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President's Corner

Welcome to fall in the great Northwest. This is a great time of year for photography. The light is starting to get lower; we don't have to get up quite so early to catch good morning light, and there are so many things to photograph. I drove down Maple Park Avenue near the Capitol today and the leaves are making a showing already and should be peaking before long. There are lots of other good places for colorful leaves in the city and, of course, in the mountains. Bucoda is well started into their Halloween month of silliness and is a wonderful place to photograph people dressed up and, of course, the casket races.

This is also the time to start thinking about what image or images you might want to use for the club annual. This is always a fun project and if you can't print the images yourself or get it done commercially, there is usually someone in the club offering to do it for you, if you get them the print file. I have these books going back to my second year in the club and pull them out every now and then for the memories they bring.

We'll also be coming up on the annual holiday get together and print exchange, so while you're looking through your year's accumulation of images for the annual, you can also be thinking of that,

of what you might want to use for a holiday card or even a gift or two.

Speaking of gifts. If your significant other is starting with the "What do you want..." and they're supportive of this exorbitantly expensive hobby, it's a good time of year to have fun perusing the latest "must have" gadgets and gizmos.

Lastly, I'd like to extend my thanks to a couple of people who have been helping make this club better. Rick Flegel was our Practical Photography coordinator last year and had volunteered to do it again this year, but his health started getting in the way. I'd like to thank him for all his work and wish him good luck. Jeff Martin has graciously agreed to step in and replace him. Jeff has been a very active member of the field trip committee and a constant volunteer in other club activities, so I know he'll do a stellar job. And Bill Ballard came up with the idea of doing a poster for club publicity and it's just about ready to get printed. It should be a great tool for making more people aware of what a great club we have.

Have fun shooting out there and stay safe.

**Dates to Remember**

All club meetings will be virtual on Zoom

October

14 October Practical Photography
18 October St. Ignatius Hospital Field Trip
21 October Member Sharing
23 October Hercules Farm Field Trip
28 October General Meeting

November

4 November Board Meeting
6 November Articles and Images due for Newsletter
11 November Practical Photography
18 November Member Sharing
25 November General Meeting

**Our Practical Photography meeting is now a hybrid meeting
General and Member Sharing meetings are virtual
taking place using Zoom**

**The Zoom link is available on the OCC Website in the
Members Only Area - Zoom Link**

**Practical Photography
October 14, 2025
7-9 pm**

Join us in person at the Capitol High School or on zoom for this month's Practical Photography meeting. This meeting will be on the art and practice of self-critique. Photography requires that the practitioner develop an ability to view the results of your work in a somewhat objective manner if you wish to improve. This extends back through the entire process of obtaining, processing, and potentially printing an image.

Dennis Plank will be presenting some thoughts and leading a discussion on how to achieve this objectivity, and the art of self-critique.

Jeff Martin, Coordinator

**Member Sharing Night
October 21, 2025
7-9**

The subject will be "Camouflage or Where's Waldo". Let's put on our thinking caps and come up with some creative answers to this challenge. For each of our examples it might be good to show a pair of photos to get our idea across. So, for this month don't worry about the number of photos you upload to the October Member Sharing folder in the Club's Dropbox.



Don Dimitratos, Coordinator

**General Meeting
October 28, 2025
7-9 pm**

Our October general meeting features one of our frequent fair judges, Darrell Gulin. Join us in person at the Capitol High School or on zoom

Darrell's presentation will be: My passion for macro photography along with a view from above with drone photography. He'll cover what equipment he uses along with covering how he photographs flowers, butterflies, feathers, agates, frogs and more. He will also cover focus stacking and filters used such as Topaz Gigapixel AI. Look for the speaker bio in the newsletter for more.

He will bring his drone so we can see his setup.

Chuck Hall, Coordinator



Field Trip to St. Ignatius Hospital

Oct 18, 2025, 2 to 4 pm

Field Trip Leader: Susan Bradley

Cost: \$35

<https://stignatiuscolfax.com/>

Saint Ignatius Hospital was built by Mother Joseph Pariseau in 1893 and served as Whitman County's hospital until 1968 when it was decommissioned. It has been unused since 2003.

