



Mary Tevis *Hippo on the Chobe*



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## InFocus, the Newsletter of the Puget Sound Camera Club

The Puget Sound Camera Club (PSCC) welcomes new members of any level of expertise in digital and film photography. The Club meets the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month at Maplewood Presbyterian Church in Edmonds, Washington.

Activities include education, review of work, and exhibition opportunities.

**Note that during the current pandemic, our meetings are held online via video conferencing. More information is available via our Meetup page.**

The PSCC was organized in 1984 and is a member of the Photographic Society of America and the Northwest Council of Camera Clubs.

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Puget Sound Camera Club (PSCC): [www.pugetsoundcamera.com](http://www.pugetsoundcamera.com)  
Northwest Council of Camera Clubs (NWCCC): [www.nwcameraclubs.org](http://www.nwcameraclubs.org)  
Photographic Society of America (PSA): [www.psa-photo.org](http://www.psa-photo.org)

## Message from the President

Happy Holiday Season Members!

I hope you all had a good Thanksgiving and are looking forward to the rest of the various holidays coming up, including the PSCC Holiday Party on Dec. 12. If you plan to attend in person and partake of wonderful holiday pizza, and have not already notified me of your intent to do so, please email me at [president@pugetsoundcamera.com](mailto:president@pugetsoundcamera.com) soon so I know how much pizza to order. The holiday party will be our last get together of 2022.

Congratulations to everyone whose work won awards at the NWCCC annual conference. Videos of the winning images and the slide shows entered by club members will be shown at the holiday part.

November is ending with a nice lowland snowfall in the Pacific NW. If it sticks around it will provide a nice opportunity for snow pictures. There will probably be more such opportunities if it doesn't. Our field trip to the Skagit Valley went well and we had a good turn out. We will probably have another one after the first of the year. The birds should be around until March.

Chris Currie  
PSCC President

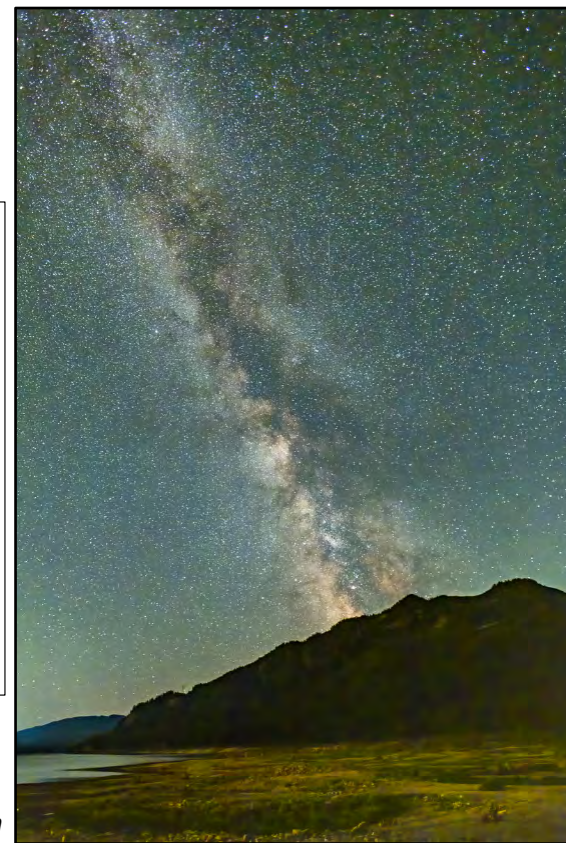
### Did You Know?

PSCC board meetings are open to all PSCC members. Board meetings are typically held on the 3rd Monday of the month at 7 PM. Meetings are held via Zoom.

If you'd like to attend, please contact Chris at [president@pugetsoundcamera.com](mailto:president@pugetsoundcamera.com) to get the link for the next meeting.

Note that there will not be a board meeting in December.

