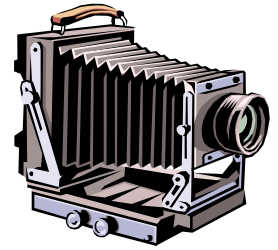


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Our February meeting will feature Michael De la Cruz, a local professional photographer. As many of you know, Michael is Jeff De la Cruz's father. Michael got his start in photography when he was in school studying architecture. He learned photography along with architecture because the students were required to photograph their projects and models. He graduated in 1976 and started shooting weddings in order to pay for his equipment. He shot between 20 and 30 weddings a year. In 1979, he started his own photography business and has been shooting professionally in the Olympia area ever since.

Over time, Michael discovered that it was difficult to make a living at photography, so he is now a part-time professional photographer. He is also an architect for the Department of Transportation, where he has worked for 15 years.

His photography business now is mostly shooting high school senior portraits. Michael will be speaking to us about his experiences with shooting seniors over the years. He will discuss techniques, posing, and creativity. He will also talk to us about the business aspect and how he has been able to make money doing photography. Please join us on February 27th at 6:30pm in the Roosevelt Elementary music room.

NOTICE

This will be your last Newsletter unless your
2006 DUES ARE CURRENT.

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President's Corner

by Frank Townsend

By the time your favorite camera club newsletter goes to print Rick Sandler will have led interested photographers to the Olympia Ethnic Celebration. Last year nine club members visited this event; their photographs were compiled into a slide show and presented to the city. The city was so impressed that this year's poster advertising the event featured photos from the slide show attributing them to the club. Quite an honor in my book and I hope to see us surpass it this year.

Bonnie and Terry Liberty put together an impromptu trip to the Tacoma Art Museum in January to visit the Margaret Bourk White exhibit before it left town. Though only six of us traveled together several more met at the museum. No Camera Club trip would be complete without a fantastic dinner, and after a tour of some of the city's finer neighborhoods Terry took us to a great Italian restaurant to cap off a fun day. The Liberty's will be leading us on an overnight trip to the Queets rain forest the weekend of March 25, so don't miss your next newsletter for details. Over the years the trips have become my favorite part of the Olympia Camera Club. It is a lot of fun to be out with other photographers, sharing tips, and sharing fun. It is a great opportunity to make friends and I hope more members will take the opportunity to go with us some time.

Ann Rockway presented the categories for this year Scavenger Hunt at the last meeting along with new rules for digital and a refresher on the rules for slides. If you've never been a part of the Scavenger Hunt in the past you're in for a treat, and if you have done it before I'm certain you'll still have fun. In a nutshell you are given a list of 24 subjects to photograph. You get one roll of 24 exposure film, one shot per category; they are collected and in September presented in a slide show. Digital shooters don't have 24 exposure compact flashes so we just have to trust that they will play along. The idea is to slow down, plan your shot, look for the best angle, then shoot; this isn't a contest to see whose best, its a tool to improve your composition. Plus you get some pretty interesting concepts on the various categories. Pick up the list at a membership meeting or watch for it in the newsletter in a future issue.

Finally, I was excited to see Jeff Delacruz's images of Iraq and to hear his thoughts on going to the country and serving his country and theirs. All of the young people called to duty are special, of course, but knowing Jeff and hearing him speak and viewing his images brought this struggle much closer to home. Jeff's photographs were brilliant and if you missed them a good number are on the wall of the downtown Batdorf and Bronson. Following the Executive Committee meeting Wednesday night most of us went their to wish Jeff well and once again view his work. Unfortunately we weren't aware that Batdorf and Bronson closes at 7 PM so we could neither. In the brief time Jeff has been in Olympia he has contributed greatly to our club, he has taught at the photography classes at the YMCA, he has co chaired the digital imaging group, he has given countless demonstrations to both the digital imaging group and the club as a whole. Jeff is leaving us to continue his education at the Brooks Institute in California. We will miss him, his talent, his sharing and his friendship.

