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President's Corner

It is hard to believe that March is already here, spring is just around the corner. Daffodils are starting to bloom, plum trees are already flowering and the hummingbirds have returned. March is one of my favorite months at Nisqually NWR because the birds start to return and there are no leaves on the trees yet. It is a great time to photograph them. Everyday heralds new arrivals. So make an effort this month to go to Nisqually NWR, McLane Creek Nature Trail, Capital Lake, Woodard Bay, or to your favorite bird spot and catch the start of spring.



This month we have the opportunity to participate the 2016 Photo Competition at the Washington State Spring Fair. The event is sponsored by the Tacoma Photographic Society and is an opportunity for you to "Strut your Stuff". TPS is coming to our March 22 meeting to collect our images. I hope that many of you will participate; I certainly plan to. There are specific details later on in the newsletter.

Our general meeting topic this month is one that I consider the most special; member sharing. Put together 5 or 6 of your favorite images from the past year and bring them to show at the meeting. We will not be critiquing, just enjoying each other's work. Bruce has specifics later on in the newsletter.

Upcoming Events

March 8	FUNDamentals Group – Lighting
March 15	Advanced Group –Lightroom – Develop Module
March 19	Field Trip to Seattle
March 22	General Meeting – Member Sharing

Happy Photographing,

Rosalind

Olympia Camera Club Board Minutes

March 1, 2016 @ 6:30 p.m.
Casa Mia Restaurant, Olympia

Officers and Members Present

Rosalind Philips, Bruce Livingston, John Damitio, Meredith Rafferty, Frank Townsend, Terri Townsend, Scott Wood, Judy Mason, Dale Easley, Gene Pardee, Linda Pardee, Gene Eckhardt, Tiberio Serbanescu.

Meeting called to order at 6:35 p.m. by President Rosalind Philips.

Minutes

A motion to accept the February 2016 minutes was made by Gene Pardee and seconded by Bruce Livingston. Unanimous.

Treasurer's Report

John Damitio presented the Treasurer's report and reviewed expenses.

Starting Balance	\$3,174.41
DEPOSITS	
INCOME	
2016 Dues	650.52
Total Income	\$ 650.52
EXPENSES	
PO Box	86.00
NWCCC	20.00
Traveling Prints (2015)	30.80
Technology: Adobe PS CC	10.87
Total Expenses	-\$147.67
Ending Balance (1/31/16)	<u>\$ 3,677.26</u>

Savings Starting Balance	\$1,382.23
Dividend Interest	+ .12
Ending Balance (1/31/16)	<u>\$1,382.35</u>

President's Report

Rosalind Philips shared that everyone continues to be impressed with the quality of presentations and activities for the Club. All the committees and presenter Tiberio Serbanescu were thanked for the outstanding content of the sessions. She expressed that we continue to have a vibrant Club and we all should be proud of that.

Community Liaison

Committee member Bruce Livingston reported that Capitol Land Trust is already using photos taken by Club members in their newsletter, Facebook and website. Another land organization expressed interest in our photography services. He will follow up to obtain more information. There was discussion that individuals may volunteer on their

own with an organization, whether the Club officially participates or not. Bruce also thanked Colleen Easley for setting up a way to electronically share photos taken by Club members with approved organizations such as Capitol Land Trust, via Flickr.

Historian

The Club's historical documents are being scanned for storage by Teri Dean.

General Meeting

Bruce Livingston thanked February's presenter, Tiberio Serbanescu. His presentation drew a record attendance and was complimented by all. The March meeting will feature a members' theme night. April presenter is Colleen Easley about her photographic tour of China.

Advanced Group

Scott Wood stated that February's session had to be rescheduled and so the March session will feature discussion of post-processing in Lightroom.

Fundamentals Group

Judy Mason said the March group meeting will cover lighting, on-camera and off-camera.

Digital Imaging Group

No report

Equipment

Gene Pardee explained that the software upgrade of the Club's laptop will occur later this year. Gene also initiated a discussion of how best to support presenters with appropriate equipment.

Newsletter

March newsletter due date is Thursday, March 3.

Field Trips

Frank Townsend thanked Rosalind Philips for leading the Tacoma field trip. It was attended by 14 people. Next field trip will be to Seattle on March 19, led by Linda Foss.

Scavenger Hunt/Dinner

Rosalind Philips has posted a list of words on the Club's website. Details are provided on the Club's website.

