



Olympia Camera Club

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General Meeting— 4th Monday monthly

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December General Meeting

Mark your Calendars!!

Monday, December 18th, is our annual Christmas party. The party will be held at 6:30PM in the Apple Park Apartment's Club room, 3200 Capital Mall Drive, Olympia. Please bring your favorite finger food to share. If you want to participate in the gift exchange, bring a wrapped gift not to exceed \$10.00 in cost. The gift may be serious or humorous. As in past years participants will draw numbers and will have the opportunity to take an unopened gift or steal one previously opened. This is a great opportunity to pass on the gift you were stuck with last year. Membership dues, \$18.00 for Single and \$30.00 for couples, are due to the Treasurer and the Christmas party is a great time to take care of that. Also those who want to take part in this years Annual, Terry Liberty will be accepting your sign up at the party.

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Remember to Bring:

1. Finger food
2. Membership Dues
3. Gift
4. Christmas Spirit

ATTENTION MEMBERS—DUES NOTICE

Dues reminder for 2007

If you are unable to attend the Christmas party on December 18th, please send your Dues of \$18.00 or \$30.00

for a couple to;

Olympia Camera Club

2626 Otis St SE

Olympia WA 98501.

If you are paid part way through 2007, please contact the OCC Treasurer for your remaining prorated 2007 dues amount.

E-mail the treasurer at rekletsch@juno.com



President's Corner

by Shauna Kearns

The Northwest Council of Camera Clubs Conference was a great success this year. There were 18 OCC members in attendance this year, which I think is a record! This was my first NWCCC conference and I really enjoyed myself. Pt. Townsend is a beautiful place to photograph and to our delight, the weather cooperated on Saturday morning for our sunrise shoot. The pretty pink clouds were worth the cold wind. It felt really good to be outdoors shooting and enjoying the natural beauty around me again, which I don't do much in the fall and winter months. The classes went by very quickly and Saturday was over before I knew it. I came away with new knowledge of color gamut and color space that I think will stay with me.

There were some gorgeous prints on display at the Conference and we saw some truly beautiful slide show presentations as well. Thanks to all of you who participated in the Conference this year. Our good showing will help make sure that these conferences continue.

Perhaps our speaker at the November meeting inspired some of you and got you thinking about possible outings for the club. Gary Ouellette is ready for your ideas, so give him a call or shoot him an email if you would like to lead a trip or if you have a suggestion. I know several of us are really looking forward to the trip to the Skagit River Valley in January! I hope that more great trips are on the horizon.

Batdorf & Bronson

Exhibit Is Up!

Article by Terry and Bonnie Liberty

Thanks to the hard work and generosity of OCC members we now have a completed exhibit hanging on the walls of Batdorf & Bronson in downtown Olympia! How does it look? Just great, thanks. The setup experience with Georgia Munger, B&B's curator, was a kick. Georgia lent her experienced eye and her enthusiasm to the process and we all enjoyed seeing OCC work go up on public walls. Photographs in the show are by Bobbie Rockett, Dave Simmerman, Ann Rockway, Rich Kalman, Bonnie Liberty, Terry Liberty, Mary Douglas and Pat McLachlan.

Capitol Land Trust has put up a web page referring to the exhibit and using Pat McLachlan's image of a Pacific Madrone as the header image. You will find the print of the image in the show hanging above the fireplace at B&B.

The exhibit will run through the first week of January so when you're downtown during the holiday season, stop at Batdorf & Bronson for a mocha and check out a really great photography exhibit.

"Only after we have let our minds and eyes deal intimately with the abundance of marvels around us should we attempt to photograph them."

-John Shaw

Olympia Camera Club Executive Board Minutes

by Chris Weinreich

Dec. 6, 2006, Mekong Restaurant

Meeting called to order by President Shauna Kearns at 6:15 p.m.

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

November Minutes: Terry moved to approve the November minutes and Robert seconded. The motion was passed.

Treasurer's Report: Robert reported a November beginning balance of \$486.86, and income of \$48.68 from dues and \$6.29 from the coffee kitty. Monthly expenses were \$71.88 for the web site, \$200 to the Olympia School District for room rent, and \$25 for guest speaker, Sunny Walter. The ending bank balance was \$244.95.

Capital Land Trust: Terry reported that the club members' photos of land trust property will be hung in Batdorf & Bronson, Thursday (Dec. 7) and he added we have some good pictures.

Yearbook Party: Terry reminded everyone that the club's yearbook party will be held Jan 6th at the Liberty's home.

Digital Group: Bobbie said there will be no December meeting but the group will continue in January, going into an educational mode.

Upcoming Club Meetings: Dave reminded everyone that the Christmas meeting will be at the Apple Park Apartments starting at 6:30, with a gift exchange (\$10 limit on gifts) for those who want to participate.