Good luck, Jeff, and God bless

Frank

Tacoma Art Museum Visited

January 15th a group of OCC members viewed exhibits at the Tacoma Art Museum. Kathy, Pat, Frank and Terri joined Bonnie & Terry heading North for the last day of the *Margaret Bourke-White exhibit* overlapping the new exhibit of *Contemporary Photography and the Garden*. We encountered Rich and Ann, Rick and his wife Loretta, and also Kevin and his family at the exhibit.

I believe all truly enjoyed the fine presentation of Bourke-White's classic images of factories, people, and cityscapes. She dazzles with gelatin silver images of patterns found in machine parts and factory items artistically produced for commercial purposes. The Garden photography drew mixed reviews, not usually favorable. I personally enjoyed watching the light play on the *Ma Chihuly's* floats out on the stone sculpture waves in the center of the museum.

After viewing, the group took a leisurely tour of magnificent homes in the old town part of Tacoma on our way to a delicious meal and wonderful conversations at Grazie. A fun day!!!

Bonnie

Olympia Camera Club Executive Board Minutes

by Chris Weinreich

Meeting was called to order by President Frank Townsend at 6:40 p.m.

Present were: Frank and Terri Townsend, Vice President Shauna Kerns, Treasurer Robert Kletsch, Secretary Chris Weinreich, Dave Simmerman, Bonnie and Terry Liberty, Wes and Cornelia Kirkpatrick, Dottie Hall, Bobbie Rocket, Kathy Morris and Donna Butler.

Minutes of the January meeting were approved.

Financial report: Robert said the club had \$803 in the checking account. He also reported that 21 people have not paid their dues and he is going to send out a third reminder to them. The treasurer's report was approved.

Vice President's report: Shauna said that the speaker at the February meeting will be Michael De la Cruz, who will talk on his experience taking high school senior pictures. She said that the March meeting is the theme program and she still has three open slots. She reminded the meeting that Saturday is the Ethnic Festival at the Olympia Center from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

N.W. Council of Camera Clubs Report: Donna said that the Council will meet here on March 11 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Tumwater Library, and followed by a trip to the McClain Creek trail. A motion was made to provide \$30 to Donna for refreshments from the Club account. Motion was passed.

Video Group: Dottie said the video group will go to the Ethnic Celebration in lieu of a regular meeting.

Newsletter: Wes has three articles for the newsletter and could use more.

Digital Group: Bobbie said the group will meet on Feb. 14th

Capitol Land Trust: Terry is looking for volunteers to lead groups to photograph restricted access properties. Anyone interested can contact Terry.

Website: Dave reported that Romania no longer loves us. In January, hits from that country have fallen off sharply and as a result they were knocked out of first place by Canada. Dave said that in January the site had 1793 visits and that "About us" and "Gallery" was the top pages.

Old Business: Kathy said she received only four responses to her article in the newsletter, regarding the reconciliation of the various membership lists. A general discussion then followed about the lists (Robert has one, Wes had another and Dave has a third). Frank ultimately requested that the three lists be brought to the February membership meeting and Bobbie and Kathy reconcile them.

New Business: Donna asked if the club wanted to participate in Arts Walk in April. Robert moved that the club participate and that a percentage of any sales be charged to defer the costs. Bobbie seconded the motion. In the discussion that followed, Donna strongly objected and made a second motion that the club pays all the expenses out of the treasury. Dottie seconded that. Donna's motion passed. The portion of Robert's motion that a percentage of sales be charged to cover expenses was thus nullified, but the rest of his motion -- to participate in Arts Walk, also passed.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Chris Weinreich, secretary

Digital Imaging Group

by Jeff DeLaCruz and Bobbie Rockett

For this month's meeting Kevin McNeal will follow up his workflow presentation of last month with a Photoshop tip. His workflow presentation was fascinating and very informative and we hope to learn much more from him in future. Thank you Kevin for your generous sharing.

We will also be selecting images to use for the March Personal View projects. Let's get our imaginations working with the Photoshop techniques we've been learning and give ourselves a good show!

