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President's Remarks

This month finds me in Orange County California. I missed our board meeting as a result, so I have nothing to report from that. I trust that you will find information from that meeting from other sources in this newsletter.

From the March General Meeting, I am happy to announce that the winners of drawing for the Nikon Photography School tickets were Tom Blankenship and Jodi Cox. Congratulations to both and hope you enjoyed the opportunity.

I'm very pleased with the way your club is running. We seem to have no lack of quality activities thanks to very active members, especially our board members. Work needs doing, and someone steps up and I, for one, am grateful.

Speaking of "stepping up", last month I gave a list of several open positions for our next fiscal year. I am happy to report that all positions have been filled except two important ones. We still need to fill the Vice President and Treasurer positions. When I accepted the nomination that led to me serving as president, I was told that I would be supported. I have had outstanding support, and I further pledge my support to anyone stepping up to these positions.

If you would like more information, please feel free to contact the individuals that currently occupy these positions (see last page for contact information) or myself.

Well, I was able to get this out while on the road. I'm grateful to the Mission Viejo Public Library for the use of their Wi-Fi connection that enabled me to create this missive. We will see you in a week or so.

Gene Pardee, President,

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Columbia Gorge Waterfalls

Saturday, April 20th, 2013, 8:00 am

By Frank Townsend, frank_townsend@comcast.net

Probably everyone is familiar with the majestic Multnomah Falls along the Columbia River, it is the most visited natural attraction in Oregon with over 2.5 million visitors annually. The second highest year-round waterfall in the US, Multnomah Falls is the highest waterfall in the Columbia River Gorge with a total drop of 620 feet. Certainly we will visit Multnomah Falls but along the way we will be travelling along old highway 30 and will stop at Latourell Falls, with a 249 foot drop. We will also spend time at Wahkeena Falls, Sheperds Dell and Horsetail Falls. Another fall along the route is Bridal Veil Falls, interesting but not as easily accessible as the others. Our first stop will be the Women's Forum Overlook where we will photograph the Crown Point Vista House then we will move on to the Vista House itself before making our way to the first of the falls.

All of this will take place on Saturday, April 20. At 8:00 AM we will carpool from the Panda Express parking lot in the Fred Meyer shopping center, the corner of Trospen Ave and Little Rock Road in Tumwater. Bring drinks, snacks or lunch. There is water available at Crown Point and Multnomah Falls, as well as food at Multnomah Falls. I always recommend a good tripod. If you are trying for that feathery waterfall look bring along a neutral density filter so that you can use longer shutter speeds. And don't miss the next trip.....

Tulips And Lilacs And More

Saturday, May 4th, 8:00 am

Folks come from near and far to visit the Skagit Valley tulip fields every year, but we will wisely avoid the crowds with a trip to Mossyrock to visit the DeGoede Bulb Farm and Garden. DeGoede's offers access to acres of tulips in a variety of colors. A small garden adjoining their hot houses and nursery sales gives an even larger variety. I believe you will be impressed. From Mossyrock we'll travel south to Woodland and a visit to the Holland America bulb farm for even more tulip fields and gardens. Just as you tire of tulips we will move on to the Hulda Klager Lilac Gardens (\$2).

This is an 1880's Victorian farmhouse and garden full of lilac trees, some of which were planted by Hulda Klager herself back in 1910. lilacgardens.com. Our adventure need not end here. If there is time we can move on to the Cedar Creek Grist Mill built in 1876. If we make it before closing we'll be given a tour and a sack of ground wheat or corn. If we are too late we can still take some great photographs of the exterior of the mill.

This all happens Saturday May 4. We will carpool at 8 AM from the Panda Express parking lot in the Fred Meyer shopping center on the corner of Trospen Ave and Little Rock Road in Tumwater. Bring drinks, snacks, and lunch, whatever to get you through the day. I recommend a tripod. If you have a macro lens, close up filters, or extension tubes this would be a good trip to take them on so that you can get really close to some of the flowers.

Visit the Palouse

Friday—Sunday, July 12—14th, 2013

By Frank Townsend, frank_townsend@comcast.net

Weekend camera club trip to the Palouse, the trip dates are Friday, Saturday, and Sunday July 12 through July 14. In order to get enough time for shooting I encourage you to arrive Friday. Jack Lien has offered to guide us to some of the best photo locations so that we can each get a prize winning shot. 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.

I would like to hear from you if you are planning to go by April 23rd, the general meeting. If there is not enough interest we may cancel so that Jack can have his weekend back. Send me an email and let me know of your participation and plans for this fantastic OCC photo opportunity in the Palouse frank_townsend@comcast.net.

2013 PSA International Conference

South Portland Maine

September 15th—21st, 2013

By Frank Townsend, Frank_townsend@comcast.net

Readers may recall that last October I gave a report and wrote an article on how much I enjoyed the PSA Conference in San Francisco, well I'm ready to do it all again. This year's conference is in South Portland Maine, and is the 75th Annual Conference of PSA. The conference offers classes, field trips, workshops, lectures and an opportunity to meet photographers from around the world.