Membership

Rosalind Philips conveyed that 104 members have paid the 2016 dues, which includes 18 new members. Thirty-eight people from 2015 have not yet renewed. Reminder letters have been sent.

NWCCC

Frank Townsend reported that March 12 will be their meeting and will include a tour of the LeMay car collection near Tacoma.

NPPNW

The next conference is scheduled for Corvallis, Oregon on April 2, 2016.

PSA

No items to report.

Thurston County Fair

No items to report.

Old Business

No items

New Business

President Rosalind Philips reviewed an email requesting monetary support of a photography project proposed for a class at Hansen Elementary School. Discussion was that the Club did not see a role for itself in the project as described in the proposal.

President Philips reminded the officers and committee chairpersons that all Board positions will be open for nominations and election this June. The April issue of the newsletter will invite nominations from the membership.

MSC (Moved, Seconded, Carried) to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Membership Committee Report

by Colleen Easley

As of the March Board Meeting we have 114 names in our data base.

These include:

- ◆ 106 Paid Members
- ◆ 4 Honorary Members
- ◆ 4 Gift Memberships (general meeting speakers)
- ◆ 36 people who were members in 2015 have not renewed and have been dropped from the membership rolls.

For 2016 we have added 20 new members

New members who have joined since the February board meeting include:

- ◆ Janice Boden
- ◆ Madeline Houston

- ◆ Gabriel Loveless
- ◆ Kerry Moline
- ◆ David Stine

I'd like to welcome all the new members and hope to meet you soon at an upcoming meeting.



DOTTIE HALL

On February 12 the Olympia Camera Club lost a long time member and dear friend, Dorothy (Dottie) Hall.

Dottie has been a member of the club since 1975 and until the last few years she was an active participant in our meetings and trips. Back in the 80's and early 90's the club didn't have the office of President, instead the leader's title was Chairman. Dottie held that Chariman position from 1989 until 1992. She was elected President in 2001. Dottie was active in all phases of photography, an early convert to digital, she also formed the club's video group before dslr's processed video. She loved photography and shared many an image with us through membership meetings, scavenger hunts and video clips. The lucky ones received a handmade Christmas card annually with one of her photographs.

Dottie had many sorrows in her life; losing her husband, two daughters and sisters, but through it all she was a positive influence to those who knew her. Walking a trail with her was an inspiration and she had a marvelous sense of humor, especially with scavenger hunt photos. Born in Georgia Dottie was a true southern belle and a lady in every sense of the word. She will be missed.

FUNDAMENTALS OF PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP

March 8th, 2016
Capital High School, Pod A
6:30 p.m.—8:30 p.m.
Conquering Lighting Challenges

If you are an Advanced Photographer please consider attending the Fundamentals Group to help mentor newer people.

March 8, 2016; Conquering Lighting Challenges

Understanding how to plan for, diffuse, maximize or supplement the available light is a critical skill for getting the photographic results one wants. This evening will start with an overview of lighting and the problems it can present. Then 4 of our generous, experienced OCC member volunteers (Pam Hoaglund, Rosalind Philips, John Gerecht and Greg Mennegar) will talk about low lighting solutions including subject positioning, using various reflectors and making the most of on- and off-camera flash. Taking advantage of immediate feedback from the RGB histogram to adjust overall exposure plus flash compensation will be reviewed. The material presented will apply to photographing landscapes, people and other animals in natural environments and in studio settings, as well as close ups of flowers, etc. Never fear if you don't own an off-camera flash, because easy homemade ways to soften on-camera flash will be shown. The best feature of this meeting is that the information presented should help all photographers do better with whatever photographic equipment they already have, as well as inform them about available options should they ever choose to invest in an off camera flash system, or store bought reflectors and diffusers.

April 12, 2016; Converting Color Digital Images to Black and White

Jeff Wilson, John Whitehead, Scott Wood and John Gerecht will demonstrate how to change color images to black and white using Photoshop, Lightroom, Nik Silver effects and OnOne software.

☞ Judy Mason, Coordinator

ADVANCED PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP

March 15th, 2016
Capital High School, Pod A
6:30 p.m.—8:30 p.m.

I want to take this opportunity to apologize for the very short notice on the cancelation of last months Advanced Photography Group meeting. I truly hope that no one ended up at the parking lot of a locked school. I also want to thank Judy Mason for alerting us to the school's closure.