Decades of neglect have left the building in poor condition. It has appeared on the Washington Trust for Historic Preservation's

"Most Endangered Watch List" every year since 2015.

The current owners hope that the building will one day be redeveloped and put to new use, but to do that they must first keep it from deteriorating past the point that it can be repaired. They offer tours to raise the money needed to repair the building.



This field trip is limited to 16 people in the building. We will need to prepurchase our \$35 tickets and complete an online waiver before arriving. Please remember to print out your waiver and bring it with you. Here is the link to buy tickets.

<https://fareharbor.com/embeds/book/stignatiuscolfax/items/493436/availability/1792932509/book/?full-items=yes>

We will take a self-guided tour throughout this 50,000 square foot historic hospital. Items within the building, no matter how small, are not to be moved. The images shown here are from the 3rd and 4th floors. There will be staff there to tell you the history of the building. There are also historical signs throughout the building. Bring a flashlight as there are dark areas in the building worth exploring.



It is a long drive from Olympia, but I believe this is worth the drive. There are hotels in Colfax and an RV park (<https://rvparkcolfax.com/>). I plan to spend Friday

and Saturday night in Colfax and have some ideas for fun photo opportunities in the area that don't include the usual suspects that the Palouse Valley offers.

If we get a clear night while we are there, we might try for a night shoot at a church. It is about an hour from Colfax but offers us a church on a hill with a clear background. I also will have a list of photo-worthy stops in the area that you may not be aware of and more places to go on your way to and from Colfax. If interested in the list email me and I will send it to you with a map.

Take a look at the links below to see and learn more about St. Ignatius Hospital.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4Imkgc4wPr0>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cf7lr-rb-Y>

Member Spotlight! Lynn Helbrecht

by Rosalind Philips

I wanted to give a shout-out to member Lynn Helbrecht. Lynn has been a member of OCC since 2023. She is currently exhibiting her photography at The Mark (407 Columbia St SW) in downtown Olympia for the month of October. I attended her opening reception on Oct 2, 2025.

Lynn's photography covers a wide variety of subjects



with her primary focus on flowers and landscapes. Lynn uses Photoshop to add textures to her photographs. The textures add depth to her images; I feel that I can reach out and feel the texture. Her color palette tends to be subdued which adds an aura of mystery to the images.

Kudos to Lynn for putting her art out in the world!

Please swing by the Mark sometime this month and peruse her amazing images. Who knows, maybe you'll be inspired to try a new processing technique or even exhibit your art.

Explore the Beauty and Story of Grasslands Through Your Lens!

by Annie Salafsky

Date: Thursday, October 23, from 9 am to 12 pm

Location: 4342 Old Military Rd SE, Tenino, WA 98589

Join Washington State University Extension and The Olympia Camera Club for the third in a series of immersive photography field trips to working ranches, live-stock farms, and grassland reserves in Southwest Washington.

Upcoming Field Trip: Hercules Farm

Set against the vibrant backdrop of peak autumn, this visit will take us to Hercules Farm, a family-run operation in South Thurston County known for grass-fed lamb, turkeys, and wool products. The farm sits on the historic Hercules Number 2 Quarry, adding a layer of unique character to the landscape.



Your guide will be Faith Hagenhofer, a seasoned fiber artist and one of the farm's owners. Faith has worked with wool and natural plant dyes for over 25 years, crafting stunning felted works from her own flock's fleece.

Your Photos, Your Story

Please send a few of your favorite images to Annie at the email address below. Selected images (with permission) may be featured in rotating regional exhibitions at Timberline Regional Libraries, Olympia City Hall, and the Tenino Agriculture Innovation Park. In addition, images may be used for educational materials, presentations, and community outreach efforts. This is a chance to contribute to meaningful storytelling in support and celebration of grasslands and the people and animals that populate them.

What to Bring

- Sturdy boots for uneven or rocky terrain
- Water, weather-appropriate clothing (raincoat recommended)
- Suggested lenses: long, landscape, and macro
- Note: No dogs allowed – this is a working ranch

Restroom available on site

We look forward to seeing how you capture the rich, dynamic world of grasslands and the people who call them home. Let your lens tell the story of the land.