Chris Currie *Milky Way Again*



## November 2022 Digital Night Scores

<b>Commentators</b>	Dave Patzwald Holly Hauser JoDee Owens
<b>Judges</b>	Andy Royce Mercedes Perez Chris Currie
<b>Assignment</b>	Fall Colors

**MP - Most Popular**

**No Assignments in December 2022**

**Come to the Holiday Party on December 12!**

## Assignments in January 2023

**Digital: Conveying a Feeling or Impression  
with the Color Blue**

**Print: Holiday Lights**

For more information as well as the full list of  
assignments this coming year, go to  
[www.pugetsoundcamera.com/assignments](http://www.pugetsoundcamera.com/assignments)

	Title	Maker	Score	Place
Assignment	Lone Fall Colors	Bill Royce	24	First Place
	A Rainy Fall Day	Linda Charboneau	22	MP
	Beauty of Autumn	Mary Pease	22	
	Golden Splendor	Lynne Greenup	22	
	Look Up	Mercedes Perez	21	
	Red and Yellow Leaves	Karen Jacobson	21	
	Banff Canada	Klaus Lorenz	20	
	Drive to the North Rim	Chris Currie	20	
	Fall Trees	Jake Jacobson	20	
Creatures	Sulphur Crested Cockatoo	Dave Patzwald	24	First Place (tied)
	Puffin Skipping Panorama	Jeff Lane	24	First Place (tied), MP
	Upsidedown (Red-breasted Nuthatch)	Holly Hauser	24	First Place (tied)
	Young Limpkin	Robert Rutkin	22	
	Red Tailed Black Cockatoo	Dave Patzwald	21	
	Camouflage	Robert Rutkin	21	
	Kingfisher at the Dock	Jack Broom	21	
	Posing Peacock	Linda Charboneau	21	
	Heron Portrait	Jack Broom	21	
	Backyard Birding (Chestnut-backed Chickadee)	Holly Hauser	21	
	That's My Opinion	Mary Pease	20	
Creative/Altered	From The Road	Mercedes Perez	24	First Place (tied), MP
	Red and Yellow Vine Maple Leaf	Andy Royce	24	First Place (tied)
	Sunrise Over Mauna Kea	Hrankowski	24	First Place (tied)
	Poinsettia Trees	Lynne Greenup	23	
	Sky Fire, Blue Rock- Utah	JoDee Owens	21	
	Canal, Tokyo	Bob Birnbaum	19	
Monochrome	Jerome Decay	Bill Royce	25	First Place
	Slowly Dancing Jellies	Bill Ray	23	
	Approaching Storm in The Palouse	Glen Moffitt	21	MP
	Ash Tree Grove at Sunset	Glen Moffitt	21	
	Forgotten Farm	Jake Jacobson	19	
Open	Mount Baker from Artist Point	Karen Jacobson	24	First Place (tied)
	Wood Duck Drying Wings	Bill Ray	24	First Place (tied), MP
	Creation	Hrankowski	23	
	Cola Wars?	Mike Harpending	23	
	Outer End of MW at N Rim	Chris Currie	23	
	Red Dahlia with Bug	Jeff Lane	23	
	Retreads Anyone?	Mike Harpending	23	
	Guard Station at Ovo Castle	Andy Royce	23	
	Reflections, Shadows and Clouds	JoDee Owens	21	
	Autumn in Koyasan Japan	Bob Birnbaum	20	
	Madagascar Girl	Klaus Lorenz	20	

## November 2022 Print Night Scores

<b>Judges</b>	Mary Tevis Lynne Greenup Henry Heerschap
<b>Assignment</b>	Wind

**MPC** - Most Popular Color

**MPM** - Most Popular Monochrome

	Title	Maker	Score	Place
Assignment	Windy Day at the Pier	Chris Currie	23	
Creatures	Heron Ready to Land	Jack Broom	26	First Place (tied)
	Bee Eater	Mary Tevis	26	First Place (tied)
	Hippo on the Chobe	Mary Tevis	24	
	Heron in Wetlands	Jack Broom	23	
	Take Off or Landing?	Mary Tevis	23	
	Short Eared Owl	Lauren Heerschap	21	
	A Flock of Individuals	Henry Heerschap	24	
Creative/Altered	Light of Peace	Lauren Heerschap	24	First Place
	The Back of the Bus	Michael Hrankowski	21	
	Portal of Perpetuity	Henry Heerschap	24	MPC
Monochrome	Wild Snake	Chris Currie	26	First Place, MPM
	Heron in Wetlands B&W	Jack Broom	24	
	Shadows	Mercedes Perez	24	
	Relics	Michael Hrankowski	24	
Open	Abstract Reflections	Mercedes Perez	24	First Place (tied)
	Fall Has Arrived	Mercedes Perez	24	First Place (tied)
	Flames of Autumn	Michael Hrankowski	24	First Place (tied)
	Milky Way Again	Chris Currie	23	
	Iced Wild Rose Leaves	Lauren Heerschap	21	

