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November General Meeting

The November meeting will be for club members to bring your images, slides, prints and any stories to share.

We have new members that have images they have shared to others and at the digital meetings it would be a nice time to show and share them with the club and get to know others in the club as well.

Some members have gotten new camera's and equipment and have been practicing or perfecting their photography and have we have also gone through a terrific summer getting out capturing those special and spectacular images so now would be a great time to bring them and let the rest of us enjoy them too.

For those members that have attended some great seminars, conferences, workshops and gone on trips it would be a great time to share those experiences too.

AND, we'll be talking about our upcoming Christmas party, December 18th at the Apple Park community club. So you won't want miss the sharing of our special times and upcoming events. See you at the meeting..

Dues reminder for 2007

If you are unable to attend the Christmas party on December 18th, or wish to renew your 2007 membership now, please send your Dues of \$18.00 or \$30.00 for a couple to;

**Olympia Camera Club
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Refreshments will be provided by the following:

November Frank
January Donna
February Shauna
March Wes & Cornelia
April Bonnie
May Allen
June Kathy M.

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)

President's Corner

by Shauna Kearns

Thanks for Sharing

I just have to say thank you to everyone who brought images and video to the October meeting for sharing. I really enjoyed the gorgeous images of fall color, Mt. Rainier, and hot air balloons. Member sharing makes the meetings so much more enjoyable to me. I think that being able to share makes photography an even more rewarding hobby. It makes all of our efforts a little more worthwhile if we have an audience to share our images with. When we capture images that are a little more extraordinary than others, who understands better than our group? It's so fun to share those "you wouldn't believe what I had to do to get this shot" stories, or those "you wouldn't believe how lucky I got" stories. Even those photos that have a special meaning to us for some reason are fun to share because as fellow artists, we understand maybe a bit better than other friends or family. I know I've enjoyed sharing those kinds of stories with some of my photos at our meetings. I really enjoy hearing from all of you. I think we can learn a lot about each other through sharing our work, so please keep up the good work and keep on sharing! If you are new to the club, or you haven't yet shared anything, I would encourage you to go for it!!

Vice President's/Webmaster's Corner

by Dave Simmerman

The website has been upgraded to a new hosting plan giving us more storage space. As a result of this, all registered gallery members now have 10Mb of space to upload their images. If you are not registered and want to become a gallery member, go to <http://olympiacameraclub.com> and click on the gallery link. On the gallery page, click on the @ symbol and register. After registering you will get an email from me stating that it is okay to start uploading your images. It will take approx. 24hrs before you can upload. So sign up and let us see your photos!!

I am also creating a web link page for our members only who want to have their personal websites linked from the OCC Site. If you wish to have your site listed, email me your Name and web address.

*****PLEASE NOTE...THE OCC IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR CONTENT ON MEMBERS PERSONAL SITE AND YOU ARE ENTERING THEIR SITE AT YOUR OWN RISK*****

OCC Christmas Party

By Frank Townsend

Each year the Olympia Camera Club holds a Christmas Party in lieu of a general membership meeting. This year is no exception, but because the fourth Monday falls on Christmas day we will do our club celebration on December 18, the third Monday. The festivities will begin at 6:30 PM at the Apple Park Apartment's Club House, where the digital group usually meets, 3200 Capital Mall Drive on Olympia's west side. The party will feature our favorite finger foods, provided of course that you bring your favorite, and will include a gift exchange. If you want to participate in the gift exchange, bring an unmarked, wrapped gift, not to exceed \$10.00 in cost. The gift may be serious or funny, lots will be drawn for the choosing of the gift but you will have the opportunity to take one away from someone else.

So, mark your calendars now so that you won't forget, this could be the event of the season!

Olympia Camera Club Executive Board October Minutes

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

Meeting called to order at 6:10 p.m.

Present were: President Shauna Kearns, Vice President Dave Simmerman, Treasurer Robert Kletsch, Secretary Chris Weinreich, Frank and Terri Townsend, Terry Liberty, Wes Kirkpatrick, and Allen Raphael.

October Minutes: Frank moved to approve the minutes, Allen seconded and the motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Robert reported that the bank balance at the beginning of October was \$526.81. He received \$120.36 in dues and expenses were \$47.18 for mailing the traveling prints and \$113.13 for publishing and mailing the newsletter. The balance at the end of the month was \$486.86.

The treasurer's report was passed.

Nature Photographers of the Pacific Northwest conference: The club is hosting this conference which will be held at South Puget Sound Community College in Building 26, Nov. 4, 2006 from 10 am to 5 pm. There was a short discussion about minor loose ends, including who will pick up the featured speaker, Moose Peterson.

Capitol Land Trust photos: Terry said he needs the images by Nov. 6th so they can be mounted and matted.

NW Council of Camera Clubs: Wes said the council is looking for silent auction items. Anyone who has photo related equipment they would like to donate should call Wes. The conference will be at Ft. Worden in Port Townsend Nov. 17, 18 & 19, and Wes said there is a morning photo shoot on Saturday.

Club meeting notes:

- Dave said that the featured speaker for November, Chip Van Gilder, has had to re-schedule to February and he was looking for a replacement.
- Karen Abbott, who worked for Playboy for a number of years, was suggested.
- The Liberty's offered to host the Annuals meeting in January.
- The May 19th meeting will be the one about shooting portraits.
- Digital group will meet Nov. 14th
- The club's Christmas Party will be Dec. 18th at the Apple Park Apartments.