For questions: Please contact Annie Salafsky from WSU Thurston County at 360-791-8503 or anna.salafsky@wsu.edu

Annual Holiday Party Save The Date December 16, 2025

McLane Grange - 931 Delphi Road
Olympia, WA 98512

Setup: 5:30 pm – Dinner at 6 pm

We will be at the McLane Grange. Adrienne Cote will be coordinating the potluck dinner. Instead of white elephant gifts, pick out and print one of your favorite images of the past year and we will trade photos as we have done with gifts in the past. Photos should be ready to hang; meaning framed or mounted and wrapped. Adrienne will need volunteers

to help set up tables and get ready. She will also need volunteers to help clean up and put tables away.



Fifth Tuesday in September

by Dennis Plank

We had a good turnout for our 5th Tuesday event on critiquing the September NWCCC traveling images from the Tacoma Photographic Society. There was quite a bit of active participation, though more viewpoints would have been welcome. TPS gave us some really good images to work with and several of them had nothing but strong points to mention.

We have two or three other 5th Tuesdays this year and can always do a "5th Tuesday on Saturday" as we have done a few times in the past. Anyone who has an idea for such an activity, please send a note or talk to a board member. The next 5th Tuesday is December 30, 2025, a rather busy time for most people, followed by March 31, 2026, and June 30, 2026.

General Meeting Speaker Bio

Darrell has been photographing for over 39 years, marketing his work for the last 37 years and 31 of those as a full-time Nature/Travel Photographer. He markets his work through Stock Agencies (GettyImages, Danita Delimont), Editorial/Paper Product markets, along with Photography workshops, tours, seminars and speaking engagements.

He is one of Canon's Legends and also past President of North American Nature Photography Association -NANPA.

His work has been published in Outdoor Photographer, Newsweek, Audubon, National Wildlife, Popular Photography, Our Daily Bread, most top Nature Wildlife Calendars, and Natures Best to name a few.

He is an accomplished speaker/teacher and has led his own photo workshops along with Joe Van Os' Photo Safaris. Also, he has been featured on the TV program Canon Photo Safaris.

He has traveled the world capturing special moments to share with others.

Special Note: As a Canon Legend, Canon keeps sending Darrell printers. He has a new-in-the-box Canon Prograf pro-300 printer that he is willing to sell for \$470, half of the original list price. Canon updated this model recently to the 310, but the changes are not very significant. If you are interested, send a note to den-nis.r.plank@gmail.com and we'll let Darrell know so he can bring it to the meeting.



DropBox

by Colleen Easley

Over the summer a **problem** occurred with the **OCC Member Sharing Dropbox folder**. I still show you all as members of the folder, but you may not see it in your list of folders. This could become a big problem for our Member Sharing meetings, so I want to try to resolve it now.

There are two possible solutions. One is to go online to your Dropbox account and click on **Home** in the far-left column, then in the next menu to right, look for **Shared**. I think you'll see the OCC Member Sharing folder under **Shared** and if you click on that, you'll get your access back.

The other option is to click on this link <https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/3wm3ms1tp4duuhetjsmon/h?rlkey=nby7m24upae12w92dna42mw18&st=qwvm3z1n&dl=0> It should take you to the folder. Please let me know if you cannot make either of these options work. ceasley@me.com

Field Trip to Center Valley Animal Rescue Report

by Susan Bradley

Three club members carpooled up to CVAR and took advantage of practicing capturing images of animals that, while not wild, could move as they wanted. It was a great chance to work at perfecting changing settings in the moment to get an image.

There were many different animals to choose from and different scenes to work within. The cats were indoors, the chickens were behind chicken wire fencing, most of the goats and sheep really didn't want to be near us, the pigs had better things to do, some of the llamas got too close and the horses ignored us.

This really pushed us to find creative ways to get an image. Both Jeff and Terri found solutions to the chicken wire. I was completely enamored with the emu.



For those that missed out on the field trip they are open for guests on Saturdays. Just call or email ahead of your visit to make sure they have staff available.

