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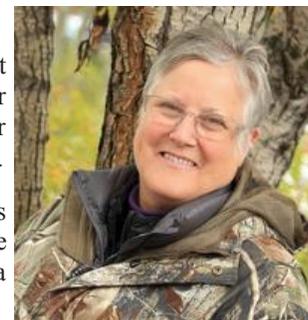
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President's Corner by Colleen Easley

I am honored, but also a bit daunted to be writing my first President's Corner article. Along with the privilege of being your president comes great responsibility. I hope to live up to your expectations for the coming year and see our club grow and flourish.

I'd like to offer my thanks and appreciation to our previous president, Rosalind Philips for her leadership and guidance. We've made some positive changes under her watch, and she has laid a good foundation for me to build on during my tenure.



The month of June seems to have flown by especially fast. We had a great General Meeting with members sharing some of their photos from the previous year; many in beautiful slide shows. We also held officer elections and welcomed a new club secretary, Judy Mason, and re-elected John Damitio as Treasurer. Thank you John and Judy for your willingness to serve. I also want to say thank you and farewell to long time club secretary, Chris Weinreich. Sadly, the position of Vice President remains vacant. I'd like to chat with you if you have any interest in filling that position. Rosalind also introduced this year's Scavenger Hunt guidelines. These are posted on the Club's website under activities.

The June field trip to some of the lighthouses of Puget Sound was awesome. The weather cooperated and gave us some spectacular clouds. Everyone seems to have had a wonderful time. Look for some of the resulting images on the Field Trip gallery page of the Club's website. Thanks again to Frank Townsend for organizing this trip and all the others you have led over the past years. We are slowly building a Field Trip Committee to help Frank with field trip ideas. If you'd like to join that group, contact Frank. We'll be having our first meeting soon.

For July and August we take a break from most of our regular meetings. I hope you will get out and enjoy the beautiful weather and bring home some great new images. The wildflowers are starting to bloom in the mountains and there are numerous festivities happening around town. Get your gear out there and make some photographs! I hope to see some of your images showing up in our new Facebook Group (www.facebook.com/groups/OlympiaCameraClub) and on your Flickr pages.

July will be occupied by our club's involvement with the Photography exhibit at the Thurston County Fair. Due date for photos is July 26 - I hope you're planning to enter some of your work. The Advanced Photographer's Group will continue to meet at the Edge Lake Mobile Home Park through the summer, and the August General Meeting will be replaced by the Annual Planning Potluck Picnic, August 26 at Priest Point Park.

Last month we sent out a survey to help us learn more about our members and their expectations for our club. I hope you have taken time to fill it out, but if you haven't please take a moment now and complete it. Find the survey here: <http://bit.ly/1opKY0X> The due date is July 15. We will have the results compiled in time for the August planning picnic.

Thank you all for being a part of our club in what ever capacity you serve. My goal for the coming year is that we continue to build "community" among our members and that by doing so, we all become better photographers.

Olympia Camera Club Board Minutes

July 1, 2014 @ 6 p.m.
Mekong Restaurant, Olympia

Persons present: President Colleen Easley, Past President Rosalind Philips, Secretary Judy Mason, Past Secretary Chris Weinreich, Treasurer John Damito, Community Liaison Wes Kirkpatrick, Tom Blankenship, Frank and Terri Townsend, and Dale Easley.

May Minutes: Chris moved that the May minutes be accepted as they appeared in the newsletter. Dale seconded and the minutes were approved.

Treasurer's report for June:

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| Beginning Balance: | \$ 1615.91 |
| Deposits: | \$ 358.86 |
| Membership Dues-\$26.32 | |
| Member deposits for E.D.-\$332.54 | |
| Expenses: | \$ 10.87 |
| Adobe Systems (PS rental)-\$10.87 | |
| End Balance | \$ 1963.90 |
| Savings | \$ 1379.96 |
| Total Club Assets | \$ 3343.86 |

President's Report: Colleen reported that 6 people shared slide shows of their photos at the general meeting. Among others these included images from Emerald Downs, the recent Olympia Air Show, plus a review of pictures presented at last years Scavenger Hunt. 31 members have responded to our club's online survey. The surveys are due by July 15th. Thereafter Colleen and Rosalind will compile the results which will be shared at the August planning picnic. Frank Townsend was thanked for the great field trip to light houses on the West side of Puget Sound held June 28th. Chris Weinreich's 10 plus years of service to the club as secretary was gratefully acknowledged.