For our March meeting we are simply moving the agenda over from the cancelled February meeting and will be part two of our deep dig into Adobe Lightroom. This month we will be looking at the Develop Module as well as how to integrate Lightroom with other editing tools like Adobe Photoshop and various plugins such as NIK and OnOne. While this session isn't intended to provide you with a complete workflow - that is something that is not only different for each photographer but different for each image as well, it will help you understand the tools that are available in the Develop Module and hopefully give some insight into how to utilize them for your workflow.

Please bring any questions you might have and as always we encourage you to bring your laptops, with Lightroom installed so you can follow along.

☞ Scott Wood, Coordinator

GENERAL MEETING—March

March 22nd, 2016
Capital High School, Pod A
6:30 p.m.—8:30 p.m.

The program for the March General Meeting will be a night for Member Sharing. If you plan to share images, please send me an email letting me know how many images you will be sharing. Contact me through the “Contact” section on the OCC Website; or at recyclist48@gmail.com

This will not be a critique, but rather a chance for members to share some of their favorite images. Each club member is invited to bring 4 or 5 images (either digital on a thumb drive, or prints) to share with the rest of the club. Choose images that are diverse from one another (i.e., not all from the same shoot) and that exemplify techniques that we have talked about in fundamentals. Examples could include macro, use of different lenses; the treatment of motion; bokeh, (shallow depth of field) or, conversely, increased depth of field. Be prepared to give a brief description about your images (where taken, camera settings, and what you like about the image). Remember, this is not a competition or critique, however; if you would like CC, you may ask.



GENERAL MEETING—April

April 26th, 2016
Capital High School, Pod A
6:30 p.m.—8:30 p.m.

The speaker for the April 26, 2016 General Meeting is Colleen Easley. Colleen will be doing a presentation on her trip to China last year. Her presentation is sure to be another “don’t miss” event from the Olympia Camera Club. Look for future updates on the OCC Website calendar.

Community Liaison Report

By Linda Foss

Capital Land Trust

I would like to thank Bruce Livingston, Meredith Rafferty, Sally Parker, Warren Foster, and Tiberio Serbanescu for photographing the Capital Land Trust Breakfast Event in February. This was a difficult situation to photograph due to the lighting but the team was enthusiastic in overcoming the issues.

In addition Bruce, Meredith and I have taken pictures of four work parties since November. The pictures are posted on the OCC Flickr page. Colleen Easley has been instrumental in setting up a system where the volunteers can post photographs. The Land Trust staff is able access the photographs through their Flickr account.

March field trip to Seattle

Linda Foss will lead this trip. Please plan to meet at the Martin Way Park & Ride, just off I-5 near the Regal Cinemas at 9 am, Saturday March 19th. Directions will be provided at the start.

Union Station

Seattle offers several choices of iconic locations. One is Union Station, an architectural delight both indoors and out. The train station was built in 1910 and 1911, with its high rotunda ceiling and the antique looking light sconces the station appears to have stepped out of a period movie.

On October 16, 1999, Seattle's historic Union Station was formally rededicated as the headquarters of the Sound Transit, the regional transit authority for King, Pierce, and Snohomish counties. The building was restored and adapted as part of a larger project directed by Union Station Associates, LLC.

No tripods or mono pods are allowed in the building

Other options for this field trip



Seattle Main Library

Visitors are often curious about the amount of concrete, steel and glass that went into the Central Library.

Here's a quick glimpse:

- **Total concrete** - 18,400 cubic yards; rebar: 2,050 tons. The concrete in the library would cover 10 football fields 1-foot deep.
- **Total steel** - 4,644 tons. If you compared the weight of the Statue of Liberty to the weight of the steel in the Central Library, there would be enough steel to make 20 statues. The diagonal grid system is designed to withstand lateral forces caused by wind or earthquakes.
- **Total pieces of exterior glass** - 9,994; square footage of exterior curtain wall: 126,767; square footage of interior glazing: 28,963. The glass in the library would cover 5 ½ football fields. About half of the building's panes are triple-layered glass with an expanded metal mesh sandwiched between the two outer layers. The mesh, aluminum sheet metal that is cut and stretched, reduces heat and glare. Most of the glass is cleaned twice a year, and more often for surfaces that need it.

No tripods or mono pods are allowed in the building. Ensure that you are not photographing library visitors.

