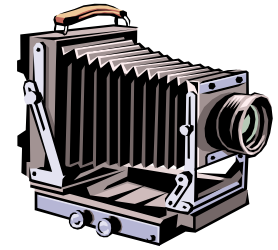


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## March General Meeting

*Shauna Kearns*

### **Members Take Center Stage**

*By Shauna Kearns*

For the March General Meeting our presenters will be our own members! This meeting is an opportunity for members to share their images through themed programs. The themes can be anything the presenters choose, as long as there is a common element to tie the images together. Not only will we be able to see some fantastic images, we will also be able to see how the presenters were able to construct creative themes. This is also an opportunity for us to see what our fellow members have been shooting and to learn from each other.

Each member will have 10 minutes for their program, including question and answer time. There will be 7 presenters, including Terry Liberty, Cornelia Kirkpatrick, Bob Kletsch, Dave Simmerman, Dottie Hall, Kevin McNeal, and Shauna Kearns. The presenters have put lots of time and thought into their shows, so please come and enjoy!

## **March/April Meetings and Events**

Mar 1, Wed.	5:30pm	Business Meeting—Mekong Restaurant
Mar 4, Sat.	11:00am	Video Group—Dottie Hall's Home Please bring Ethnic Celebration videos
Mar 6, Mon.	7:00pm	Print & Slide Appreciation Group—Loren Freeman's Home
Mar 14, Tue.	6:00pm	Digital Imaging Group—Apple Lane Apts. Clubroom
Mar 27, Mon.	6:30pm	General Meeting—Roosevelt Elementary School
Apr 1, Sat.	11:00am	Video Group—Dottie Hall's Home
Apr 3, Mon.	7:00pm	Appreciation Group-Loren Freeman's Home
Apr 4, Tue.	5:30pm	Business Meeting—Mekong Restaurant

## **President's Corner**

*by Frank Townsend*

Prompted by Olympia's overwhelming response to our photographs and slide show of last year's ethnic celebration Terri and I decided to see what it was all about and drove downtown to witness it first hand. The first thing that struck me was how many members of the Olympia Camera Club were present. It seemed I couldn't go to any event without seeing someone producing video or taking photographs. I believe the whole of our video group was there and that they will be putting together a video presentation of the event. I know that more than a few of the digital group was present and I know they too will putting together a presentation. Myself, I took over 150 pictures with my new digital camera, of course no where near that many are worth printing but the excitement of participating in the club event certainly took hold.

I've lived in a lot of large cities over the years and seen a lot of major events and celebrations so when I moved to a small town like Olympia I found it difficult to get worked over in most local events. But over the years I've certainly learned a lesson. My first introduction was the Lake Fair parade, a couple years later I visited the Species Parade, then Bon Odori, Arts Walk and now the Ethnic Celebration. Honestly I would not have attended any of these (except Lakefair) had it not been for the Camera Club. The Olympia Camera Club has introduced me not just too new ways of looking at things for photographic purposes but a new way of looking at life in general. While at first these small town celebrations meant nothing to me, the certainly mean something to someone and I constantly overwhelmed by the joy these things bring to others. At the Ethnic Celebration I ran in to a Vietnamese friend whose Buddhist temple presented the lion dance, followed by other traditional Vietnamese performances. He was justly proud of the performance of his young son and daughter but also busting at the seams over the other performers. I would have missed all that had it not been for my participation in the club, but from now on I'll be attending with or without the club.

Speaking of participation, Bonnie Liberty has put together an exciting trip to Lake Quinault and the trails surrounding the area. There is a lot more information elsewhere in the newsletter, so look for it. If you can arrange to go on this trip I urge you to do so, if only for the day, it really looks like a lot of fun.

**Refreshments** for your General meeting, Monday, March 27th will be supplied by Wes & Cornelia Kirkpatrick.

### **Bravo and well done to Olympia Camera Club's Members at the Capitol Land Trust Breakfast**

On Friday morning, February 10th, more than 250 community members gathered in the ballroom of the old Olympian Hotel in downtown Olympia to celebrate the successes of the Capitol Land Trust. The 7 a.m. benefit breakfast raised about \$20,000 for the Land Trust. Governor Christine Gregoire was the keynote speaker. OCC helped out by providing two photographers to record the event and they did a great job! Chris Moore and Dave Simmerman covered the event photographically and came back with some excellent images. Capitol Land Trust used one of Chris's images on its web site recording the morning event. Another OCC involvement was that Bonnie Liberty's image of Oakland Bay was etched into two plaques presented at the event. One of the plaques was given to the Governor for her support of conservation issues.