## Useful Web Links

**Competition opportunity:** Blue Sky Oregon Center for the Photographic Arts has an annual juried exhibition that is free to enter. You can submit up to ten images per entry. Due date is December 15. More info is available at:

<https://www.blueskygallery.org/2023-pacific-northwest-drawers>

In preparing your images for competition, whether for the month PSCC competitions or larger events, the ability to look at your work and understanding what works and what doesn't is essential. Last month we looked at a useful article from Fstoppers on **how to critique your own photos**. This month we have an article on learning how to "see" a photograph:

<https://www.picturecorrect.com/learning-how-to-see-a-photograph/>

We all have photos that are important to us but are just **not quite sharp enough**. Personally, I have many hundreds of family photos taken with mediocre cameras and lenses that are precious but just plain blurry. I've found different software solutions that help mitigate if not cure this issue. Many of them are covered in this article on Adorama's education channel:

<https://www.adorama.com/alc/how-to-fix-blurry-pictures/>

Also from Adorama is a terrific tutorial on how to master the **Spot Healing Brush in Photoshop**. There are many ways to clean up photos in Photoshop, but the Spot Healing Brush is one of the basics and is well worth learning well:

<https://www.adorama.com/alc/spot-healing-brush-tool/>

Do you find you don't have time for photography or for processing your images. You get bogged down or distracted and the like. Andrew S Gibson has a useful article on **Time Management for Photographers** that can help you on track:

<https://www.creative-photographer.com/time-management-photographers/>

### Updated Print Night Form

One of the common questions that comes up during Print Night is what paper was used on a particular image. With that in mind, we've added a space to include paper information on both the judging and the comment forms. You can access the new forms here: [https://www.pugetsoundcamera.com/docs/print\\_comment\\_judging\\_form.pdf](https://www.pugetsoundcamera.com/docs/print_comment_judging_form.pdf)





