be **April 6** at the University of Oregon in Eugene, OR. We will open the doors at 8:30 AM, and the program will begin at 10 AM. The invited speaker will be **FRANS LANTING.** Frans has been hailed as one of the great nature photographers of our time. His influential work appears in books, magazines, and exhibitions around the world. A former director of photography at *National Geographic* has said "He has the mind of a scientist, the heart of a hunter, and the eyes of a poet." Frans' morning presentation is entitled "Eye to Eye with Life" and his afternoon presentation is "Cheetahs on the Run" (See the Nov. 2012 issue of the *National Geographic*). See Frans' website at www.lanting.com.

Do bring your digital camera bodies for sensor cleanings at a bargain price by Advanced Camera.

The projected image competition will be exclusively digital. Send a maximum of three digital files as email attachments, each smaller than 3 MB in size, to NPPNW.submissions@gmail.com. Include text in your email message that describes the attachments. Your digital files must be received no later than *Friday, March 29*.

PLEASE ALSO NOTE THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS FOR DIGITAL PHOTO SUBMISSIONS: The file names for submitted images **must** have the format: PhotoTitle_by_PhotographerName_X.jpg, where "PhotoTitle" is your title for the photo, "PhotographerName" is your name, and X is a 1-character code of P, S or W for Plantlife, 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 competitions are the same as those for the projected images. We will again 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.

From Interstate 5, take Exit 194B onto I-105 West. Stay to the right and take Exit 2, keep left and follow the signs to the University of Oregon. Proceed in the left lane over the Ferry Street Bridge, exiting onto Broadway, which becomes Franklin Blvd. At the first stop light on Franklin Blvd. turn right onto Alder St. Drive four blocks and turn left on 14th Street. Park in Lot 16A on your left. Walk east to Columbia Hall which is located near the intersection of 13th St. and University St. (Follow the red balloons.)

For those that wish to arrive on Friday (April 5), a block of rooms has been reserved at the Phoenix Inn Suites. Please contact the Inn directly to reserve a room (800-344-0131). If you identify yourself as a member of the **Nature Photographers of the Pacific Northwest**, you will receive a special rate of \$95 plus tax for one or two persons. From Interstate 5, exit onto I-105 West. Stay to the right and take Exit 2 and then keep left and follow the signs to the University of Oregon. Proceed over the Ferry Street Bridge, exiting onto Broadway, which becomes Franklin Blvd. The Phoenix Inn (850 Franklin Blvd.) will be on your right at the first traffic light after exiting the bridge. The Inn will be the site of an informal conversation among **NPPNW** members beginning at 7:30 PM on Friday evening.

The Nature Photographers of the Pacific Northwest:

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

SEMIANNUAL MEMBERSHIP/PREREGISTRATION

Name(s)	
Single membership	\$10
Two members, one address	\$15
Three members, one address	\$20
Four members, one address	\$25
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	Photographers of the Pacific Northwest and mail 97322. On site membership/registration will be \$
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The **Nature Photographers of the Pacific Northwest** meets twice a year, rotating meeting sites. The primary purpose of the **NPPNW** is to share information about nature and wildlife photography and thereby to promote the growth and development of its members. Our next meeting will be **Nov. 2, 2013** in the Portland area.

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OCC Board Meeting Minutes, March 6th, 2013

Submitted By Chris Weinreich, Secretary, Christianweinreich@reachone.com

The meeting was held at the Mekong Restaurant, Olympia, and was called to order at 6:40 pm.

Present were: President Gene Pardee, Vice-President Rosalind Philips, Secretary Chris Weinreich, Community Liaison Wes Kirkpatrick, Newsletter Editor Cornelia Kirkpatrick, and Social Programs Frank & Terri Townsend (Treasurer Shauna Good was absent).

February Minutes: Chris moved for the approval of the February minutes and Frank seconded. Gene made a correction to the February minutes, he clarified that the club records archived on DVD, cover the circa 2004-2005. With that correction noted, the minutes passed.

