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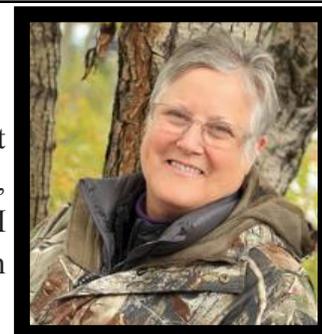
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President's Corner

As we move into February our days are slowly but surely getting longer and when the skies aren't too gray, we're getting some nice light for winter photographs. I hope you've found a few interesting subjects to frame in your camera's view finder.



Many of you are participating in the 52 week challenge and I've been enjoying reviewing your "word of the week" photos. If you haven't joined the challenge yet, it's not too late. Head over to the website and look under Activities for a page with instructions and the link to the Flickr group. Even if you don't join in, you'll enjoy looking at the collection of photos on Flickr.

Our February board meeting was devoted to formulating a budget for the coming year. Projecting the Club's income for the year is one of the harder figures to predict, and without knowing that amount, we have a hard time knowing what we can accomplish in the coming year. This is why we stressed the January 31 due date for dues. I'm disappointed to report that about 40% of our 2014 members have still not renewed their memberships. If you fall in that group, I hope you'll take this opportunity to renew your membership either with your credit card via PayPal or by sending your check to our PO Box. Better yet, bring your dues to one of our February meetings. The mailing address and PayPal link is on the Membership page of the website. Non-renewed members will soon be removed from the club roster and will lose their member privileges, so if you plan to continue your membership, please renew now.

On a personal note, I'll be missing the next couple meetings as another member and I will be at a photo workshop in Yellowstone. We'll be taking a snow coach photo tour with John and Barbara Gerlach. I'm excited to bring back some winter shots of this magical place. Until then. . .

Happy Trails,

Colleen Easley

Olympia Camera Club Board Minutes

February 3, 2015 @ 6:30 p.m.
Casa Mia Restaurant, Olympia

Persons Present:

President Colleen Easley, Vice President Gary Wells, Secretary Judy Mason, Treasurer John Damitio, Rosalind Philips, Teri Dean, Terri and Frank Townsend, Scott Wood, Dale Easley, John Gerecht, Linda Foss, Bruce Livingston, Allynn Balch, and Alan Raphael

Minutes:

Scott Woods moved and Linda Foss seconded that the January 2015 minutes be accepted as they appeared in the January Newsletter. The motion was approved.

Treasurers Report:

Starting Balance		\$1,075.73
DEPOSITS		
Projector Sale	45.00	
Dues	<u>\$810.60</u>	
Total Deposits		+ \$855.60
EXPENSES		
Business Supplies	14.90	
Speaker Fee	50.00	
Facility Rental	162.00	
Adobe PS CC	<u>\$ 10.87</u>	
Total Expenses		-\$237.77
Ending Balance		<u>\$1,693.56</u>

Savings Balance		\$1,380.68
Divident Interest	<u>+12</u>	
Starting Balance		<u>\$1,380.80</u>

Calendar:

Colleen Easley reminded group leaders that they are responsible for posting their own meeting notices on the new calendar system.

Community Liaison:

Frank Townsend reported about an e-mail from Wes Kirkpatrick stating that four photographers from our club will take photos at the Capitol Land Trust breakfast on February 10th.

General Meeting:

The program for February's 4th Tuesday meeting has yet to be determined.

Advanced Group:

The February 17th Advanced Group meeting at the Edge Lake Mobile Home Park will explore the history and philosophy of photography in the late 1880's. On March 17th the meeting focus will be the use of plug ins, such as Nik and On-One, and their interplay with Lightroom and Photoshop. Attendees at these meetings are reminded to double and triple park as close together as possible in the clubhouse lot and better yet to car pool since fire regulations in the mobile home park prohibit parking on the narrow roads.

Fundamentals Group:

On February 10th in Pod A at Capital High School our own Charis Wilson will share about her journey to becoming a soccer photographer. The March 10th meeting will be about Lightroom catalogs and how to set up a travel catalog.

Equipment:

Gene Pardee still has the computer and projector. Frank has the screen and printer. Group leaders must make sure they arrange with Gene and/or Frank to have the equipment they need at their meetings.