The January meeting will be the members theme program and the February meeting will feature Chip Van Gelder of Stretching Photos of Tacoma, talking about galleries and photo shows.

Web site: Dave reported that the number of visits for November to the club's web site was 1542. The largest number of foreign visits was from Poland while Romania slipped to 19. The most visited page was the digital one followed by the gallery.

Eagle watching: Gary talked about and eagle watching trip to the Skagit Valley, Jan. 13 & 14. He also said that Army's Madigan Hospital counseling program might be asking for some calming pictures and music to help the soldiers seeking counseling.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45

Chris Weinreich

Group Loyalty And Appreciation

Article by Terry Liberty

I recently purchased my first digital camera from a fellow photographer. I was planning to wait a while before spending the money but this was an offer I couldn't refuse. So the other evening I was in a gathering of photographers when one of them announced that "Terry has gone digital". Now, I've been working with scanned images and Photoshop since version 5, so I hardly thought of myself as having made much of a change. After all, these are all digital tools. Besides, my whole professional career has been built around computers so I technically "went digital" in 1967! It occurred to me that when I bought my first SLR in 1972 that no one declared that I had "gone Yashica". When I bought my first zoom lens, no one declared that I had "gone zoom". This purchase of a digital camera was something more, but what? I think it was more like having joined a specific club. I was now a "digital photographer", and by definition, no longer a "film photographer". In essence, my fellow photographer was announcing "Terry's one of us." This was brought home to me even more strongly when, after I experienced some trouble with my digital camera, one of the folks who uses film chided me for going over to the other side too soon.

The problem with being one of US is that I'm no longer one of THEM and frankly this us and them thing bothers me a lot. I see a similar thing in brands of camera. You're either a Nikon person, a Canon person or one of those others. I notice this when two photographers meet. The first thing they do is to look at each other's camera. Camera envy? At the same meeting I mentioned above, we all introduced ourselves and it was amazing how many people defined themselves by the brand of camera they used. I could see the newcomers in the meeting trying to figure out which group they belonged in. I firmly believe that some felt they had to choose sides. I felt really uncomfortable for them.

Let's remember some fundamentals that have kept OCC unique and truly better than other camera clubs:

1. We don't judge each other's work unless asked or rank one person above the other.
2. We don't compete among ourselves within the club.
3. We stress inclusion and the ability of all to share their enjoyment of photography in whatever form that may take.

We celebrate each other's successes regardless of the tools we use.

Of course we all engage in an enormous amount of technical talk. It's impossible not to. Photography is an incredibly technical field. That's part of the fun for many of us. No art can happen without adequate tools and the choice of tools is of great concern to each of us. Nor can we avoid relating our experiences, both good and bad with certain tools. Did it work for me or not? Why? Why have I chosen certain methods and equipment? This information is valuable to all of us. The danger is in concentrating so much on equipment and technology that we begin to believe that my way is the best way. In doing so we lose sight of other people and their art.

I don't want to be too strident about this since being a member of OCC is really a joy for me. I count every one of its members as my friends. Even so, I would like each of us to reflect a bit about this tendency to concentrate on the hardware other people use. The next time you meet a photographer, don't ask what kind of camera they use. Instead, ask them what they like to photograph and perhaps what was their last shoot. When the conversation heads toward Nikon vs. Canon or Film vs. Digital, help things out by changing the subject to the upcoming Paul Strand exhibit in Tacoma. Let's work on appreciating the art and the person behind it and keep the hardware choices a personal issue.

Announcing the Year 2006 OCC Annual!

Article by Terry and Bonnie Liberty

Every year, OCC members get together to assemble a permanent collection of their recent photographic work. We do this by publishing our *Annual*, a booklet to which we all contribute our photographs. There is a copy of the *Annual* published for each contributor so each person gets a copy to keep. We have found these books to be excellent keepsakes and inspirations. We assemble the book at a gathering at Terry and Bonnie Liberty's home, accompanied by a "finger food" lunch. We would encourage everyone to get involved in this enjoyable activity. It provides a good deal of fun, a collection of your colleagues' work and a look at where we all were, photographically in 2006. The details are as follows:

The Annual

Each *Annual* is made up of one image from each participating OCC member or former member. Participation is voluntary, of course. It's nice but not required that the images were created during 2006. Images may be created by any photo process, film and/or digital, and may be any size from a snapshot to a maximum of 8 ½ x 11 inches. Each participant provides one print per book so if there are ten participants, there will be ten books, each with one print from each participant.

Publishing Party

The publishing party will be on January 6 at Noon, at Terry and Bonnie's home, 8741 Stoney

Creek Lane SW. This is **party time!** providing us with a "finger food" lunch and an excellent opportunity to become acquainted with other members. In the event you are unable to attend, you may deliver your prints to the Liberty's or send them with another member. Please provide the name of the person who will be present to assemble your *Annual* for you.