The Featured Tours:

- Kennebunkport Trolley and River Cruise;
- Portland City tour with an extended stop at the Victorian Mansion;
- A tour of Old York, Cape Neddick and the Nubble Lighthouse;
- Sunset at Portland Head Light followed by Astral Photography/light painting;
- Portland Head Light, Bug Light, Narrow Gage Rail Road;
- Bill Johnson Museum and Well's Nature Center; Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens and Booth Bay Harbor Cruise;
- Freeport, LL Bean, Cruise to Eagle Island (Lighthouse and Harbor Wildlife);
- Portland by sea - Lighthouse and Fort Scammel tour;
- Bath Maritime Museum, Bath Iron Works and river cruise;
- And an Aerial Photo Safari.



The April 2013 PSA Journal has an extensive article on the upcoming conference (pp. 20-27). Also, see the online info, the [conference](#) itself is \$175 for members \$220 for non PSA members, its actually a little cheaper to join and pay the lesser conference fee. The tours range from \$45 to \$244, the higher price as you can imagine is the Aerial Tour, only one other is over \$100. If you are interested get in touch with me. Check out PSA on Facebook for more information and keep in touch with either Wes Kirkpatrick or me. If you choose this trip you won't be sorry.

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 26-27 Spring Arts Walk, Downtown Olympia

[Arts Walk](#)

Friday, Luminary Procession 9:00 pm

Saturday, Procession of the Species 4:30 pm

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

April 26—28th Shorebird Festival, Grays Harbor National Wildlife Refuge

Celebrating the spring migration of shorebirds in Grays Harbor County (Bowerman Basin).

<http://www.shorebirdfestival.com/>

	High Tide	Best Viewing
Friday, April 26	2:55pm	12:55pm - 4:55pm
Saturday, April 27	3:45pm	1:45pm - 5:45pm
Sunday, April 28	4:35pm	2:35pm - 6:35pm

The Amazing Olympia Camera Club Website

By Rosalind Philips, RosalindPhilips@comcast.net

Dave Simmerman, the OCC webmaster, gave an extremely informative presentation on how to use our OCC website at the March general meeting. Those present learned about how to use features of our website such as the member galleries and the discussion forums. The OCC Board would like to encourage all members to use the website so that it becomes a vibrant exchange of photography ideas between us all.

Membership

All members with up-to-date dues are eligible to participate in the galleries and discussions. To get started:

1. Go to OCC Website at <http://www.olympiacameraclub.org/> and choose Member Login.
2. Type in your login or choose create an account. If you have forgotten your password or username, you can click on those options to have them emailed to you.
3. TIP: If you had an account on the old website or have not used your account for years, the forgotten emails may not work for you. In that case, close the login widow, click on Contact and send an email message to Dave Simmerman describing your problem. His name is at the bottom of the contact list.

What's on the Site?

So here is a quick orientation to the site. The first thing I do when I look at a new site is check out all the menu options. Everyone organizes a website differently and so it is good to get familiar with the menus.

The **ABOUT** menu has links to the By-Laws of the Club, describes the Photographic Society of America, has a place for members to submit interesting links and describes the Olympia community. I suggest that one of the first things you do is submit a link to your personal website.

The **Membership** menu takes you to a screen where you can join the club and pay your dues.

The **Resources** menu is where most of us will spend our time. Access the member galleries, discussion groups and information about the critique and digital meeting groups.

The **Activities** menu is where you get information about the calendar, field trips, competitions, and annual

activities such as the Scavenger Hunt, Thurston County Fair and Planning Picnic.

The last two menu items are **Newsletter** and **Contact**.

Member Galleries

This is an opportunity for members to share their photographs with others.

1. Choose Resources, Member Galleries, Gallery Upload Rules/Help to learn how to upload images. At this time, you can only upload one image at a time.
2. Choose Member Galleries to view the work of others.

OCC Forum Discussion Groups

This is an opportunity to have vibrant discussion on photographic issues with other club members. Possible topics might be to ask for help with a photo issue, share an interesting article or blog, suggest possible field trips for the club, invite club members to join you at a favorite shooting location, post an image for critique, the possibilities are endless.

Currently there are forums groups for Introducing Yourself, Places to Photograph, Digital Group Topics, Video Group Topics, Critique Group Topics and Suggestions.

1. The first thing you want to do is subscribe to the categories under the forum groups. That way you will receive emails when new posts are made in that category.
2. To add a new topic to the category, just click the New Topic button. A new window opens up and you start typing. Notice that you can format your text and attach files. Also notice that you can choose a topic icon to indicate a question, an aha etc. Make sure to leave the subscribe checkbox checked at the bottom of the message window.

I hope that all members take a moment to visit the OCC Website, <http://www.olympiacameraclub.org/>, and start to take advantage of its features.