Calendar: There will be no fundamentals group meeting for July or August. Enjoy taking pictures during the good weather instead. The advanced group will meet both months on the 3rd Tuesday at the Lake Edge Mobile Home Park Community Building in Lacey. The proposed barbecue for the July advanced meeting was scrapped. In lieu of a general meeting in July the big event for the Olympia Camera Club will be the Thurston Co. Fair. Beautifully made brochures about our club were prepared by Tom Blankenship, Teri Dean and her

daughter for distribution at the fair. The club's annual planning session/potluck-picnic will be the 4th Tuesday of August at the Rose Garden Pavilion in Priest Point Park.

Social Programs/Field Trips: The new Field Trip Committee volunteers are Gary Wells, Rosalind Philips, Al Balch, Linda Pardee, Colleen Easley and Frank Townsend. A field trip to Hurricane Ridge is being planned for either July 12th or 19th. On Sat. August 23rd there will be a field trip to the Deception Pass area of Whidbey Island. Judy Mason will investigate prime photography locations. In September Gary Wells will lead to view points of Seattle that may include night scenes. It was discussed that although field trips have never been limited to just members non-members who come for 3 or 4 club field trips will be asked to join.

NPPNW (Nature Photographers of the Pacific Northwest): the NPPNW will hold its fall meeting Nov. 1st in Salem, OR.

PSA (Photo Society of America): The annual Meeting is in September in Albuquerque, NM.

NWCCC (NW Council of Camera Clubs): The traveling print judging will be held in October. Because we are permitted to submit a limited number of prints this is an opportunity for competition within our own group as well as among the other NW camera clubs.

Community Liaison: Wes said that the sponsors of the Air Show, who distributed just a limited number of free tickets to our club this time, are still waiting for photos from 2 of our members.

Prior to the Board Meeting Lynn Stenberg of Love Our Local Fest spoke briefly about the NE Neighborhood Association's planned street fair to be held Sunday August 24th between 1:00 to 9:00 pm at the intersection of San Francisco and Bethel Streets in Olympia. The event features arts, crafts, vendors, entertainment and food. The group would like photographic coverage from our club and offered space for a booth as an in kind exchange. Colleen will investigate the cost of purchasing an Olympia Camera Club banner to use at such events.

Thurston County Fair: Frank still needs a few more volunteers to work at the fair. Members who work get free admission tickets. The fair runs July 30th to August 3rd. Submit images on Saturday, July 26th.

Old Business: Colleen said the club still needs a vice president, as well as someone to replace Gene Pardee for managing our equipment.

New Business: Rosalind was contacted by Vicki Potter, the Emerald Downs representative who arranged our May field trip, saying she just learned that because

Emerald Downs has an exclusive contract with a photographer *any Emerald Downs horse race images taken by our club members may not be sold or used for commercial purposes.* Roz will inquire whether this also applies to photos taken in the barn of Vicki's horse. Images can still be posted on public websites.

Tom Blankenship shared that by December he would like to step down as the chairman of the 3rd Tuesday advanced photography group. Will someone from among our many experienced photographers please volunteer to fill Tom's shoes?

The need to create an information/advance registration form for members who volunteer to photograph community functions was discussed. This would be particularly relevant when only a few free admission/parking slots are available. Under these circumstances other club members who choose to attend these events should not expect official Olympia Camera Club photographer privileges, such as free admission/parking, and will be under no obligation to share photos taken with the sponsoring agency. We asked that volunteers who commit to photographing an event please notify the community liaison if they are unable to perform their duty on the specified day. We will start brainstorming about the form.