2025 OCC Annual

*It's not too **EARLY** to start planning your participation!!*

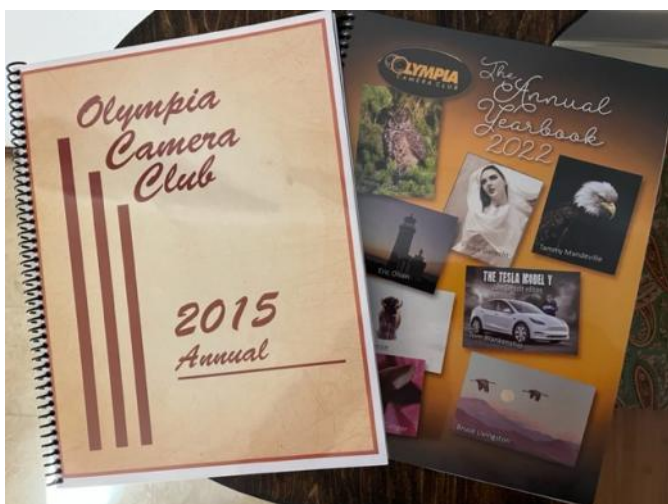
The OCC “Annual” is a photo book made up of printed images submitted from Club Members and bound into books (each participant gets a book). It has been produced every year in December for as long as anyone in the club can remember. Each person who participates will have one **8 1/2 X 11** page in the book. Participants may print one of their images on that page, (or more if you make a collage) for each book that we make. **Example:** if we have 25 participants, each participant will make 25 copies of their page so that each book has your image(s).

Have you been on a trip, or captured a image that you would like to share with other Club Members? A great way to share your image is with a print that will outlive social media posts!!! ***Share your image in print form in the OCC Annual!***

If you are thinking about participating this year, the sign-up has begun. I will need to have solid commitments for participation in the “Annual” by the Holiday Party in December. I will let everyone know how many copies of their page to make and will update everyone that participates with the date their 8 1/2 X 11 page will be due to me. **If you want to participate** in this years’ “Annual,” **please contact me** via email (recyclist48@gmail.com) or by phone (360-918-3026). Remember, the deadline to commit is the December holiday party (**please don't wait that long**) with images due to me in early January - I'll let everyone know the date after I know how many books to make.

Questions?? Please contact me at the above email or phone.

Bruce Livingston



NWCCC Report

by Rene' L. Conger

Henry Heerschap reported that there are entries coming in for NWCCC Digital Competition. The Judges will be from PSA.

Lauren Heerschap reported that Roland Thibault presentations will be “Focus on Emotion photography” and “Invisible Worlds-Art of IR and AI.”

Stephen Frye will go ahead with an advertising poster and see that all clubs receive a copy of it. David Johnson will be helping with that.

Lauren Heerschap will approach potential sponsors (i.e. Kenmore, Ryobi's and Glazers) and work on table swag, etc. for conference

Delegates Meeting: Rene' L. Conger will confirm delegates by telephone or email (iPhone preferred) to make them aware of the Delegates Meeting October 25, 2025, at 7 pm via zoom.

Open Judging for the NWCCC Print Salon

submitted by Dennis Plank

Our camera club was contacted by the Northwest Council of Camera Clubs and asked to judge the prints for the competition at their upcoming conference. They are bringing the prints to us and will be judged on October 23, 2025, at the Lacey Community Center from 11 am to 4 pm.

We have the judges lined up but we need a few helpers to lay out, move, organize, record results and simply observe the process. Please contact Dennis Plank at denis.r.plank@gmail.com to volunteer.

Membership Report

by Colleen Easley

Our 2025 membership is now up to 174 members—and we're happy to welcome two members who joined us this past month:

Donna Bogumill and Amber Carter

Please join us in giving them a warm Olympia Camera Club welcome! We're glad to have you with us.



Welcome!

We are glad you are here!

Traveling Images September

submitted by Rosalind Philips

OCC images were judged by the Mt. Baker Camera Club. The top four images are listed below with their score. You can go to <https://nwcameraclubs.org/tis100/> if you would like to view the images. Please email traveling.prints@olympiacameraclub.org if you would like to know your score and your image was not in the top four.

