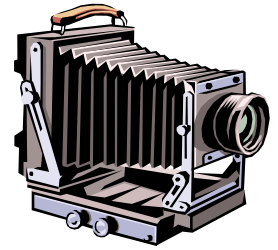


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April General Meeting

Club Member Larry Jensen to Speak at April Meeting

By Shauna Kearns

Our speaker for the April General Meeting on April 24th will be club member Larry Jensen. At the planning picnic last summer, several club members expressed an interest in hearing from other club members at general meetings. Larry's name was mentioned specifically, which says a lot about what people think of his images.

Larry was born and raised in Tacoma. He graduated from Lincoln High School and joined the Army Air Corps (not the air force, which didn't exist then.) He flew as a radio operator and gunner on B-17's (Flying Fortress). They were hit by Anti Aircraft fire and ended up in Sweden (Neutral) where he interned for 2 months. While there, he bought his first camera and has been taking pictures ever since.

After the war, he spent one year at the College of Puget Sound, then a year studying radio engineering in Tulsa, Oklahoma. He then took a job in Venezuela working for an oil service company. He came back to the States, got married, and got his geology degree from the University of Puget Sound. He went back to Venezuela, then on to Brazil where his daughter Lauri was born.

After 2 years in Brazil, he returned to the US, got his teaching degree and taught Earth Science in Tacoma Schools (and photography) and Geology and Oceanography part time at Tacoma Community College. He also spent 2 years teaching at the International School in Lagos, Nigeria. He retired in 1989.

Most of his photography has been landscapes. He had a darkroom and did mostly black and white, although he learned to do color printing and also to develop slide film. Now, he only takes digital photographs and uses Photoshop to tweak them.

Larry will be sharing with us pictures and stories from Brazil. It should be a very interesting show, since he has photographed places most of us have never seen.

REFRESHMENTS provided by: Wes & Cornelia



President's Corner

by Frank Townsend

I can't rave too much about the Club's recent venture into the rain forest at Lake Quinault. Counting Kevin and Tony's two girls the Olympia Camera Club increased the lake's population by eighteen. Equally impressive is the news that this was the first trip for at least four of the travelers. The woods were indeed full of OCC photographers, with Bonnie and Terry Liberty, Ann Rockway, Rich Kalman, Wes and Cornelia Kirkpatrick, Kevin McNeal, Steve Curry, Gary Ouellette, Rick and Loretta Sandler and Frank and Terri Townsend. Sheila Fraser arrived too late to join us on the trail but got a good work out and some good photos looking for us. Several met for dinner at the Lodge's restaurant Friday, but Saturday night was the big pot luck feast, with enough food to feed twice as many. We've asked that those who went on the trip bring a few images of their experience to share with the rest of the club at this month's membership meeting. This was truly a great trip and I can't praise Bonnie enough for putting it together.

The very next weekend Bonnie, Terry, Kevin, Tony, Rich, Ann, John Hough, Terri and I were on the road to the University of Portland for the spring meeting of the Nature Photographers of the Pacific North West. Another great trip with some special rewards mentioned in yet another article in this month's newsletter.

For those who have not yet experienced the fun and challenge of traveling with the Olympia Camera Club, you will have yet another opportunity very soon. Kathy Morris is arranging a trip to the Kubota Japanese Gardens in Seattle for the end of the month. You will find details in a separate article in your favorite newsletter and you can believe that I will be there. A couple of members are also trying to put together trips to Capitol Land Trust properties all of which are local and easy to reach, Watch for announcements.

We can always use more trips so if you have any thoughts on what might be a fun club activity, get in touch with me or any board member and we'll see if we can't get it together.

Frank

New/Returning Members

The following members who have joined or are returning to the club since the beginning of 2006.

Welcome and we look forward to seeing and getting to talk with you at our meetings.

Art Boardman
Marty Borden
Ernie Brooks
Joe Carney
Xenofon Monidis
James Ortmann
Rebecca Russel
Merlynda Smith
Jim Sundahl

KEVIN MCNEAL TAKES HOME THE PRIZE!

At the spring meeting of the Nature Photographers of the Pacific Northwest, Olympia Camera Club member Kevin McNeal entered four digital images and three prints into competition. Of the four, one was awarded the most points (first place), one was awarded the second highest score (second place) and the other two were finalists. Of his three prints, one was awarded third place and another an honorable mention. Kevin was on his feet explaining his technique so often that many thought he was the guest speaker. The following weekend Kevin entered three prints in the Ocean Shores annual art contest and was awarded a blue ribbon in the non professional landscape category.