Eagle Trip: Frank is putting together a trip to photograph the eagles in the Skagit Valley. It is scheduled for Jan. 13th and anyone interested should contact Frank.

Club Web Site: Dave reported that there were 1539 visits in October and the site will be updated in November. Canada lead with the greatest number of hits from outside the U.S. and Romania slipped to 13th.

Thurston County Fair: Frank volunteered to again be the superintendent for the photo exhibit for 2007.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:55

Chris Weinreich, Secretary

The Eagles Are Coming!

By Frank Townsend

Every year Bald eagles, perhaps hundreds, come to the Skagit River to feast on the carcasses of the salmon who returned to the headwaters to spawn. The best place to see them is along the stretch of the river from Rockport to Marblemount and the best time is between mid December to late January. Though the salmon spawn further upriver they are washed down river by the swift current to the broad gravel banks of this area. The birds generally feed from sunup to around 11 AM, which makes this the best time to photograph them.

This is the trip I've wanted to take for years and I would like to take it with members of my favorite camera club. The weekend of January 13 and 14 appears to be the opportune time to go and I am recommending spending the night of Friday and Saturday the 13th to have two mornings to view the eagles. There are a few motels and restaurants in the area and I will have all that information available at the November meeting. There will be opportunities to visit the interpretive center and perhaps catch views of Mount Baker, enough activities to make this a full weekend.

Land Trust Project Selects Images - Show is Now in December

by Terry Liberty

A total of eight members submitted 55 images from CLT properties to an OCC committee and the group picked 15 images and some backups to be hung at Batdorf and Bronson. The committee, which met on September 13, consisted of Allen Raphael, Shauna Kearns, Terry and Bonnie Liberty, Kathy Morris, Wes and Cornelia Kirkpatrick, Ann Rockway and Dave Simmerman. Here is a list of those chosen and the number of images the group picked:

- Ann Rockway (2)
- Bonnie Liberty (2)
- Bobbie Rockett (2)
- Dave Simmerman (4)
- Mary Douglas (1)
- Pat Mclaughlin (1)
- Rich Kalman (2)
- Terry Liberty (1)

Terry met with CLT on September 19th to show them the images and get their approval. The CLT folks were very enthusiastic about our photos. Only one substitution was made when a selected photo was discovered to be of a Scotch Broom, an invasive species. The same photographer had submitted an image of a Camas Lily which is a native plant so Terry and the CLT folks made the switch.

Terry announced the results at the OCC Scavenger Hunt meeting.

A bit of confusion occurred on September 25th when Terry called Georgia Munger the curator for Batdorf and Bronson.

Georgia had the show scheduled for October beginning with the October 6th Artswalk. After some consultation and a few more phone calls, Georgia had moved the OCC show to December.

The next steps for the project are as follows:

- Determine cost of mount, mat, frame, glass for a print.
- Communicate with Georgia Munger about Batdorf and Bronson needs, timing, possible opening party, etc.
- Communicate with all photographers about what's needed.
- Obtain best effort print(s) from each person and payment of the costs for mount, mat, etc. for each print going to the show.
- Obtain framing materials.
- Hold a framing party at Terry's house.
- Hang framed prints at Batdorf and Bronson.
- At the end of December, remove framed prints and return them to photographers.

Thanks to all of you again for all your hard work and perseverance. This is going to be a very good show!!

DATE SET!

The Liberty's will host the compilation of the '07 OCC Annual on January 6th at their home. The books from previous years will be shared at the November meeting. Each of us that participates can share and exchange a favorite picture with the rest of us. Details at the next meeting.

NWCCC CONFERENCE—PORT TOWNSEND, WASHINGTON NOVEMBER 17TH, 18, 19TH, 2006

Updated information will be on www.nwcameraclubs.org

Welcome to the NWCCC Conference November 17th-19th 2006

Historic Fort Worden State Park and Conference Center Port Townsend, WA

Conference Cost \$35.00 \$40.00 on site.

Banquet \$26.00 by reservation only.

Housing available on site and also:

Harborside Inn 1-800-942-5960 Port Townsend, .Conference rates are available. Be sure to mention that you will be attending the NWCCC conference and they will then give you the conference rates.

The conference will include the following:

Image Competition and Salon

Workshops

Field Trips

Banquet

Silent Auction

Check the NWCCC Website for more information, competition rules and entry date www.nwcameraclubs.org

Friday PM:

Field trip with Bob Stahl and Keith Lazelle

Directors and Delegate meetings

Chat session and informal gathering in the Break out room

Saturday

Sunrise photo shoot

Registration

Vendors from Hunts Photo Supply!!! Good buys

Exhibitors: Sony, Wacom and Epson

Workshops: Eight scheduled sessions

Banquet Keynote speaker Bob Stahl

Silent Auction

Sunday: AM

Photo shoot of historic Port Townsend hosted by Port Townsend's Camera Club.

Sunday Brunch available at Fort Worden

Reservation application is on the following page and also available on the NWCCC Website. at www.nwcameraclubs.org

Items subject to change without notice.

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2007 Membership Dues are due