We and Tom talked about existing sources of subject specific, study/critique/competition groups that our club might join for free (i.e. at DPreview) or emulate using the Olympia Camera Club's existing Flickr or Facebook galleries. This was suggested as a means for helping new members learn to improve their photos and also for invigorating the club.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm

Respectfully submitted by Judy Mason, Secretary

FUNDAMENTALS GROUP

Fundamentals Group is taking a hiatus for the summer. There will be no meeting in July or August. We will start up again on September 9, 2014 from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm at Capital High School. The topic will be composition. We will be talking about getting it right in the camera and if you didn't, how to use your photo editing software to make it right. I hope everyone has a wonderful summer, enters some photos in the Thurston County Fair, and volunteers to help out at the Love Our Local Fest on August 24th.

See you in September, Rosalind

GENERAL MEETING SUMMER SCHEDULE

JULY NO GENERAL MEETING

AUGUST PLANNING PICNIC

See article with details on page 4 of newsletter.

ADVANCED PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP JUNE 17, 2014—6:30 P.M. Edge Lake Community Center

2014 CHALLENGE SUBJECTS:

JULY—Machine(s) non-transportation
AUGUST—Downtown Olympia
SEPTEMBER—Olympia Capitol Campus (buildings or grounds)
OCTOBER—Percival Landing
NOVEMBER—Food
DECEMBER—Holiday (any religion)

RULES:

Each month the APG features both a challenge and a critique session (prints and/or jpgs). You are welcome to *bring a total of up to 9 images, but no more than 6 for either the challenge or critique session.* For instance, you could bring 5 challenge entries and 4 for critique, but not over 6 for either the challenge session or critique session. Finally, that 9 number is the grand total of images you may bring each month, including all of your prints and/or jpgs. Otherwise, mix and match as you wish.

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS?

Just send Tom Blankenship an e-mail or call him at 301-793-8500.

August Planning Picnic

By Colleen Easley

At the planning picnic members will discuss and decide activities, field trips, and topics and guest speakers for the general meetings for the upcoming calendar year. This is a favorite event and a great potluck picnic, so bring a dish to share, your appetite (plates, utensils, napkins provided) and lots of ideas for a fun year ahead.

Date: August 26, 2014

Time: 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Location: Priest Point Park - Shelter #1 (Rose Garden), 2600 East Bay Drive Northeast, Olympia WA 98506

This location has a covered picnic shelter that has water, electricity, a large flat grill, and plenty of parking.

DIRECTIONS: Travel north on East Bay Drive from 4th Avenue and take first right into the park and follow one-way lane. We will gather at Priest Point Park Shelter #1, the Rose Garden

Club Survey

by Colleen Easley

We need your input - If you haven't yet completed our 2014 - 2015 survey, please do it now! Here is a link to the survey: <http://bit.ly/1opKY0X>

In order to prepare for the next year of Camera Club activities, we have created a survey for all members with the hope that your answers will help us better mold our club around your needs. Please take a moment to answer the following questions before July 15.

Fundamentals of Photography and Advanced Photographers Groups: Since we made some big changes to our group structures last February, we are particularly interested in how you feel the new groups are working out. Your answers will help shape the future of those groups next fall.

We will compile the survey results and make them available at our annual Planning Picnic. You're invited to attend the Potluck Planning Picnic at 6 p.m. on August 26 at the Priest Point Park - Picnic Shelter #1. See the website calendar for details.

Thanks in advance for your participation.

Building Community With Flickr

by Colleen Easley, webmaster

One of the best parts of having a Flickr account is to be able to share your photos with other club members and also to see what they are posting. My goal is to follow each of our members who have Flickr accounts and hopefully for them to follow me back. I've tried to make that easy for you by posting a link at the top of each member gallery on the Club's website to that member's Flickr page. Just click that link and then when you land on their Flickr Photostream, click the "Follow" button. From that point on, each time you visit flickr.com you'll see the recent photos that member has posted. We currently have 18 members with member galleries. I hope you'll visit each of their galleries and click out to follow of each of them. Also, if someone follows you, you have the option to follow them back. Because Flickr allows us to comment on each other's photos, it's a great tool for building community. I hope you'll become a part of the OCC community on Flickr.