Newsletter:

Teri Dean told us the old Newsletter e-mail address has been shut down, hence e-mails sent there will not go through. Newsletter articles should be sent to newsletter@olympiacameraclub.org.

Social Programs/Field Trips:

No field trips have been planned for this month. It was suggested that the Field Trip committee reconvene, which Frank Townsend said he would try to pull together in the next week.

Scavenger Hunt/Dinner:

Linda Foss has reserved the Rivers Edge Restaurant in Tumwater for the June 23, 2015 Scavenger Hunt dinner. Rosalind Philips and Colleen Easley will work on the Scavenger Hunt word list which may be a combination of the Word of the Week photo challenge words plus other topics.

Membership:

To date 64 people have paid their 2015 dues. This includes 11 new members. We also have 5 honorary members who are not required to pay dues. 48 people who were members last year have not re-upped. They will be contacted about their intentions since the board is in the process of planning a budget to meet the club's priorities which were identified via a survey prior to the August 2014 picnic.

NWCCC Traveling Prints:

Dale Easley reported our prints have almost completed the rounds to other groups. We should be notified of our ranking by April 7th.

NPPNW:

Arrangements are still being made for a location and speaker for the April 4th semi-annual meeting of the Nature Photographers of the Pacific Northwest.

PSA:

The September 27th through October 3rd PSA meeting will be at Yellowstone National Park with opportunities for tours. Discounted hotel rates have been secured.

Old Business:

1. Rosalind Philips moved and Scott Woods seconded tabling until a later date further discussion about the possibility of the OCC assuming sponsorship of John Gerecht's digital photography group. The motion was approved. John was asked to prepare his proposal in writing, which he agreed to do.

2. Position Descriptions: Colleen Easley distributed a job description for each club officer, plus the group and activity chairs with the request that these be expanded upon where relevant. She also asked that board members write a second page specifically telling how they perform these duties so that in their absence a substitute could fill their shoes. Rough drafts of these guidelines are due for review at the March board meeting.

3. Gary Wells stated that he has arranged to photograph residents and staff at Olympics West Retirement/Nursing Home on March 14th, 2015. Set up will begin at 1:00 pm. Each person photographed will receive a free 8"X10" matted print provided at Gary's expense. He is accepting monetary donations to defray the cost and would welcome help that afternoon from fellow photographers.

New Business:

The New Business at this meeting was primarily budget focused. As a starting point for budget planning Colleen Easley distributed a spread sheet the treasurer had prepared summarizing our club's 2013 and 2014 income and expenses. Although our meeting room rent was slightly less for 2014 than 2013, overall in 2014 we spent \$373 more than we took in from dues. This was primarily because of higher postage costs for mailing traveling prints, the purchase of a banner to advertise our club at events, plus hardware and software technology expenditures.

John Damitio also dug into our club archives to determine the history of our dues. The dues varied as follows: 1991 \$12, 1992-1994 \$15, 1995-2007 \$15

single \$30 couple, 2008-2014 \$20 single \$35 couple. John found an inflation conversion table indicating \$15 in 1992 would be \$23 in 2014. Rosalind Phillips shared the results of her recent informal phone survey of other PNW camera clubs specifying how much they charge for dues, the frequency and focus of their meetings and activities. Dues for these other clubs averaged between \$25 and \$30 per year with one as high as \$50.

Realizing that the OCC's primary income is from member dues and our club's paid memberships are currently down (refer to Membership earlier in the Newsletter) a discussion occurred about other ways we could earn money for the club.

Numerous persons talked about the direction they wished the club was taking including having more outside paid speakers; some member only field trips and workshops; a wider spectrum of community service activities; and OCC sponsored opportunities to display and possibly sell our work in galleries, businesses and events throughout the community.

The idea of participating in Arts Walk in October 2015 came up. Rosalind Philips and John Gerecht volunteered to be on a committee to investigate what the OCC needs to do and how and when we need to do it in order to present our work at the fall Arts Walk. Because of their previous experience Tom Blankenship and Mary Bowman will also be asked to help.

Instead of creating a budget based on our current income, several people endorsed the notion of using the 2014 OCC Survey results about the membership's needs and wants to project a budget. Scott Woods moved and Gary Wells seconded the motion that a committee be formed to project a 2015 budget. With a proposed budget in hand the board can begin work on how to generate the income to pay for it, including considering the of raising member dues. This motion was approved.