Karen Jacobson **Mount Baker from Artist Point**

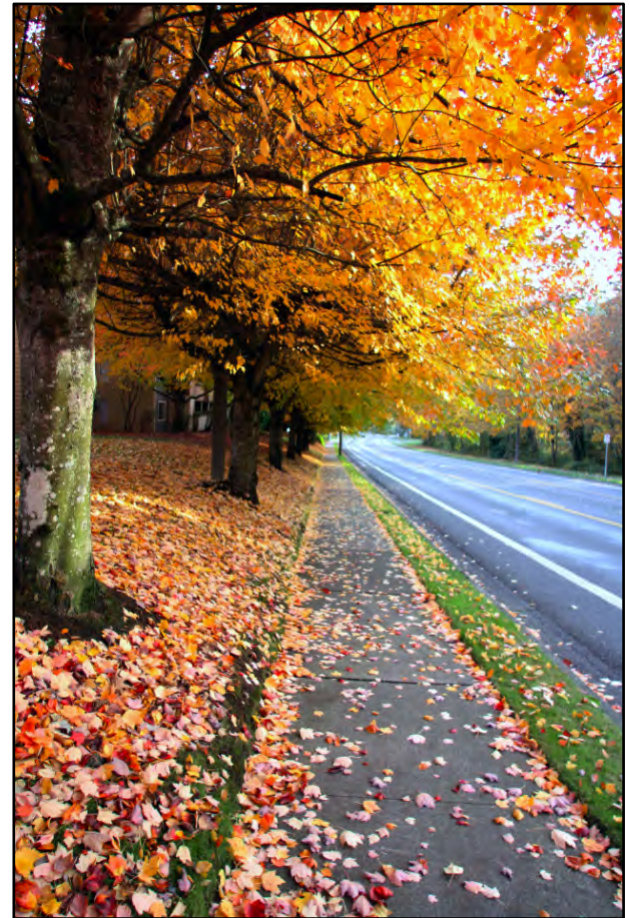


Jake Jacobson **Forgotten Farm**

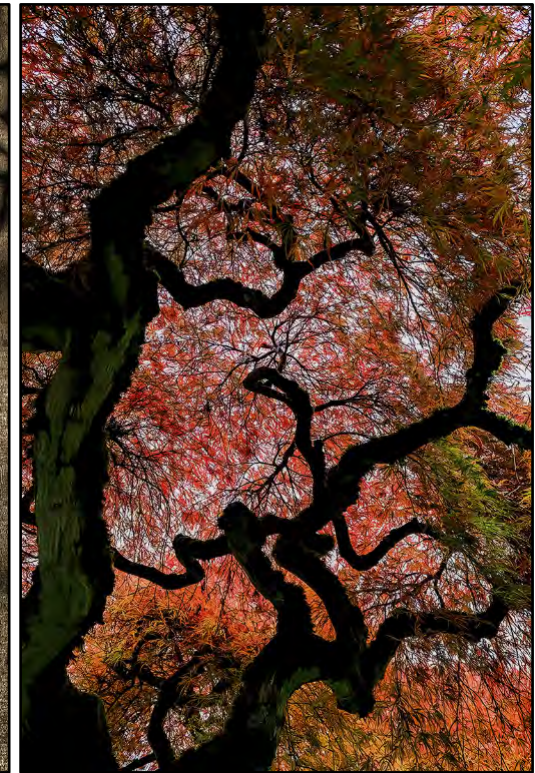
Karen Jacobson **Red and Yellow Leaves**