Those of us who have seen Kevin's work at the digital imaging group, where he is co- chair, or at the general membership meetings are not surprised that he is receiving such recognition, we know what he can do.

Congratulations, Kevin

Fellow Photographers and web enthusiasts,

The next website redesign meeting will be held on April 20th, at the Apple Park Apts clubroom, 6:30pm. For those who attended the last meeting, we discussed what the menu options were and also decided on a 3 column layout. This meeting we will discuss and determine the color scheme that will be used, start to build the menu buttons, and determine the styles that will be used through-out the new site.

Dave Simmerman
OCC Webmaster

Digital Imaging Group

by Jeff DeLaCruz and Bobbie Rockett

At the April 11 meeting of the Digital Imaging Group (DIG) we will begin preparing a digital slide show of the 2006 Olympia Ethnic Celebration Photo Shoot. All OCC shooters that participated in the photo shoot at the Ethnic Celebration should bring to the meeting their images of the celebration that they would like to see included in the slide show. At a minimum, all image files should be 8 bit JPEG and compressed at a Quality Level between 8 and 10. RAW files and 16 bit files should not be used. We will use these photos to select candidate images and prepare the rough layout for a DIG-sponsored digital slideshow that will be presented at an OCC general meeting later

this year. We will also use this session as a refresher on how to use the slideshow software.

Here are the details:

- Using the slideshow software
- Reviewing images with the software and demonstrating software features
- Collectively choosing images and doing the rough layout for the slideshow
- Determining what needs to be done to finalize the slideshow and making
- individual assignments
- Setting the agenda for the May DIG meeting to complete the slideshow

Art Walk, April 28, 2006

By Donna Butler

Remember to bring your matted prints for the Art Walk to the April meeting on April 24th. You could, also, bring them to my home sometime after the 19th of April if that is more convenient.

Protect them in the transparent sleeves so they will not be damaged by fingerprints as people are looking through them. Also, put the price that you want on each print. Each individual photographer will receive the cash from the sale of their prints. Last year, we did pretty well with greeting and note cards, too. It seemed to me that smaller photos (8 x 10 or 11 x 14 matts) did better than large (16 x 20) ones.

I will be asking for volunteers to "man the booth" at the April meeting. Last year, we had three teams of two. This seemed to be adequate. I may ask for an extra person to help break down the booth and put things away this time.

Thanks and good luck in selling your photos.

Portrait Shoot

This year the annual Portrait Shoot at the Liberty's will be in the fall instead of the spring or summer. We'll find a weekend in September.

Delays with the studio repair work and upcoming travel commitments make that timing much more workable.

Bonnie Liberty

Puget Sound Photographic Collector's Society's 26th Annual Camera, Photographica Sale, Swap & Show

Saturday, April 29, 2006 at the Western Washington Fairgrounds Pavilion, 9th Ave. & Meridian, Puyallup, WA. Over 200 tables of collectible and user photographic items plus 20 collector display only tables.

Admission \$5 10AM to 4PM and \$15 early-ins at 8:30AM.

This year all tables are 8 feet at \$40 per table. For table reservations, contact Daryl Womack at 206-244-6831, darrelcam@comcast.net and for general show information, Bill Kimber at 253-564-4046, billkimber@webtv.net.

A true collector's show that should not be missed.

Fellow Photographers,

For those who have registered for the OCC online gallery, your gallery folders have been created and you can upload your images at any time. There are currently 10 registered users, but only 4 have uploaded images. We are waiting to see YOUR IMAGES! Keep in mind, you each have 2Mb of space, but we are looking at ways to increase the storage capabilities.

Thanks for all of your support

Dave Simmerman
OCC Webmaster

Olympia Camera Club Executive Board Minutes

by Chris Weinreich

Meeting called to order by President Frank Townsend at 6:30 p.m.

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

Minutes of the March meeting were approved.

Financial report: Robert reported \$712.94 in the checking account. The treasurer's report was approved.

Vice President's report: Shauna said that Larry Jensen will be the speaker at the April meeting and will talk about his Brazil trip. The June meeting will be a themed program.

Digital group: Bobbie Rockett reported that the next meeting will be on April 11 at 6:30 at the Apple Park apartments and the program will again be personal view projects,

Community Liaison: Terry Liberty said that Land Trust is still working to get access for club members to private land trust lands.

Club Web Site: Dave Simmerman said the site had 1777 visits in March, down from February. (The former front runner, Romania, is still way

down on the list.) The club's web site design committee will meet the middle of this month.