Coming soon for the website, watch for a new module on the home page, a full size gallery.

Website Stats for March 2013	Mar-13	Last Reported Month (Jul 12)	Change Increase (Decrease)	Percentage of Change
Number of Visits	238	278	(40)	-17%
Number of Unique Visitors	190	265	(75)	-39%
Number of Page Views	1306	893	413	32%
Pages per Visit	5.5	3.2	2.3	42%
Ave Visit Duration (minutes:seconds)	0:04	1:34	-0:44	-47%
Percentage of New Visits	41.2%	61.2%	lower	
Bounce Rate (one page viewed)	69.8%	88.1%	lower % better	

A Surreal Sunset—The Story Behind

From APN-Photography School

Submitted By Frank Townsend,

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I received this from APN and thought it was a cool story with information to share (see links).

<http://www.apnphotographyschool.com/?s=APN>

A Surreal Sunset

<http://www.apnphotographyschool.com/a-surreal-sunset-the-story-behind/>

Article includes these links and others:

Shooting Memorable Sunsets

<http://www.apnphotographyschool.com/sunset-photography-how-to-shoot-memorable-sunsets/>

Demystifying HDR

<http://www.apnphotographyschool.com/demystifying-hdr-high-dynamic-range-myths-and-truths/>

Photographing Silhouettes

<http://www.apnphotographyschool.com/6-quick-tips-for-taking-captivating-silhouette-photographs/>

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The Projector Winter 2013

Submitted By Frank Townsend, PSA

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The Photographic Society of America (PSA) is a worldwide organization for anyone interested in photography. The society includes casual shutterbugs, serious amateurs, and professional photographers.

FIRST TIMER'S VIEW ON THE
PSA CONFERENCE IN SAN FRANCISCO
By Bill Sutton

I have been a member of PSA for approximately three years. Because of job commitments and con-



OCC Board Meeting Minutes,

April 3rd, 2013

Submitted By Chris Weinreich, Secretary,
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The meeting was held at the Mekong Restaurant, Olympia, and was called to order at 6:30 pm.

Present were: Vice President, Rosalind Phillips; Secretary, Chris Weinreich; Treasurer, Shauna Good; Community Liaison, Wesley Kirkpatrick; Social Programs, Frank & Terri Townsend. President, Gene Pardee and Newsletter Editor, Cornelia Kirkpatrick were not in attendance.

March Minutes: Chris moved for the approval of the March minutes and Shauna seconded. There were no additions/corrections/deletions noted.

President's report: Vice President Rosalind announced that the two Nikon School tickets were raffled off at the last General Meeting and Tom Blankenship won one for Saturday and Jodi Cox won the other one for Sunday. The subject of the honorarium was discussed and it was suggested that Karen Schultz said she would make Olympia Camera Club mugs to present to guest speakers for our appreciation and these mugs would also be made available to the club members. Rosalind remind the board that Shauna will be stepping down as Treasurer and there hasn't been a replacement yet. Cornelia will be stepping down as Newsletter Editor and Teri Dean has accepted to continue with it, Nandita is stepping down as Traveling Prints and Cornelia has accepted this position. Frank and Terri will be co-chairing with Allynn this year with the Thurston County Fair Salon.

Calendar: There will be a semi-annual conference for the Natures Photographers of the Pacific Northwest to be held on the campus of the University of Washington on April 6, 2013 and the guest speaker is Frans Lanting. There will also be a field trip in April to the Columbia Gorge.

General Meeting: The April General Meeting will be a Member's Theme Slide show. Rosalind said she would write an article about using the clubs Website.

House: Shauna said Gloria Dei Church rental has been paid up through the end of the year.

Digital Group: This month's subject will be workflow and entering on-line competitions

Critique Group: This month's subject will be animal photography

Community Liaison: Wes had nothing to report.

Newsletter: Cornelia wants all articles submitted no later than April 6th.

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.

Equipment: No report.

Old Business and New Business: None

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

April 2013

Olympia Camera Club Monthly Meetings

Monthly Digital Meeting, Second Tuesday of the Month

April 9th from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Westside of Olympia

Digital Meeting Topic: "Digital Workflow" and "Online Photo Competitions"

Contact, Rosalind Philips at RosalindPhilips@comcast.net



Monthly Photo Critique Meeting, Third Tuesday of the Month

April 16th, from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

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

Critique Meeting Subject of the Month: "Animals"

Contact, Tom Blankenship at tom@tomblankenship.com



Koffee Klatch Meet up, Every Other Wednesday Morning

April 10th, and 24th, 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

April 23rd, from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Westside of Olympia

Program: Members' Presentations/Sharing Night

Contact, Gene Pardee at gene@egp-photo.com

<http://www.olympiacameraclub.org/activities/occ-meetings/event/>



Monthly Business Meeting, First Wednesday of the Month

May 1st, 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.

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