Next on the agenda will be the selection of a new co-chair for the group. Sadly, at this meeting we will be saying goodbye to Jeff DeLaCruz. He is leaving to finish his education at the Brooks Institute, and then pursuing his career as a commercial photographer. We wish him well in his endeavors. Jeff has contributed much to DIG, from sharing his technical expertise to acting as co-chair. His presentation of his experiences in Iraq at the last General Meeting was both powerful and touching. The combination of his visual images with his very personal narrative brought much to our understanding of the impact of war on those who are actually fighting it, as well as the civilians who are trying desperately to survive it. Thank you Jeff for opening your heart and sharing your experiences on such a personal level. We were all very touched by it.

We will end our meeting with the sharing of images. We seem to be doing less of this than we have in the past. We have been spending significant amounts of time with technical presentations, and these have been very helpful. Now let's share the results of what we've learned.

If you have any questions or comments please contact me at: roberta_rockett@yahoo.com

DON'S CAMERA MOVES

After 18 years of meeting Olympia's photography needs in one place Don's Camera has found a new location at 316 North Capitol, downtown. The new store, though smaller and more intimate, is still there to provide the same great service. Owners Tom and Jeff are excited about the relocation and happy to be away from the taverns that have always been their backdoor. Now they are strategically located next door to an artist's gallery which will often feature local photographers. Jeff tells us that Don's Camera may soon be processing slides on site, no more sending out to distant labs. Don's has been a long time friend to the Olympia Camera Club, donating to our fair effort and displaying our work. Stop by their new store and wish them continued success.

Video Group

by Dottie Hall

Three members of the Video Group met at Dottie Hall's home on January 7 to complete the Tumwater Falls Park video. Dottie, Mary and Bob added music to the video and had lunch with Dottie.

The next meeting will be held on February 4 at the Olympia Center to photograph the Ethnic Celebration which begins at 11:00 AM.

RAIN FOREST TRIP AHEAD

Mark your calendars for a trip to Queets rainforest on the weekend of March 25th/26th. More details to come.

Bonnie

Capitol Land Trust Trip Leaders Wanted!!

Do you enjoy photographing nature? Would you be interested in helping OCC and the Capitol Land Trust tell their story? Would you like to have a chance at seeing your photos in a show at Batdorf And Bronson's in November?

If so, you could be one of the leaders we're looking for. Some of the CLT properties are somewhat restricted as far as access is concerned and we need people to step forward to lead groups of OCC members on photo outings on these properties. As soon as I have a volunteer to lead a group, I can get together with you to determine which properties are available and what the process will be to obtain access. If you're interested, please contact me at 786-6652 or libertyt@sprynet.com

February/March 2006						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Business Mtg. 5:30pm Mekong Rest.	2	3	4 Video Group Olympia Center Ethnic 11:00am
5	6 Appreciation Group—7pm	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 Digital Imaging Group—6pm	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27 General Mtg. Roosevelt Elementary School 6:30pm	28	1 Business Mtg. 5:30pm Mekong Restaurant	2	3	4 Video Group Dottie's Home
5	6 Appreciation Group—7pm	7	8	9	10	11

Themed Programs Needed for March General Meeting

by Shauna Kearns

This March, our General meeting will be a chance for members to present a short, themed program. Members can choose any theme they want. Some examples are water, the color red, winter....etc. The program should be no longer than 10 minutes, including time for questions from the audience. Slides, prints, digital, and video are all welcome. There are two slots available, so if you are interested, please send me an email at 32instruments@comcast.net or give me a call at 866-9374. You can also let me know at the next camera club function, but the two remaining slots could fill up fast.

The Olympia Camera Club will hosts the NCCC Board Meeting

The meeting will be Saturday, March 11th. The meeting will take place at the Tumwater Library from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Dave Simmerman will lead a field trip to McLaine Park after the meeting. We hope to have a good turnout of OCC members to show our support. Come and see what it is all about. Coffee and doughnuts will be served.

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