Membership roster: Kathy reported that she and Bobbie have been able to combine the various membership lists into a single one and have gotten e-mail addresses from members whose addresses were missing. The privacy issue was discussed as several members were leery about giving out any information for fear the membership list would be sold or otherwise compromised. Frank asked Kathy to bring a proposed resolution clarifying the use of the membership roster to the May meeting for the board to consider. Frank also established a membership list committee and appointed Kathy and Bobbie to it.

Field Trip: Kathy announced she will lead a field trip to Kubota Garden, Sunday, April 30. Kubota Garden

The Kubota Garden Park is located at 55th Avenue South and Renton Avenue South, Seattle (206-684-4584 or www.kubota.org). It is a 20-acre Japanese-American garden with a Northwest influence, waterfalls, ponds, ginkgo trees, bamboo and Japanese pines, open daylight hours daily;

Those interested in going were asked to meet at the Martin Way Park and Ride at 10 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00
Submitted by Chris Weinreich, secretary

A Day of Nature and Pasta

By Kathy Morris

Please join me on Sunday, April 30, 2006 for a day of nature and pasta. We will begin at the Martin Way Park and Ride at 10:00 a.m. where we can find potential carpool partners. From there, we'll travel to Weyerhaeuser's Pacific Rim Bonsai Collection and Rhododendron Species Garden. After an amount of time decided on by the group at Weyerhaeuser, we'll journey on to Kubota Garden in south Seattle. After exploring and enjoying Kubota, we'll adjourn to Vince's Italian Restaurant (since 1957) a short distance from the Garden to refuel on a hearty Italian dish of your choice. Wear comfortable shoes and bring enough food to sustain you from departure time to 4 p.m., when Vince's opens. There are restrooms at Weyerhaeuser, but only Sanikans at Kubota, so be prepared and forewarned. Picnicking is not allowed in the Species Garden, but there are picnic tables and plenty of scenic seating spots at Kubota where we can enjoy whatever light repast each person has prepared for him/herself. Both of these gardens are very lovely in the spring. Please plan to join me in this predominantly tranquil adventure. If you plan to go, please let me know by e-mail to photogal55@comcast.net or by phone at 360-943-3934, so you don't get left behind! As we say in Japan, "Let's have some fun!" Hope to see you on the 30th.

Food for Photographers

by Kathy Morris

For those of you who enjoyed the treats at February's general meeting, here is the recipe. I retain the rights for OCC potlucks. If you make it, warning! Be prepared for sticky fingers....

Pecan Toffee Squares

Yield: 36 bars

Base

1 box Pillsbury Moist Supreme Classic Yellow cake mix (18.25 oz. pkg.)
½ cup margarine or butter, softened (I used butter)
1 egg, beaten

Filling

1 (14 oz.) can sweetened condensed milk (not evaporated)
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 egg
1 (6-oz.) pkg. chocolate-coated toffee bits (I could not locate this product, so I chopped up four Heath bars)
1 cup chopped pecans

1. Heat oven to 350°. Grease 13x9 inch pan. In large bowl, combine cake mix and butter slices; mix well with pastry blender or fork. Stir in egg to completely moisten. Mixture will form a ball. Spread evenly into bottom of greased pan. Bake at 350° for 7 minutes.

2. Meanwhile in medium bowl, combine condensed milk, vanilla and 1 egg; mix well. Stir in toffee bits and pecans.

Remove pan from oven. Pour filling evenly over warm base. Return to oven; bake an additional 22 to 30 minutes or until filling is set. Cool 1 hour or until completely cooled. Cut into bars. Store in refrigerator.

Items for Sale

Remember, if you have photography related items, i.e. camera, lens, tripods etc... you would like to sell send and email to Frank, Dave or myself and have it posted in the newsletter. I've heard a few members have various items they would like to sell so here is another avenue to do so.

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It is my intention to present—through the medium of photography—intuitive observations of the natural world which may have meaning to the spectators.

Ansel Adams (1902 - 1984)

Olympia Camera Club April/May Meetings and Events

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| Apr 11, Tue. | 6:00pm | Digital Imaging Group—Apple Lane Apts. Clubroom |
| Apr 22, Mon. | 6:30pm | General Meeting—Roosevelt Elementary School |
| May 1, Mon. | 7:00pm | Appreciation Group-Loren Freeman's Home |
| May 3, Tue. | 5:30pm | Business Meeting—Mekong Restaurant |
| May 6, Sat. | 11:00am | Video Group—Dottie Hall's Home |
| May 9, Tue | 6:30pm | Digital Imaging Group |
| May 22, Mon | 6:30pm | Roosevelt Elementary School |



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