If you don't yet have a member gallery on the Club's website, visit the "Create a Gallery" page in the Member's Only Area of the website to learn how to get one set up. It's easier than you might think!

Thurston County Fair

by Frank Townsend

The biggest community service event of the year for our club is our annual presentation of the Photography Entries at the Thurston County Fair. Many members have stepped up to volunteer before and during the fair and I am extremely grateful for their service to the club, the fair and the community. During the fair we staff a table, mostly to see that the images are not tampered with but also to answer questions about the club, photography and the fair. We serve a 3 hour shift, and receive free admission to the fair on the day of our shift. We still have 5 unfilled shifts; the 7 to 10 shifts on Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday July 30 and 31 and August 2; as well as the 1 to 4 shift on Saturday August 2 and the 4 to 7 shift on Sunday August 3. As I said, you will receive a ticket for free admission so that you will have the rest of the day, before and after your shift to spend at the fair.

Members have been very generous in volunteering on Saturday July 26 and Sunday July 27 but we can always use one or two more, even for only part of the day. On Saturday we do intake and on Sunday judging. The judging is very interesting because we will often learn what judges are looking for in an image. Please call me or email me if you want to sign up for any of the mentioned shifts and don't forget to enter your own prints.

The Ol Lavender Fields Down Home

by Frank Townsend

On Saturday, July 12 please join me on a trip to Sequim to visit two lavender farms and to see the wild flowers of Hurricane Ridge. Colleen has arranged a visit to the Olympic Lavender Heritage Farm, the oldest in Sequim, and the Washington Lavender Farm one week before the crowds of the annual festival trample all the plants. After filling a memory card with photos of the plants and farm we will journey on to Hurricane Ridge where the wildflowers are reportedly in their prime.

Meet at Cooper Point Plaza near the new 5 Guys Burgers, on Cooper Point Rd just off Black Lake Blvd, from where we will leave at 8 AM. Don't block their parking, go off to the side where the vacant Old Navy building is located. Bring tripods, snacks, drinks and plenty of memory cards. We will stop along the way home for dinner.





www.LoveOurLocalFest.org

Sunday, August 24th - 1:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
San Francisco Ave NE and Bethel St. NE

The Love our Local Festival is a collaborative project of friends committed to bringing the best of our creative community out into the streets for a day of sharing and celebration. This year the Olympia Camera Club has been invited to participate in the festival. There will be many vendors, musicians, displays, bands and singing, etc. to enjoy and photograph. Our plan is to decorate a 10 x 10 booth with photos made by our club members to introduce our Camera Club to the community as well as to have several members photographing the occasion throughout the day. If you're entering photos in the Thurston County Fair, we'd love to be able to reuse your mounted photos for our booth.

We'll need volunteers for the booth to hand out brochures and to answer questions about the club or any other inquiries about photography. All levels of photographers are encouraged to help out during this fun event. We'll need help setting up our booth at 11:00 a.m., manning our table from 1:00 until 9:00 p.m., and then packing up our booth. It is our plan to create 2-3 hour shifts so that volunteers have time to enjoy the festival and also take some photos.

Please plan to join us! We'll set up a schedule so you can pick a time in our booth that works for you. The Love Our Local organization would also like to get photos from us of the event for their website. If you are volunteering for the booth, plan some time to do some photography as well. If you are not manning the booth,

come anyway to just to take photos. Photos should be turned in to Wes Kirkpatrick within two weeks of the event. You will be free to include a watermark on your photos so you are credited for your work. This is another great example of how our club can serve our community and have fun while we're at it!

Ask Tim Grey

Question: I am confused with Canon RAW (.cr2), DNG format, and Adobe Camera Raw. I shoot CR2 and use Lightroom 5.5 and occasionally Photoshop Elements 12. What is the advantage of DNG or Adobe Camera Raw? Should I convert all my images to either DNG format or Adobe Camera Raw at the outset?

Answer: There does seem to be a degree of confusion when it comes to RAW capture, especially since the introduction of the Adobe DNG (digital negative) file format.