The board unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 pm after adjournment was moved by Scott Wood and seconded by Teri Dean.

Respectfully submitted by
Judy Mason, Secretary



**Fundamentals Meeting
February 10, 2015 @ 6:30 p.m.
Capital High School—Pod A**

This month our program features The Photographic Journey of Charis Wilson

Charis Wilson started her photographic journey a short year ago. During this period she has earned the privilege of being on the field at the home Sounders games. Please join us she chronicles her journey through learning how to take sharp action photos of the Sounders and local soccer leagues. She will be discussing her exposure, composition, and equipment lessons learned and where she hopes to go in the future.

The March presentation will be “The Ten Do’s of the Lightroom 5 Catalog”

The focus will be on using Lightroom 5 to efficiently catalog and organize your images. Lately I have spent a lot of time with clients helping them to fix Lightroom catalog/library issues such as duplicate images, missing images and corrupted catalogs. Other topics will include backup strategies, travel catalogs, key wording and presets. Please feel free to email (fundamentals@olympiacameraclub.org) me your own catalog/library mishap and I will incorporate it into the presentation.

**Advanced Photography Group
February 17, 2015 @ 6:30 p.m.
Edge Lake Community Center**

When I took over the leadership of the Advanced Photography Group one of my goals was to try to bring a diverse number of topics to the group. I wanted to make sure that we not only covered the technical side of photography, but the creative side as well. So far we have covered things like plugins for black and white conversion and had what I thought was a great photographic round table in January.

For the February meeting of the Advanced Photography Group we are going to do something a little different. We are going to take the month off from talking about things like gear or post processing to explore the history and philosophy of photography from its invention to roughly the First World War. We will be watching the first episode from a documentary film series that I discovered a number of years ago that made a big impact on how I looked at photography.

This documentary will not only address how photography changed the world and how we look at it, but will also explore the philosophy of the photographers of the time and how they looked at the world and each other. The ironic thing is that things really haven’t changed much since the late 1800’s and history has an odd way of repeating itself.

Please join us at 6:30pm on the evening of Feb. 17th at the Edge Lake Mobile Home Park Community Center for what I hope you will find an enlightening evening.

Please note that the management of the park has asked us to insure that the roads remain clear during our meetings, code requires that fire trucks are able to navigate the narrow roads in the park. We are asking that people double or even triple park in the community center’s parking lot to insure that the roads remain clear.

General Club Meeting
February 24, 2015 @ 6:30 p.m.
Capital High School—Pod A

This month our program features the Photography of Devin Sawyer.

Devin Sawyer is a long time member of our club who since 2009 has traveled with other doctors every six months to deliver primary care medicine to the people of a small village in the mountains of Haiti just north of Port-Au-Prince called Grand Boulage.

He works with a NGO, Friends of Haiti. Friends of Haiti have assembled other teams of family doctors who have made similar commitments other villages in the region.

“Each trip I bring a family medicine resident or two from the St Peter Family Medicine Residency Program to experience what it is like to provide care to a poor and needy people who are thankful and spirited; it is a humbling experience.

My wife (a nurse), my son and my daughter have made the trip several times.”

So please join us on February 24, 2015 as Devin shares this important work though his photography.



Living the Club Motto

by Colleen Easley

Photographers Helping Other Photographers and our Community since 1936 has long been our motto and I think we've done a pretty good job of it over the years. Last month brought a new opportunity to help a fellow photographer who wasn't even a member of our club. I got an email through the club's website from Linda Albro. Her husband is a long time photographer, but is now suffering from dementia. His medical condition has forced major financial changes in their lives. Instead of enjoying their golden years in their dream retirement home, they were forced to short sale their house and move into a fifth wheel trailer on her daughter's property. Linda's husband had a bunch of old photography stuff she needed to get rid of before she moved so she wrote me asking for help. Dale and I went out to her house in Lacey and loaded up our car twice with tons of miscellaneous stuff. There are a lot of framing supplies, a fair amount of photo paper, a couple mat cutters - both missing pieces, tripods, monopod, heads, filters and other misc items. I told her I had no guarantee we could sell any of it and she was ok with that. She just wants the stuff to go to someone who can use it. I've put a list of what we have in DropBox so if you're interested, please take a look, and give me a call if you're interested in anything. Items will go first come, first served. We don't have set prices for any of it, but would appreciate if you'd consider Linda's situation and offer a small donation for what you think things are worth to you. Here is the link to the document in the DropBox. <https://www.dropbox.com/s/1klnpl1j1ui0ahx/Linda-Photo-Gear.pdf?dl=0> Call me if you would like to come over to see anything.