Treasurer's Report for February 2013 (Shauna sent the report to the board members by e-mail).

Beginning Balance, 1/31/13			\$1,137.00
Income:	Dues collected	\$95.36	
Deposit Returned from City of Oly (Holiday Party)		\$50.00	\$145.36
Expenses:	Paypal refund fee (2 members paid dues twice)	\$0.60	
PSA Membership Dues (3 years)		\$120.00	\$120.60
Ending Balance, 2/28/13			\$1,161.76
Savi	ngs Ending Balance, 1/31/13		\$1,377.82

President's report: Gene said that Nikon will hold their Nikon School for photographers April 6 & 7 (SeaTac) and the club received two free tickets, one for each day. A discussion followed about how to allocate the two tickets and it was decided to have a drawing for them at the upcoming March 26th, general meeting.

A point was raised about some sort of honorarium for outside speakers at club meetings. A discussion followed and it was the general consensus that it was better to give them a certificate or a mug, than a nominal amount of money which could be perceived as insulting.

Calendar: Gene reminded everyone of the photo gear swap meet on Sat., March 16 at the community center in Edge Lake Mobile Home Park (3928 21st Ave SE, Lacey WA) and also of the field trip to the Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge, Saturday, March 9.

General Meeting: Rosalind said the club's web master, Dave Simmerman, will be the speaker at this month's general meeting. He will talk about the club's web site and how to post things on it.

Digital Group: This month's subject will be low light photography

Critique Group: This month's subject will be low light photography

Community Liaison: Rosalind said the Nature Conservatory asked for someone to do data entree for all their pictures. Rosalind offered to set up the spread sheet but not do the data entry, it's too massive a job.

Wes said, the Tacoma Photographic Society is soliciting entrees for the Spring Fair at the Puyallup fair grounds. Deadline is April 10th. Further information is available on the Society's web site.

Newsletter: Cornelia said she will need copy by Saturday, Feb. 9th.

Social Programs/Field Trips: Frank is planning a day trip to the bulb farm in Mossy Rock and the Woodland lilac farm. The tentative date is April 27. Also in the works is a trip to the Palouse, the weekend of July 12-14.

Nature Photographers of the Pacific Northwest (NPPNW): Per Frank, the organizations spring meeting will be April 6 at the University of Oregon in Eugene, starting at 10 AM. The invited speaker is Frans Lanting.

Equipment: No report.

Old Business and New Business: None

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.

March 2013 Olympia Camera Club Monthly Meetings

Monthly Digital Meeting, Second Tuesday of the Month

March 12th from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Westside of Olympia

Digital Topic of Interest: "Low Light Photography" and bring your camera/tripod.

Contact, Rosalind Philips at Rosalind Philips@comcast.net

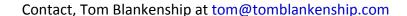


Monthly Photo Critique Meeting, Third Tuesday of the Month

March 19th, from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

Edge Lake Mobile Home Park - Community Center, 3928 21st Ave SE, Lacey 98503

Critique Topic of Interest: "People" – Portraits in both natural and artificial light.







Koffee Klatch Meet up, Every Other Wednesday Morning March 13th, and **27th,** from 9:00 am to 11:00 am

Panera's Bakery, 2525 Capitol Mall Drive SW, Westside of Olympia Open discussions about photography and other topics of interest. Contact, Wes Kirkpatrick at wesk67@gmail.com

General Meeting, Fourth Tuesday of the Month March 26th, from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Westside of Olympia

Contact, Gene Pardee at gene@egp-photo.com
http://www.olympiacameraclub.org/activities/occ-meetings/event/





Monthly Business Meeting, First Wednesday of the Month April 3th, 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Meeting at Mekong Restaurant (Downtown Olympia, 125 Columbia St. NW)

Open to all, members and guests are welcome to attend.

For more information contact: Gene Pardee, President gene@egp-photo.com



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