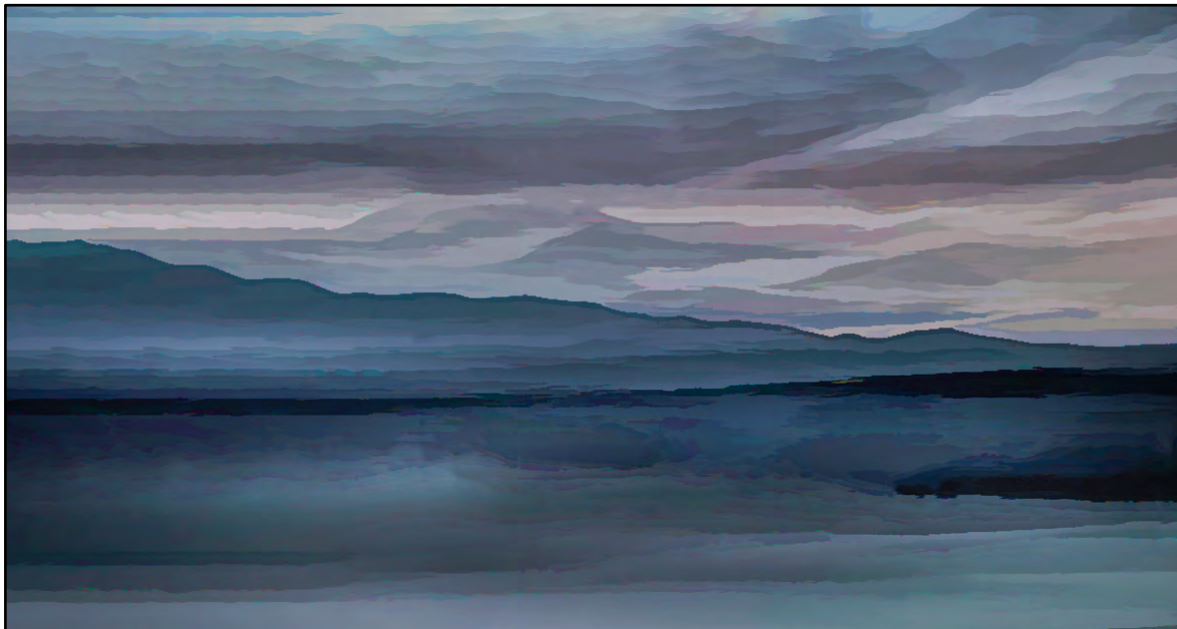
Jake Jacobson **Fall Trees**







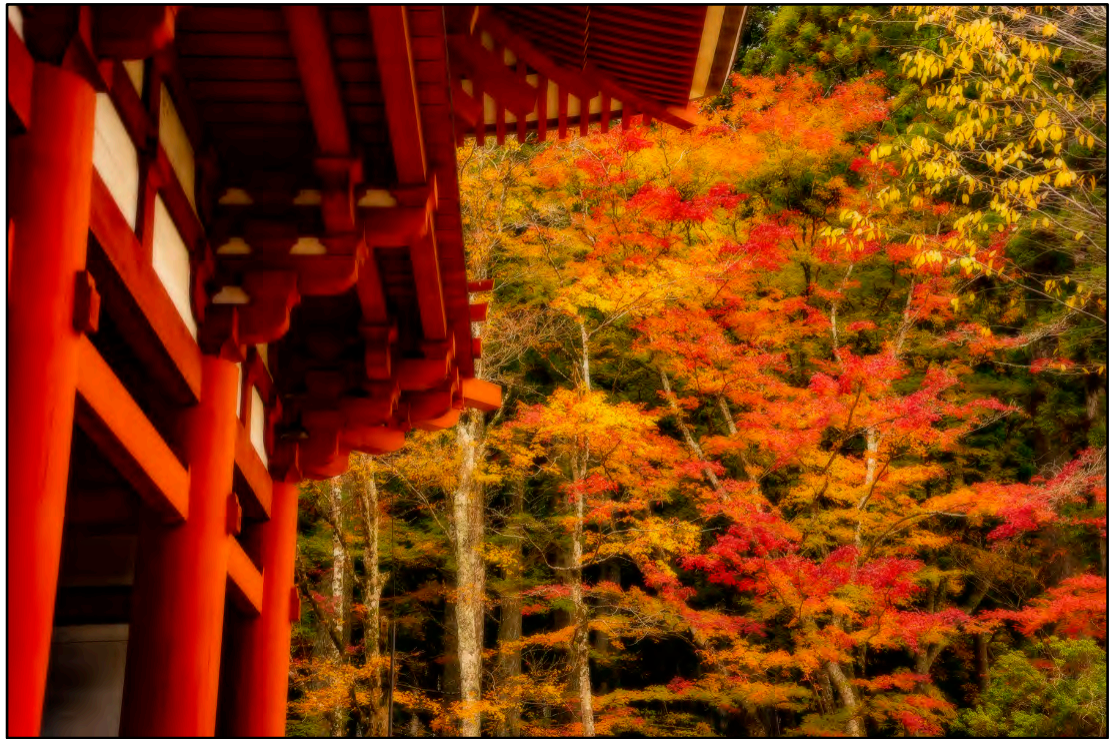
Mercedes Perez  
(clockwise from upper left)  
***Abstract Reflections***  
***Shadows***  
***Look Up***  
***Fall Has Arrived***  
***From the Road***







Bob Birnbaum ***Canal, Tokyo***



Bob Birnbaum ***Autumn in Koyasin, Japan***



Holly Hauser  
***Upsidedown***  
***(Red-breasted Nuthatch)***

Holly Hauser  
***Backyard Birding***  
***(Chestnut-backed Chickadee)***







Lynne Greenup ***Poinsettia Trees***



Lynne Greenup ***Golden Splendor***

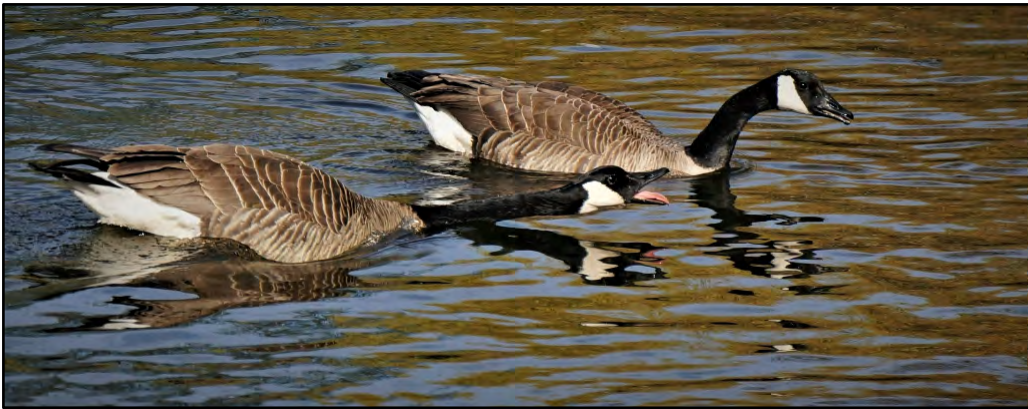
JoDee Owens ***Reflections, Shadows and Clouds***



JoDee Owens ***Sky Fire, Blue Rock***







Mary Pease ***That's My Opinion***



Mary Pease ***Beauty of Autumn***



Bill Ray ***Slowly Dancing Jellies***

Bill Ray ***Wood Duck Drying***







Jack Broom (clockwise from upper left)