Colleen - 360-956-9127

Olympics West Retirement Inn Portrait Session March 14, 2015

As some of you know, I am organizing a portrait session for the residents and staff of Olympics West Retirement Inn. Each resident and staff who sign-up, will receive an 8x10, matted photo, at no cost. Olympics West is very excited about this and so am I.

Why am I doing this? There are a couple of reasons. The first, my mother resided at Olympics West in 1996-97, and they provided her with excellent care. My second reason is that I feel it will provide the club a great deal of exposure in the community. Originally this was going to be a club function, but money had not been budgeted for it, so I proceeded to fund it.

There will be a makeup artist and hair stylist present, to help out, and there is even a rumor that the Easter Bunny might well stop by and lend a hand.

I have already received some donations, which are greatly appreciated. I've also had people volunteer to help, which is also greatly appreciated.

If you would like to donate, I have a PayPal account setup for this, send it to surdub@yahoo.com. If you would like to help during the session, please send your contact information to me at biggwells@gmail.com.

The session will be March 14th. Setup starts at 1:00pm, with the sessions starting at 2:30. It will not be known until March 10th, just how many folks have signed up.

If you have any questions at all please feel free to contact me at my email address or phone at [360-402-7189](tel:360-402-7189).

Gary Wells, VP
Olympia Camera Club



February Field Trip

This month we are going to try something new for our field trip. We are going to have a Photoshop CC / Photoshop Elements / Lightroom problem solving session. Bring your photo processing quandary to the Coach House on February 21st and get some help. It would work best if you email your image and a description of your problem ahead of time to Rosalind at fundamentals@olympiacameraclub.org or Frank at field.trips@olympiacameraclub.org so that your “team of experts” can work on the solutions ahead of time. This is a members’ only activity; so please renew your membership right away so that you can participate.

Agenda

9 am – 9:30 am Welcome and everyone sets up their laptop

9:30 am – 12 noon Solving Issues in LR, PS and PSE

Submit your image and problem description ahead of time. We will then solve the issue using all three applications. Follow along on your laptop with either your image or the image provided. We will have several people circulating to assist you.

12 noon – 12:30 pm Lunch (bring your own sack lunch)

12:30 pm – 3 pm Multiple exposures

We will go outside, do some bracketing and then use LR/PS/PSE to combine the images

Bring your laptop, an extension cord, usb thumb drive with images, camera, tripod and snacks. A \$5 donation would be appreciated to help with room rental fees.

Location:

The Coach House (Behind the State Capitol Museum)
211 21st Ave SW
Olympia, WA 98501

Directions:

From the North

Take I-5 South.
Take exit **105** toward **State Capitol/City Center/Port of Olympia**
Take exit **105A** on the left toward **State Capitol/City Center**
Merge onto **14th Ave SE**
At the traffic circle, continue straight to stay on **14th Ave SE**
Turn left onto **Capitol Way S**
Turn right onto **22nd Ave SW**
Go 1 ½ blocks and turn right into the driveway.

From the South

Take I-5 North
Take exit **103** for **Deschutes Way**
Keep right at the fork, follow signs for **Capitol Blvd** and merge onto **E St SW**
Turn left onto **Capitol Blvd SE**
Turn left onto **22nd Ave SW**
Go 1 ½ blocks and turn right into the driveway.



Take the 52 Week Photo Challenge

One photo a week for a year

Fifty Two Week Challenge

by Colleen Easley

For 2015 the club is doing a 52 week photo challenge. There will be a theme word emailed to members at midnight every Friday night starting January 2nd, so you'll have Saturday through the next Friday to take a photo that represents the theme and then post it to our 2015 Challenge GROUP on Flickr at <https://www.flickr.com/groups/2015-challenge/> If you choose to take the challenge, please join the group now. You may post one image per word and **title it with the theme word it represents**. A list of past words is maintained on the club's website under ACTIVITIES in case you want to get caught up.