Note: Because we permanently bind the *Annual*, all books must be assembled at the party. It is difficult to add or exchange images with those already included in the binder, so a fully completed *Annual* is our goal! Please assure that your prints are at the Liberty's, ready for assembly on the party date.

The Prints

Option 1: Prints Mounted on Paper Pages

Photos can be mounted on 8 ½ x 11 pages with titles, etc. The preferred paper is 24 pound bond or similar. Please create your own pages and mount your prints, ready to bind before the party. You may use materials, colors etc. of your choice. In that way you can control the placement of the print and information you want included on your page. When mounting, allow a ½ to ¾ inch extra margin along the left hand (long) edge of the page for binding.

Option 2: Prints Done Directly on 8 ½ x 11 Photo Paper

You can bring prints that are done directly on 8 ½ x 11 photo paper. We will bind these into the books with no need for other materials.

When printing, allow a ½ to ¾ inch extra margin along the left hand (long) edge of the page for binding.

Let's Party!

So everyone decide if you'd like to participate and if so, what print you want to contribute. If you wish to participate, sign up on or before the OCC Christmas party on December 18th. After the 18th, print and mount the required number of images, make up some "finger foods" for a potluck and come to the party!!

If you wish to participate or have any questions, please call Terry at 786-6652 or e-mail him at libertyt@sprynet.com. **Terry will need an exact count by December 18th so make sure you sign up!**

Directions Via Highway 101 and Mud Bay Road

Here are directions to Terry and Bonnie's house.

Go South on I5 to Olympia the exit on highway 101. Take the exit and head West on 101. You'll pass exits to Cooper Point Rd. and Black Lake Blvd. Keep going West on 101. Get off 101 on the Mud Bay Rd. exit. Bear right until you come to a stop sign the bottom of the exit at the fire station on Mud Bay Rd. Turn left on Mud Bay Rd. and cross under the freeway. Shortly after the underpass is Delphi Rd. Turn left on Delphi.

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Follow Delphi for about six miles.

Eventually (about 6 miles) you will come to the intersection with Waddell Creek Rd on your right. At the intersection, stay on Delphi (left) for another 1/4 mile or so. As you enter a long left curve, you'll find a white-on-green sign for 8741 and a street sign "Stoney Creek Lane" on your right.

Turn right at the sign, pass the mailboxes on your right and follow the paved driveway.

At the next 8741 sign, turn right and go to the top of the hill to a cul-de-sac.

Drive straight through the cul-de-sac (sign says 8741) and you're there.

Our address is 8741 Stoney Creek Lane SW
Phone is (360) 786-6652

Alternate Directions Via Black Lake Road at Highway 101

Get on Black Lake Road going South from the Hwy 101 overpass.

Follow Black Lake Road past the lake and continue on it until you get to Delphi Rd.

Turn left (South) on Delphi.

Follow Delphi for about two miles.

You will come to the intersection with Waddell Creek Rd on your right.

At the intersection, stay on Delphi (left) for another 1/4 mile or so.

As you enter a long left curve, you'll find a white-on-green sign for 8741 and a street sign "Stoney Creek Lane" on your right.

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The Eagles Are Still Coming! *by Frank Townsend*

Last month I explained how the death of the salmon spawning on the Skagit River attracted American Bald Eagles by the hundreds during December and January. I also said that I was going to view this even on January 13 and 14. So here are some more details. On Friday, January 12 I will be in the Lacey Wal-Mart parking lot until 5:30 PM to car pool to the Marblemount area. I can take two passengers with me and welcome any other drivers who want to caravan. I will be probably be staying at the Skagit River Resort, where prices begin at \$69 and go rapidly upward, check www.northcascades.com or call (360)873-2250. A second choice is the Totem Trail Motel, most rooms have a double and two twins in a single room and rent for \$69 per night, check www.totemtrail.com or call (360) 873-4535. There are a couple of nice restaurants in the area but it is always wise to bring along a little extra. You should also plan on wet and cold, we may even have snow.

I am told the best places for viewing are at the Skagit River Bald Eagle Interpretive Center in Rockport, Mile post 100 on Highway 20, the Howard Miller Steelhead County Park or the Marblemount Fish Hatchery. I'll have handouts with this information.

Please let me know if you do plan on the caravan so that you are not left behind, my schedule can be adjusted. There is also a possibility of arranging a caravan for Saturday for those who only want to spend one night.

Newsletter Masthead, A Look Back *Editor*

It was mentioned to me a few months back that it would be nice if we had the original Olympia Camera Club logo on the newsletter.

So I asked around and Terry Liberty had some back issues of the newsletter dating back to March 1966 which he was able to scan.

The original masthead which had as you can see is a large "O" with two smaller "C's" inside and had the date and an address. I changed the date and address to the clubs website and the Established date.

Maybe some of our long time members will have memories of those "Good Ol' Days" and send me some of them and I'd like to publish them.



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2007 Membership Dues are due

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