Pike Place Market

This is a definite stop on our search for photo opportunities. With its multicolored vendor stalls and the “flying” Salmon, Pike Place Market offers another opportunity for both indoor and outdoor shooting. If it turns out the weather is good we can find a number of interesting locations, enough to fill your memory card.



2016 WASHINGTON STATE SPRING FAIR SPRING FAIR PHOTO CONTEST & EXHIBITION

The Tacoma Photographic Society sponsors this event and is encouraging our club to participate by picking up our images at the March 22nd meeting and returning them to us at the April 26th meeting. This is another opportunity for club members to showcase their work. Put your entry form and fee in an envelope, clearly labeled with your name and contact information. The same information is on our website at <http://www.olympiacameraclub.org/2016-spring-fair-competition/>.

Contest Details

2016 Spring Fair – April 14-17 – Washington State Fairgrounds – Puyallup, WA Spring Fair Photo Contest is Sponsored by Tacoma Photographic Society

Prizes:

\$150 Best of Show + Rosette Award Ribbon
\$100 First Place + Rosette Award Ribbon
\$75 Second Place + Rosette Award Ribbon
\$50 Third Place + Rosette Award Ribbon
10 Award of Excellence Winners \$15 each Winning Entry + Award Ribbons
12 Honorable Mention Award Ribbons
6 Judges Choice Award Ribbons

Enter up to 5 images per maker – Each image entry requires a \$10 Entry Fee

Minimum print size is 8” x 10” **Maximum** entry size is 16” x 20” (including any matt) **Entries** may or may not be in a matt.

Entries **MUST BE** mounted on a stiff backing (matt board, cardboard, etc.) in order to stand on the display rack

Entries **MUST HAVE** a title and the maker’s name, address, and phone number on the **BACK** in the upper **left** corner.

No name or title may appear on the **FRONT** of the image.

Entry Form is online at: www.tacomaphoto.org

No Categories – Only Family Friendly Images will be accepted

Deadline April 7 ... Judging April 10 in Federal Way (Everyone is invited)

ALL IMAGES SUBMITTED WILL BE DISPLAYED WITH MAKER’S NAME

“Considering the number of Awards, this is your chance to become an Award Winning Photographer and have your work displayed to a large audience! Over 2,300 people visit the Photo Salon!”

ADDITIONAL BULLET POINTS FOR OLYMPIA:

Images will be picked up at your last meeting in March (22th). Images and Award Ribbons will be returned to your last club meeting in April (26th). Any questions contact Stan Braaten – photoguystan@yahoo.com or (253) 709-6974

PHOTOTUNITIES

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

March 4–6 Winthrop; Winthrop Balloon Roundup

Colorful balloons take flight against the snowy mountain backdrop of this “Old West” town at 7 a.m. each day, and balloons glow like enormous lanterns at Saturday evening’s nightglow. 509.996.2125, winthropwashington.com

March 11–13 Blaine; Wings Over Water Northwest Birding Festival

Celebrate the abundance of migratory birds in this beautiful coastal area with nature cruises, a photography class and Saturday’s all-day birding expo. 360.332.4544, wingsoverwaterbirdingfestival.com

March 11–13 Spokane; Inland Northwest Motorcycle Show and Sale

This event showcases motorcycles from all over the world, plus custom rides, accessories and more. Spokane County Fair and Expo Center, spokanemotorcycleshow.com

March 18–20 Othello; Sandhill Crane Festival

The spring return of these leggy birds to Othello and the nearby Columbia National Wildlife Refuge makes this the perfect time for viewing tours, and lectures about the region’s wildlife and geology. Registration deadline March 11, 2016, call 866.726.3445, othellosandhillcranefestival.org

April 1–30 Mount Vernon, Burlington, La Conner and Anacortes; Skagit Valley Tulip Festival

Farms throughout Skagit Valley blossom into a popular destination each April, when fields burst with millions of colorful tulips. 360.428.5959, tulipfestival.org

April 2–3 Gig Harbor; Paddlers Cup and Expo

Paddlers compete in various race divisions—including kayak, canoe, outrigger canoe and paddleboard—while an on-shore expo showcases watercraft sports. Skansie Brothers Park, gigharborpaddlerscup.com

April 2–3 Grayland; Beachcombers Driftwood Show

Driftwood collectors display their finds in exhibitions and competitions. Grayland Community Hall, 800.345.6223, westportgrayland-chamber.org

