



# Olympia Camera Club

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Sir:

The Olympia Camera Club has collectively decided to recommend its former President, Donna Butler, for the NWCCC Progress Award.

Donna has singly, taken initiative to restore the Olympia Camera Club to an active and interested group of photographers.

In 1989 the Olympia Camera Club was meeting sporadically, indecisively, and without a purpose or direction. It had reached that condition when it was necessary to decide to continue with purpose and direction, or to simply cease to exist.

Donna recognized the problem, organized the club into a functioning and educational program. The club is now 18 members strong, growing. It now has an active core of participating members. It is directed into the "new-age" of photography, "For The Joy of Photography."

The Olympia CC, consists mostly of older photographers. Donna discovered that older photographers enjoy participating in short one day field trips in and around the community. They also enjoy follow-up programs where they share images taken. By recognizing the older photographer, and by assertive direction, Donna has made the Olympia CC a stronger group of participating photographers.

Donna has proved that the "Camera Club" is not a "dead issue." She has established that the people of Olympia are interested in photography as a fun and inspirational art form, and that they actively function when they are guided in their own interest.

Donna inspires and organizes a group of participants in regional seminars and in conferences of the NWCCC. As the result, the Olympia CC has again become a participating member of the Northwest photographic community.

Sincerely,

Louise Benoit  
Secretary, Olympia Camera Club