This is not a competition. It is just something fun to do every week and it also tests your creative thinking and imagination. Your participation is completely optional, and if you miss a week or two, no one's going to scold you, but I think you'll enjoy challenging yourself each week. You can use any camera you wish - even your cell phone. Just try to post to the Flickr Group in the week that the word is in effect. By the end of the year, we should have a pretty nice collection of images!

If you don't have a Flickr account but want to participate, please consider signing up for one at Flickr.com. There is a tutorial for you to download here: <http://www.olympiacameraclub.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/01/How-to-Use-Flickr.pdf>

I hope you'll join other OCC members and have fun with the challenge, but if you don't want to participate and you'd rather be removed from the Word of the Week (WOW) emails, just send a request to be removed from the WOW emails to olympiacameraclub@gmail.com and we'll take your name off that list.



Membership Dues

by Colleen Easley

It's that time of year that we ask member's to renew their Olympia Camera Club memberships. For 2015 dues remain a bargain at just \$20 per individual and \$35 per couple. We also offer a student rate of just \$15. There are three ways you can pay your dues.

- 1) Give your dues to our Treasurer (or any other officer) at any meeting.
- 2) Mail your check to Olympia Camera Club - PO Box 13333, Olympia, WA 98508
- 3) Use the PayPal link on the Membership page of the club's website. (Note: dues are slightly higher when paid via PayPal in order to cover our PayPal fees)

We encourage your renewal as soon as possible so we can generate a reasonably accurate budget for 2015. In order to maintain your membership status and access to the website Member's Only Area, your dues were payable by January 31, 2015. If you have not yet renewed, please do so today

Thank you for your support.

Ask Tim Grey

Today's Question:

What is your opinion on using lens correction in Lightroom? Do you think it squishes the pixels around enough to have an effect on an images? I use it many times and have not seen any degradation in sharpness when using it.

Tim's Answer:

Overall I would say the various Lens Corrections adjustments in Lightroom's Develop module (and the exact same adjustments in Adobe Camera Raw) produce excellent results that can greatly improve the overall appearance of a photo.

When it comes to the various perspective correction options, there's no question that a close examination will show some degradation in overall image quality. You'll generally see, for example, a slight reduction in sharpness in the areas that have been reshaped most significantly.

However, in my view, the very minor degradation in image quality is more than made up for by the benefits provided by the Lens Corrections adjustments. The chromatic aberration removal offers a tremendous improvement for images that need this work, the Upright controls can quickly straighten out an image that exhibits barrel distortion or perspective issues, and the Manual set of controls allow you to fine-tune the image to perfection.

In short, the various Lens Corrections controls can be invaluable when it comes to improving the overall look of a photo, and the problems they solve can represent significant issues for a photo. I never hesitate to make use of these various adjustment options for images that need the improvement.

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Olympia Camera Club Monthly Meetings

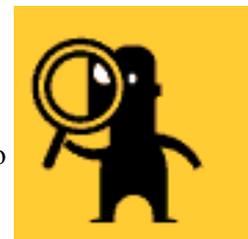
The Fundamentals of Photography Group
Monthly on the Second Tuesday of the Month
Capital High School—POD A
February 10, 2015 from 6:30pm to 8:30pm
Meeting Topic: The Photographic Journey of Charis Wilson

Contact, Rosalind Philips, [Fundamentals Chair](#)



The Advanced Photographers Group (APG)
Monthly on the Third Tuesday of the Month
February 17, 2015 from 6:30pm to 8:30pm
Edge Lake Mobile Home Park - Community Center, 3928 21st Ave SE, Lacey
Meeting Topic: Explore the history & philosophy of photography from its invention to roughly the First World War

Contact, Scott Wood, [APG Chair](#)



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, [Klatch Chair](#)

General Meeting
Monthly on the Fourth Tuesday of the Month
February 24, 2015 from 6:30pm to 8:30pm
Meeting Topic: The Photography of Devin Sawyer
Contact, Colleen Easley, [President](#)



Monthly Business Meeting, First Tuesday of the Month
March 3, 2015, from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm
Meeting at Casa Mia (Downtown Olympia)
Open to all. Join us before the meeting for dinner at 6:00 pm if you would like.
Contact, Colleen Easley, [President](#)



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