ID	Title	Score
124	Fungi	10
105	Ant Explorer	9
123	Skimming	7
104	More Than He Can Chew	6

Here are the top five images for 2025

ID	Title	Score
124	Fungi	60
103	Incoming	50
104	More Than He Can Chew	37
102	Mt. Shuksan Reflection	21
123	Skimming	20
105	Ant Explorer	19

It's nice to see that different top pictures are chosen by the clubs. Below are our results for the entire competition.

August

OCC images were judged by The Puget Sound Camera Club. The top five images are listed below with their score.

ID	Title	Score
103	Incoming	7
124	Fungi	7
105	Ant Explorer	6
106	Angelic Flight	6
123	Skimming	6

July

OCC images were judged by The Seattle Photographic Society. The top five images are listed below with their score.

ID	Title	Score
103	Incoming	8
110	The Sneaky Three	8
124	Fungi	8
102	Mt. Shuksan Reflection	7
123	Skimming	7

June

OCC images were judged by The Bellingham Photograph Club. The top four images are listed below with their score.

ID	Title	Score
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124	Fungi	6
104	More Than He Can Chew	6
103	Incoming	4
109	The Wise Sunset Hunter	4

May

OCC images were judged by F:67. The top four images are listed below with their score.

ID	Title	Score
104	More Than He Can Chew	6
103	Incoming	4
105	Ant Explorer	4
124	Fungi	4

April

OCC images were judged by The Bainbridge Island Photo to Club. The top five images are listed below with their score.

ID	Title	Score
104	More Than He Can Chew	9
124	Fungi	7
102	Mt. Shuksan Reflection	6
103	Incoming	6
109	The Wise Sunset Hunter	6

March

OCC images were judged by The Rainier Hills Photography Club. The top four images are listed below with their score.

ID	Title	Score
103	Incoming	10
124	Fungi	7
111	Wheee!	6
117	Umbrellas in Bolzano	6
114	Memorial - IR	5

February

OCC images were judged by The Tacoma Photographic Society. The top five images are listed below with their score.

ID	Title	Score
103	Incoming	11
124	Fungi	11
101	Darrington Morning	10
104	More Than He Can Chew	10
102	Mt. Shuksan Reflection	8



VP Musings

Welcome to Fall. It's nice to see the colors of foliage changing and the weather turning cooler. Soon we will be having little angels and monsters knocking at our doors wanting candy! Be sure to have your cameras ready but remember to ask permission first as some parents may not be happy with their little ones being photographed. Such a shame the times we live in sometimes.



I am on several e-mail shopping lists and lately I have been seeing more and more advertisements for photography apps. I am just a beginner in doing more than just taking 'snapshots' and the list of what is 'supposedly' new can be overwhelming. I'm thinking about downloading some of these apps and trying them out and then doing a 'beginners' review on them. So, if I get around to doing it, I will ask Sue to print my reviews here. Ashampoo and ZDNET are two outlets really pushing new products if you are interested. All because of AI I'm guessing.

This month's General Meeting will be hybrid, with the in-person meeting at our normal meeting place at Capital High School. It will be nice to see everyone again and have some face-to-face time. Our presenter, Darrell Gulin, will be leading an exciting evening on Macro Photography as well as Landscape Photography via Drone. I am really looking forward to this meeting. I have taken some 'macro' photos of my flowers this summer using one of my macro lenses, but the photos are still on the chip (LOL). I really hope to learn something at this meeting about processing them. Most of the presentation last month was way over my head, but still fascinating, and I learned a few things which is what these presentations are all about.

Now that summer is over, I would like to talk about one of my ideas on a new way to present the club to the public and to help gain new and diverse members. Olympia, Tumwater, and Lacey all have their own celebrations with large public gatherings; as well as many of the smaller communities surrounding us. My thought was to build a booth! One that could be easily transported, set up, and taken down. It could be set up at fairs, town celebrations, art shows etc., to present the Olympia Camera Club. I would really be interested in your thoughts (cichall@comcast.net), and if we have any carpenters in the group that could help put something like this together. I hope to present this at the next board meeting, and if enough approve of the idea, put it together over the winter and be ready to use it starting next spring.

Until next month . . . Chuck Hall

Phototunities October 2025

No endorsement of any photo opportunity or location is implied.
Please follow-up with your own research.