Thanks go to Chris, Dave and Bonnie and to all the OCC folks who have supported the land trust in its efforts to preserve irreplaceable lands throughout the South Sound area. Bravo OCC in its willingness to assist the community!

Terry

## Olympia Camera Club Executive Board Minutes

*by Chris Weinreich*

Olympia Camera Club Executive Board Minutes Mar. 1, 2006, Mekong Restaurant

Meeting called to order by President Frank Townsend at 6:15 p.m.

**Present were:** President Frank Townsend, Treasurer Robert Kletsch, Secretary Chris Weinreich, Dave Simmerman, Bonnie and Terry Liberty, Wes and Cornelia Kirkpatrick, Bobbie Rockett and Kathy Morris. Vice President Shauna Kearns was absent.

**Minutes** of the January meeting were approved.

**Financial report:** Robert reported \$748 (\$180 from dues) in the checking account after expenses for Art Walk, postage and the newsletter. The treasurer's report was approved.

**Lake Quinault Trip:** Bonnie and Terry Liberty announced they will be leading that trip  
 NW Council of Camera Clubs: Dave Simmerman reminded everyone that the meeting will be Saturday, March 11th from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Tumwater Library. After the meeting there will lead a photo trip to McClain Creek.

**Digital group:** Bobbie Rockett reported that the next meeting (March 14) will be personal view projects and a discussion about the Ethnic Celebration.

Community Liaison: Terry Liberty said that two members had volunteered to lead groups on those land trust properties that are restricted. (Seven land trust properties are not restricted.).

**Club Web Site:** Dave Simmerman said the site had 1834 visits in February, up from the January mark. Top on the list was the U.S. Government. (Former front runner, Romania, was way down on the list.) Three people have posted pictures on the Club's gallery. The club's web site design committee met and discussed the menu items and the next meeting will tackle buttons for the various items and the colors to be used.

**Newsletter:** Wes Kirkpatrick said the newsletter was ready to go, but that he did not have a lot of copy and will probably cut back the number of pages.

**Vice President's report:** Frank spoke for Shauna and said that the next general meeting will feature Themed presentations by the members

Meeting adjourned at 6:45

Submitted by Chris Weinreich, secretary

### Upcoming Adventure to Lake Quinault

On the weekend of March 24, 25, 26 a field trip is planned to Lake Quinault. Some of us will stay both Friday and Saturday nights, but feel free to join us on Saturday and/or Sunday. We'd like to meet at 9:00 am on Saturday morning for those that would like to hike together. If you'd like to join in on a Chili dinner Potluck in Cabin 6 on Saturday night, please email or call me. ([bliberty@sprynet.com](mailto:bliberty@sprynet.com)) 786-6652. That way we can know the number to prepare for and coordinate the menu. Please arrange for your own accommodations and let me know if you intend to meet up with us. More information will come soon. Thanks Bonnie

## Capitol Land Trust

www.capitollandtrust.org redesigned their website. Photographs from various OCC members grace the "pages" (with credits) and the CLT News. Check it out!! This site also provides an opportunity to glance at the protected lands we can access. The cooperative exhibit between OCC and CLT will be in November 2006 at Batdorf and Bronsons'. We can also make more of our images available for the website.

Enjoy!

## Save those film canisters

Louise Benoit would like for those that use film, please save the little container that the film comes in... and give to Dottie Hall.....The Humane Society makes toys, by putting catnip in them and decorating them, and when a kitty is adopted they go to their new home with a toy!

## 5th Annual Tacoma Photographic Society Spring Fair Print Competition

Tacoma Photographic Society announces the 5th Annual Spring Fair Print Competition. Entries will be shown at the Spring Fair at the Western Washington Fair Grounds in Puyallup from April 20th - 23rd, 2006. Deadline for entering is April 12th. There are cash prizes. For more information or to receive an entry form contact, Roberta Marshall, email: kurtroberta@foxinternet.com or call 253-952-6553

## Traveling Prints for NWCCC Circuit

This is just a brief note to remind those of you who are submitting prints for the NWCCC circuit this year. Please remember:

1. We are entering the Large Print division which means prints up to 320 sq inches (typically 11X14 on a 16X20 mat).
2. We need a minimum of 10 prints and a maximum of 25 prints to enter.
3. All prints need to be on firm support so they will stand erect. Masonite, other heavy mounting materials, frames or glass are not permitted. Matted prints are preferable.
4. There can be no information regarding the print or the print maker on the front of the mat. The print title, name of club and the maker's name and address should appear in the upper left hand corner on the back side of the print. Each title needs to be unique as opposed to "untitled."
5. No prints that have previously won NWCCC awards can be entered.
6. It will be most appreciated (in fact, necessary) that prints be ready by March 14th and delivered to the Apple Park Apartments meeting room at 3200 Capitol Mall Dr. SW. The Digital Group will be meeting at 6:00pm that evening.