April 9 Tacoma, Puyallup, Sumner and Orting; Daffodil Festival Grand Floral Parade

The colorful parade brings floats decorated with thousands of fresh-cut daffodils; bands; and marching and mounted units to four South Sound communities. 253.840.4194, thedaffodilfestival.org

April 15–17 Sequim; Olympic BirdFest

Photography and drawing workshops, birding cruises and field trips shed light on the area’s breadth of avian inhabitants. 360.681.4076, olympicbirdfest.org

April 16–May 8 Woodland; Lilac Days

Stroll the colorful display gardens, purchase lilacs and tour the 1889 farmhouse of lilac hybridizer Hulda Klager during this annual spring festival. Hulda Klager Lilac Gardens, lilacgardens.com

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



2016 Scavenger Hunt

One of our members requested that the scavenger hunt words be posted earlier in the year so there is more time to hunt for them. So here is the list. Images are due on June 14th at Fundamentals Group. There will be an article in the April newsletter with more details. The information has been updated on our web page. Please contact Rosalind Philips with any questions.

Word List

Num	Category
01	highway
02	water
03	meal
04	tiny
05	plaid
06	animal
07	vegetable
08	odd
09	smile
10	jump
11	opportunity
12	foggy
13	orange
14	happy
15	sound
16	Self Identification



ASK TIM GREY

Today's Question:

I am in the process of cleaning my hard drives and consolidating backup files on a newer and faster external drive. In this process, I opened the folder where my weekly Lightroom backup catalog is stored. I was surprised that I have backups that date all the way back to 2010. My question is simple. When I use Lightroom's weekly catalog backup feature am I creating an incremental file or an entirely complete backup?

Tim's Quick Answer:

The Lightroom catalog backup feature is a complete backup for the catalog file itself. Thus, you can absolutely delete older backup copies of the catalog.

More Detail:

Lightroom now creates a compressed ZIP file that contains a copy of your catalog when you use the backup feature. Previous versions simply created a copy of the Lightroom catalog file (the "lrcat" file). However, the backup copy of the catalog compressed within the ZIP file is a full copy of the catalog file. Thus, to restore from a backup catalog you simply need to extract the "lrcat" file from the ZIP file, and then open the "lrcat" file in Lightroom.

It is worth noting, by the way, that in some cases the catalog file contained within the ZIP file will be larger than the "master" copy of your Lightroom catalog. This can be a little alarming if you extract the backup catalog from the ZIP and find that the file size differs from the size of the catalog you backed up.

However, the larger backup file size relates to the option to optimize the catalog after the backup is complete. With this option enabled the catalog will first be backed up, creating a backup copy that will be the exact same size as the existing catalog file (though compressed without loss into a ZIP file that will have a smaller file size). Then the master catalog will be optimized, which will often result in a smaller file size by cleaning up unnecessary records in the catalog file.

Because each backup of your catalog created by Lightroom is a complete catalog, there is no need to save multiple backup copies from the standpoint of being able to restore from a backup copy. Of course, you may want to retain a few backup copies from different dates as a precautionary measure, but older copies of your catalog can be deleted safely when you have deemed those additional backup copies are not needed

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March 2016

Olympia Camera Club Monthly Meetings

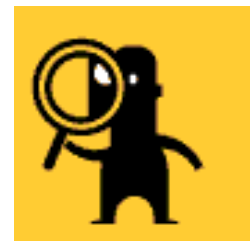
The Fundamentals of Photography Group
Monthly on the Second Tuesday of the Month
Capital High School—POD A
March 8th, 2016 from 6:30pm to 8:30pm
Meeting Topic: Conquering Lighting Challenges

Contact, Judy & Jay Mason, [Fundamentals Chair](#)



The Advanced Photographers Group (APG)
Monthly on the Third Tuesday of the Month
Capital High School—POD A
March 15th, 2016 from 6:30pm to 8:30pm
Meeting Topic: Part two of our deep dig into Adobe Lightroom

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, Linda Foss, [Klatch Chair](#)

General Meeting
Monthly on the Fourth Tuesday of the Month
Capital High School—POD A
March 22nd, 2016 from 6:30pm to 8:30pm
Meeting Topic: Member Sharing

Contact, Bruce Livingston, [Vice President](#)



Monthly Business Meeting, First Tuesday of the Month

April 5th, 2016, 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 5:30 pm if you would like.

Contact, Rosalind Philips, [President](#)



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