National Wildlife Refuges in Washington for Birding and Photography

https://www.fws.gov/locations?type=%5B%22National%20Wildlife%20Refuge%22%5D&state_name=%5B%22Washington%22%5D&activities=%5B%22Birding%22,%22Photography%22%5D

Evergreen Coast Birds & Wildlife, Pacific County, WA

<https://www.evergreencoastwa.com/things-to-do/wildlife/>

Fort Worden State Park, Port Townsend, WA

<https://parks.wa.gov/find-parks/state-parks/fort-worden-historical-state-park>

Point Wilson Lighthouse, Port Townsend, WA

<https://www.pointwilsonlighthouse.org>



Traveling Image Competition Update

by Colleen Easley

The votes are in for the September round of the Northwest Council of Camera Clubs (NWCCC) Traveling Image Competition! This month, we reviewed submissions from the Tacoma Photographic Society, and their top-scoring images were:

Ocean Ice Cube - 14 points

Take Down - 12 points

Big Red - 11 points

Family - 10 points

Island Horses - 9 points

Mealtime - 9 points

These images are displayed below—take a look!



Fall NPPNW Photography Conference

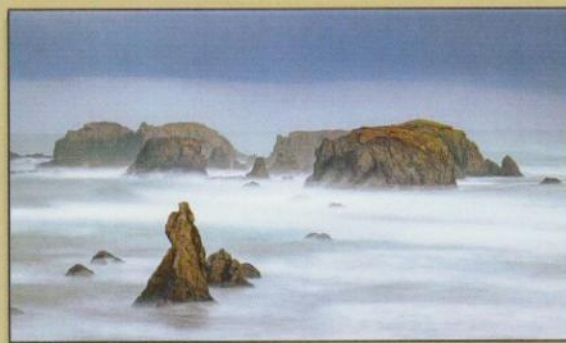
7-8 November 2025

Clark College

Vancouver, WA

- **Friday 7 Nov**

- Photography Field Trips
- Social Hour and Reception
- Dinner



- **Saturday 8 Nov**

- **Presentations by Susan Dimock**
 - *Oceanscapes, Large and Small*
 - *Developing Your Visual Voice*
- Digital and Print Competitions
- Field Trip Image Showing
- Sensor Cleaning, Vendors
- Photography Swag Raffle



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Olympia Camera Club Board Meeting September 2, 2025 Zoom

Executive Board and Members Present:

Dennis Plank, President; Chuck Hall, Vice President; John Damitio, Treasurer; Rene' L. Conger, Secretary; Colleen Easley, Membership Coordinator; Susan Bradley, Newsletter Editor; Bruce Livingston, Community Liaison; Rosalind Phillips, Traveling Prints; Terri Hoselton, Field Trip Coordinator; Adrienne Cote, Social Committee Coordinator; Pam Hoaglund, PSA Representative; Rene' Conger, NWCCC Delegate; Gerald Pumphrey, NPPNW Representative; Don Dimitratos, Member Sharing Committee; Rick Flegel, Practical Photography Group; Dennis Plank and Christy Sterling, Thurston County Fair; Cynthia Whelan and Tammi Mandeville

Meeting was called to order at 6:33 pm. We have a quorum.

Approval of Last Month's Minutes: a motion was made by Don Dimitratos, seconded by Adrienne Cote, to approve last month's minutes. It was approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer's Report September 2, 2025	
August 1 - August 31, 2025	
WSECU Checking	
Starting Balance (8/1/25)	\$5,534.59
DEPOSITS	
Income - 2025 Dues	420.01
Total Deposits	420.01
EXPENSES	
Meeting Expenses - Facility Rental	125.00
Community Outreach - TCF	567.72
Total Expenses	692.72
Ending Balance (8/31/25)	\$5,261.88
WSECU Savings	
Starting Balance (8/1/25)	\$4,095.68
Dividend Interest	0.53
Ending Balance (8/31/25)	\$4,096.21
PayPal Balance	\$ -
Total Balance	\$9,358.09

Committee Reports:

Equipment/Teleconferencing: We need to get new credit card number on the club's Adobe Account. Microsoft will no longer support Publisher software in 2026. Rosalind Phillips is researching to find new software to replace it.