Thanks in advance for your participation,

Sincerely, Jerry Weeks,  
Traveling Prints

## Digital Imaging Group

by Jeff DelaCruz and Bobbie Rockett

The next meeting of the digital imaging group (DIG) will be held at the Apple park apartments, March 14 at 6:00 PM. To start the meeting we will ask members to briefly share any photographic adventures they may have had since the last meeting. Following will be Rich Kalman's demonstration of digital stitching. We will then have presentations and discussions of our March Personal View Projects. If anyone brings a problem image we will pick the brains of our technical wizards (or anyone who wishes to contribute) for solutions to the problem. This is a process we call "Stump the Chump". Dave Simmerman and Rick Sandler will talk about the Ethnic Festival project. We are hoping to make this a combined effort with the Video Group. We will finish this very busy evening with sharing of images.

## Olympia Branch of the Mountaineers Photography club program

The Olympia Branch will host a Social/Program Evening event on Fri. March 17 at the Olympia Community Center, Rooms 101-102.

The agenda is as follows:

6:30pm-7:30pm—Social hour  
7:30pm-9:00pm—Special guest speaker Bruce SWanford, a fisheries biologist who is also an avid landscape & wildlife photographer. His program will be a mix of wilderness & wildlife photos.

Questions? Please call Lynn Eville, 360-888-0971, lynn.eville@comcast.net

## **Wanting to go to the Northwest Photographer of the Pacific Northwest How about carpooling**

For those wanting to attend the NPPNW meeting April 1st (see below article) and don't want to drive by yourself. Call a member or members or even pass along an email to Dave so that he can broadcast it to the club. The last meeting was a great success and this one looks like it will be equally as enjoyable. For those that that attended the convention in Bellingham this last year and had the opportunity to listed to Terry and Julie Eggers knows of their popularity. So, don't miss if.

### **LUCKY ELEVEN!**

At our fall meeting we celebrated the fifth birthday of the **NPPNW**. Michael Frye's presentations expanded our photographic vision. As always the competitions were great and HP's exhibit was remarkable.

Our spring meeting will be **April 1** at the University of Portland (5000 N Willamette Blvd.) in Portland, OR. We will open the doors at 8:30 AM, and the program will begin at 10 AM. The invited speakers will be **Terry and Julie Eggers**. Terry and Julie have published in a long list of periodicals devoted to nature, and their images have been showcased on numerous nature calendars. Their presentations are entitled "**It's In Your Bag: A New Look at Macro Photography**" and "**49/50: Special Spots in the Two Newest States.**" Check out [www.eggersphoto.com](http://www.eggersphoto.com).

There will again be competitions for projected images. Bring either **four** transparencies or submit in advance **four** digital photos (traditional + digital = 4). Digital files must be in JPEG format and smaller than 10 MB in size. Mail your digital files on a CD readable on a Windows PC to Dudley Chelton, 3550 NW Wisteria Pl., Corvallis, OR 97330. Include a cover letter with a description of the contents of the CD and an email address or phone number so that we can confirm receipt of the files and/or contact you if we have difficulties reading your CD. Digital files must be received by March 22.

In addition, participants are encouraged to bring a maximum of **two** prints. The prints may be matted but not framed. The total external dimensions (including mat) must not exceed 48 inches (length + width). The categories for the print and the projected image competitions are (1) scenics, (2) wildlife, and (3) plant life. We will again use a "limited hand of man" rule. Any man made object in the entry should not be a major or significant portion of the image.

From Interstate 5, take Exit #304. Proceed west on N Portland Blvd. Travel 1 mile until the street dead ends at N Willamette Blvd. Turn right and proceed for 1.3 miles. Turn left at the entrance to the University. Turn right into the parking lot. We will meet in the Buckley Center which is located near the parking lot.

For those that wish to arrive on Friday, a block of rooms has been reserved at the Red Lion Hotel Portland – Convention Center (1021 NE Grand Ave.). Please contact the Hotel directly prior to March 21 to reserve a room (800-343-1822). If you identify yourself as a member of the **Nature Photographers of the Pacific Northwest**, you will receive a special rate of \$92 plus tax for one or two persons. From I 5, take Exit #302A. If you have been southbound, turn left onto Weidler Street. If you have been northbound, turn right onto Weidler. Move to right lane. Turn right onto Martin Luther King Blvd. Move to left lane and proceed to hotel. The Red Lion Hotel will be the site of an informal conversation among **NPPNW** members beginning at 7:30 PM on Friday evening.

In order to assist planners, it is important that you return the following pre-registration/membership information as soon as possible.

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