The first thing to understand is that a RAW file format represents the original information gathered by the image sensor of your camera with no adjustment (or very minor adjustment) applied by the camera. This results in a file that contains the maximum amount of information possible, as well as the highest degree of flexibility in processing the image. That, in turn, can result in greater overall image quality, provided the processing is done well.

Generally speaking you will find that RAW capture formats are proprietary, with camera manufacturers defining their RAW formats based on the specific attributes and capabilities of the sensor in the camera. Those RAW file formats are therefore not openly documented, which leads some to have concerns about future compatibility when it comes to processing those RAW captures.

In many respects, I think it is fair to think of the Adobe DNG file format as an additional RAW capture format. In fact, there are a variety of digital cameras that allow you to use DNG as the in-camera RAW capture format. The key difference, however, compared to proprietary RAW file formats, is that the Adobe DNG file format is openly documented, addressing concerns about future access to proprietary RAW capture files.

There are a couple of additional benefits to using the DNG file format. For one, the typical file size will be about 20% smaller than a proprietary RAW file format, without any loss of image quality. In addition, all metadata can be stored within the DNG file, rather than making use of an “extra” XMP file to go along with your proprietary RAW capture.

Whether you convert to DNG depends on your personal preference. There are certainly some benefits to the DNG file format, and frankly I don't consider there to be any negative impact to making use of DNG. The only real reason I don't convert my original RAW captures to DNG is that I personally prefer to retain the file just as it came out of the camera. Therefore, if I converted photos to DNG I would still want to retain the original RAW captures, resulting in “extra” files for each image. So, I simply work with my original RAW captures. However, it is perfectly reasonable to convert to DNG to take advantage of the slightly smaller file sizes and the streamlined metadata without the need for an XMP file.

As for Adobe Camera Raw, that is a tool for processing your RAW captures, and you can use Adobe Camera Raw (via Photoshop or Photoshop Elements) to process both proprietary RAW captures as well as DNG files.

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The OCC Annual Banquet and Scavenger Hunt

By Rosalind Philips

The OCC Annual Banquet and Scavenger Hunt

This year the Annual Banquet and Scavenger Hunt will be held on October 28, 2014 at River's Edge Restaurant in Tumwater. We used this venue for the first time last year and everyone was much happier ordering off the menu, so we will do the same this year. We do have to have a head count, so please send your reservation to Jodi Cox, our membership coordinator at coxtribe@comast.net by October 21, 2014. The details of how to participate in the scavenger hunt are in the next article or you can get them on the website at <http://www.olympiacameraclub.org/scavenger-hunt/>.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Images MUST fit the category. Use your IMAGINATION!

Mail your CD of digital images and this form to Rosalind Philips

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| 01 | Mirror Mirror | |
| 02 | Opposite | |
| 03 | Thirst | |
| 04 | Kiss | |
| 05 | Collections | |
| 06 | Hooked | |
| 07 | Patterns | |
| 08 | Gold | |
| 09 | Dreamy | |
| 10 | Olympia | |
| 11 | Speed | |
| 12 | Clean | |
| 13 | Messy | |
| 14 | Red | |
| 15 | Self Identification | |

2014 Olympia Camera Club Official Scavenger Hunt Rules

This year, members will have two ways to participate in Banquet Slide Show entertainment.

Submit one image for each of the 15 words below. You may take as many images as you like and do as much processing as you like, but you can only submit one image for each word.

OR

Submit 10-15 of your favorite/best images taken between 10/1/2013 and 10/1/2014. You may do as much processing as you like on the images.

Rules

- ◆ All images must be JPEGs – no RAW or TIFF images.
- ◆ The images must not exceed 1024 pixels in width or 768 pixels in height. The resolution should not exceed 72 dpi.
- ◆ Scavenger Hunt Images. Name your images as Sxx_Name_word.jpg where S means scavenger hunt, xx is the number of the word and word is the category. For example, an image submitted for the 5th word of Blue would be named S05_RosalindPhilips_Blue.jpg. Please include a list of your images with descriptions.
- ◆ Favorite/Best of 2013 images. Name your images as Bxx_Name_ImageName.jpg . B means Favorite/Best of 2014, xx is the number of the image, Name is your name and ImageName is the name of the image. For example the eighth image I submit would be named, B08_RosalindPhilips_BergyBit.jpg.
- ◆ Please include a self Identification Image.
- ◆ Please include a list of your images with descriptions.
- ◆ Please burn your images to a CD or DVD.
- ◆ Images are due no later than Tuesday, October 14, 2014 at the Digital Meeting. You can bring your images to the meeting or mail them to Rosalind Philips, 4643 Indian Summer Dr SE; Olympia WA, 98513.