Membership: Colleen Easley reported that we have six new members, bringing our total membership to 172.

Presidents Report: Judi Kubes has asked our assistance in trying to increase participation in the Tacoma Photographic Society. Dennis Plank, Chuck Hall and Terri Hoselton have already volunteered to participate. Bruce Livingston and Rosalind Phillips volunteered to help.

Community Liaison: No Report.

General Meeting: Chuck Hall has things lined up for our next meeting, plus feelers out for future meetings.

Practical Photography: Rick Flegel has Don Dimitratos presenting about black and white photography software.

Member Sharing: Don Dimitrios has set the "Normal" focal length as this month's theme. Next month will be camouflage.

Social Committee: Adrienne Cote reported that the picnic went well and was well attended. People had a lot of good conversations and discussions. It was noted that the "to go boxes" were well received.

Newsletter: Susan Bradley is missing an article for General Meeting. Chuck is gathering information on upcoming speakers Darrel Gullin and Nick Stover.

Webmaster: No Report.

Thurston County Fair: Christy Sterling had no new discussions regarding the Fair and AI entries. Rosalind Phillips will set up a meeting with Thomasina (Thurston County Fairgrounds), in the next 2-3 weeks to discuss the fair software.

Field Trips: Terri Hoselton reported that the field trip to Nancy Nelson's was attended by 12 members, a little rain; lots of conversation; and photography.

NWCCC: Rene' L. Conger reported that the Fall Conference and venue are confirmed. The Digital Competition is open for entries. There will be a delegates meeting on October 25, 2025, at 7 pm (Zoom). The next regular Board Meeting is September 12, 2025, at 7 pm.

NPPNW: Gerald Pumphrey reported that the next meeting is November 8, 2025, at Clark County College in Vancouver WA. Registration is open.

PSA: No Report.

Old Business: Terri Hoselton had no progress report on the poster for the Olympia Camera Club.

Membership Survey: 43 Responses to the annual survey were received.

*(Continued from page 12)***New Business:**

Motion was made by Bruce Livingston, seconded by Adrienne Cote, to approve improvements to the lighting in the Sokolik Building. Discussion followed. It was approved unanimously.

Terri Hoselton is researching a field trip to Bergford Gardens. There was considerable discussion. Other suggestions came up for touring the Mermaid Museum; Amazon Spheres; Union Station and Chartering a bus for a class at Glazer's in Seattle, followed by a trip to the Seattle Library for photography. Cynthia Whelan offered to lead urban photography, which may include Amtrak for transportation. Discussion followed. There will be more details later.

Discussion was started about a 5th Tuesday workshop about introduction to critiquing photographs and critiquing photographs. It was well received and other topics suggested as well. Details will be coming later.

Adjourn Meeting: A motion was made by Adrienne Cote, seconded by Terri Hoselton, to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 pm. It was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted by Rene' L. Conger, Secretary

Olympia Camera Club Board Meeting Minutes

October 7, 2025

Zoom

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Executive Board and Members Present:

Dennis Plank, President; John Damitio, Treasurer; Rene' L. Conger, Secretary; Pam Hoaglund, PSA; Don Dimitratos, Member Sharing; Adrienne Cote, Social Chair; Jeff Martin, Practical Photography; Colleen Easley, Membership and Webmaster; Rosalind Phillips, Traveling Prints/Teleconferencing/Equipment

Guests:

Justin Wikoff and Sarah Lee, Yelm 4H Photography

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm. A quorum is present.

Minutes: Colleen Easley made motion, and Adrienne Cote seconded, to approve meeting minutes as printed. Approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer's Report October 7, 2025	
September 1 - September 30, 2025	
WSECU Checking	
Starting Balance (9/1/25)	\$5,261.88
DEPOSITS	
Total Deposits	0.00
EXPENSES	
Total Expenses	0.00
Ending Balance (9/30/25)	\$5,261.88
WSECU Savings	
Starting Balance (9/1/25)	\$4,096.21
Dividend Interest	0.51
Ending Balance (9/30/25)	\$4,096.72
PayPal Balance	\$ 49.57
Total Balance	\$9,408.17

Committee Reports:

Equipment/Teleconferencing: Rosalind Phillips researched a replacement for the Publisher Program. She determined that the Affinity Publishing Program would be the best replacement for it.

Membership: Colleen Easley reported two new members this month, which brings our total membership to 174.

Presidents Report: Dennis Plank will be out of town for next month's board meeting. Chuck Hall will be leading meeting.

McClane Hall is reserved for our Christmas Party on December 16, 2025.

Darrel Gullin will be presenting in person for the general meeting - Macro and drone photography. He is bringing two printers to sell Canon Pixma 200 (\$190) and 300 (\$470). The room at Capital High School has been reserved. He would like to have dinner before the meeting (Probably around 5 pm) if any Board Members are interested. Just let Dennis Plank know.

Justin Wikoff and Sarah Lee, of Yelm 4H Photography group will be presenting to the board this evening.

Community Liaison: No report. There will be an article in the Newsletter with information.

General Photography: No report.

Practical Photography: Jeff Martin has the first committee meeting scheduled for next week. Dennis Plank will be presenting Critiquing your own images this month.

Member Sharing: Don Dimitratos has camouflage or Where's Waldo for this month. Susan Bradley suggested that perspective be the topic for November.

Social Chair: Adrienne Cote will start planning for Christmas Party tomorrow. Colleen Easley has already set up the sign up link and emailed it to Adrienne.

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Newsletter: Susan will need a write-up for General Meeting and Christmas Party. Deadline for Newsletter submissions is October 9, 2025.

Webmaster: No report

Thurston County Fair: Christy Sterling reported that some checks have been received, and the rest have been mailed.

Field Trips: John Caldwell reported that there are two field trips in October. He is working on field trips for November and December. Rosalind Phillips is willing to do a workshop during that time too.

Dennis Plank inserted the following which should have been in the President's report.

Sam Ruljanich of NWCCC, has asked for our help in judging the submissions to the NWCCC Print Salon. It will take place October 23, 2025, at the Lacey Community Center (approximately 11-4 pm). Volunteers are welcome to help with set up and watch the judging. Please let Dennis Plank know if you are interested.

NWCCC: Rene' L. Conger reported that the NWCCC Conference is coming along. They have approximately 30 registrants and both Digital and Print Salon Entries.

NPPNW: Everything is on track for November.

PSA: No report. Bruce Livingston attended the first day. It was well attended.

Old Business:

Poster for club advertising: Bill Ballard, Terri Hoselton and Dawn Barrowcliff have selected the photos and Bill has finished it. There were some minor text formatting changes. He didn't want to handle the formatting changes. It won't take but a few minutes to do that with the right software.

Supplemental pay for the Thurston County Fair

Judges: We had voted to raise it but failed to word it to include the 2025 Judges. Dennis Plank has made motion, and Adrienne Cote seconded, to include the increase for the 2025 Judges as well. Approval was unanimous.

New Business:

We already discussed Dinner with Darrel Gullin. We also discussed the Print Salon Judging for NWCCC with Sam Ruljanich.

Justin Wikoff and Sarah Lee came to the meeting to enlist our help shepherding their Yelm 4H Photography Club. They are both on the Thurston County Fair Board. Most of their entries were on the 4H side this year. The

group age ranges from 6 to 17 years of age. Parent involvement is part of the activity. Discussion followed, which included the types of media, skill level, and interests of participants. It was suggested that they do an interest survey (similar to ours), which would help in planning activities. Also, what projects they are currently doing. We don't know why this can't happen. Logistics were discussed as well. There's a possibility of a different partnership forming here as well. This will be brought up and shared by email and future discussions.

Motion made by Don Dimitratos, and seconded by Rosalind Phillips, to adjourn meeting at 7:34 pm. It was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted, Rene' L. Conger Secretary



Field Trip to Center Valley Gallery



Field Trip Gallery continued



Member Gallery



Member Gallery
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Member Gallery
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Member Gallery
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Member Gallery
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Member Gallery
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Editor's Note:

Please continue to submit images and articles to the newsletter as it is your participation that helps me provide you with a newsletter each month.



Susan Bradley, Editor

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