We will watch the two slide shows at the Banquet on October 28th.

Please contact Rosalind at RosalindPhilips@comcast.net or at 360-790-2814 with any questions.

Phototunities— A listing of events of visual interest for OCC members

July 10–13 Kent-Kent Cornucopia Days

The fun includes everything from a street fair with more than 600 vendors to a youth soccer tournament and dragon-boat races. 253.852.5466, kcdays.com

July 11–12 Redmond-Redmond Derby Days

The bicycle Criterium is the centerpiece of a festival that also includes a grand parade, live music, a beer-and-wine garden and fireworks. 425.556.2360, redmondderbydays.com

July 11–13 Amboy-Amboy Territorial Days

Amboy pays tribute to its heritage with festivities such logging competitions, a parade and lawn mower races. Amboy Territorial Park, tdays.org

July 12 Lynnwood-Concours d'Elegance at The Wood

More than 60 classic, sports and muscle cars—including a special display of "brass-and-nickel-era" vehicles—dazzle attendees at this fundraiser for the Alderwood-Terrace Rotary Club. Lynnwood Golf Course, 206.546.2724, concoursatthewood.com

July 12–13 Elma-Antique Tractor Pull and Engine Show

This salute to farm machinery includes a tractor pull, vintage engine and tractor displays and more. Grays Harbor County Fairgrounds, 360.482.2651, visitgraysharbor.com

July 16–20 Olympia-Capital Lakefair

A carnival, battle of the bands, grand parade, fireworks and other activities energize the state capital. 360.943.7344, lakefair.org

July 16–20 Long Beach-Sandsations

Sculptors transform mountains of sand into artful displays, both in town (Wednesday through Friday) and during Saturday's competition at the beach. sandsationslongbeach.com

July 18–19 Westport-Eastside Street Rods Show and Shine

Tricked-out rides are the star attractions in a day that includes a poker run, parade and show-and-shine. 360.268.9029, westportcam.com

July 18–20 Sequim-Sequim Lavender Festival

Seven lavender farms open to the public for tours, while the downtown street fair offers 150 booths selling crafts and soothing lavender products. 360.681.3035, lavenderfestival.com

July 18–20 Vashon Island-Vashon Island Strawberry Festival

The jam-packed weekend includes Saturday's grand parade, Sunday's classic car parade, and creative strawberry-themed foods. 206.463.6217, vashonchamber.com

<http://www.aaawashingtonjourney.com/events/index.asp>

July 2014

Olympia Camera Club Monthly Meetings

The Fundamentals of Photography Group
Monthly on the Second Tuesday of the Month
NO MEETINGS FOR JULY OR AUGUST—SUMMER HIATUS
Contact, Rosalind Philips at RosalindPhilips@comcast.net



The Advanced Photographers Group (APG)
Monthly on the Third Tuesday of the Month
July 15, 2014 FROM 6:30pm to 8:30pm
Edge Lake Mobile Home Park - Community Center, 3928 21st Ave SE, Lacey
Meeting Topic: Images of Machine(s) non-transportation
Contact, Tom Blankenship at tom@tomblankenship.com



Koffee Klatch Meet up, Every Other Wednesday Morning
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
Monthly on the Fourth Tuesday of the Month
NO MEETING FOR JULY
AUGUST—planning picnic
Contact, Contact, Colleen Easley at ceasley@me.com



Monthly Business Meeting, First Tuesday of the Month
August 5, 2014, 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm
Meeting at Mekong Restaurant (Downtown Olympia, 125 Columbia St. NW)
Open to all. Contact, Colleen Easley at ceasley@me.com



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