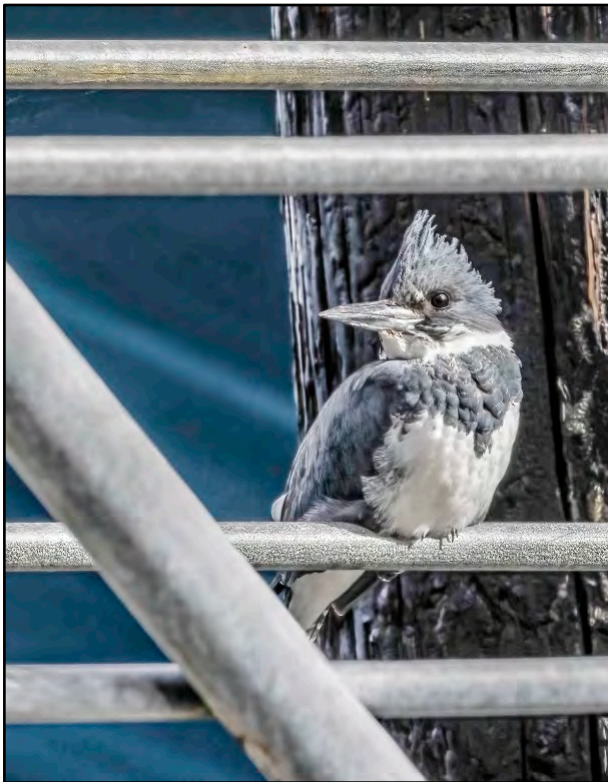
***Heron Portrait***

***Heron Ready to Land***

***Heron in Wetlands***

***Kingfisher at the Dock***

***Heron in Wetlands B&W***







Lauren Heerschap ***Iced Wild Rose Leaves***

Lauren Heerschap ***Short Eared Owls***



Jeff Lane ***Puffin Skipping Panorama***

Lauren Heerschap ***Light of Peace***







Andy Royce ***Guard Station at Ovo Castle***



Andy Royce ***Red and Yellow Vine Maple Leaf***



Linda Charboneau  
***Posing Peacock***

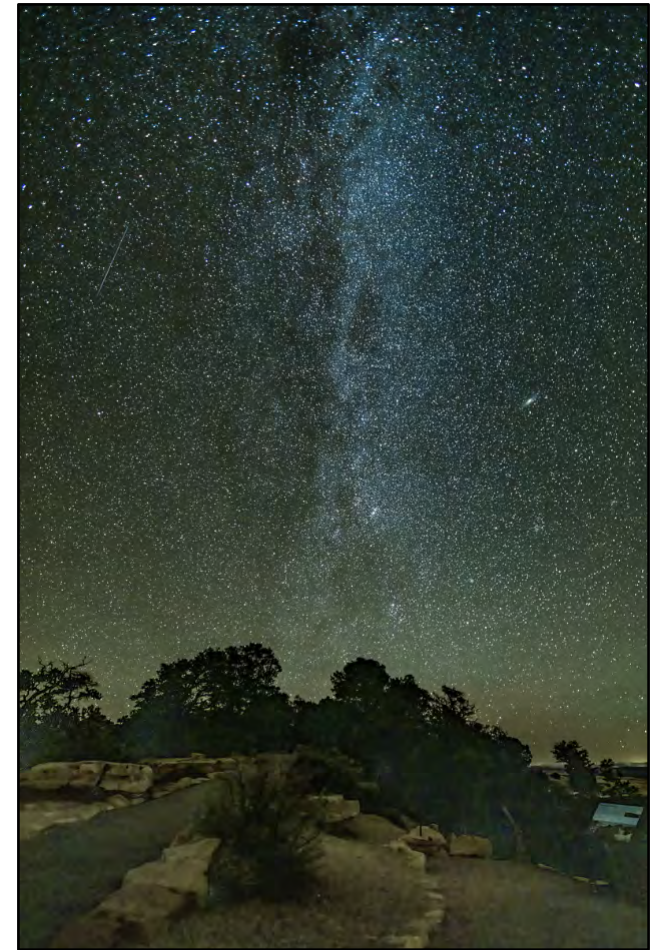


Klaus Lorenz  
***Madagascar Girl***



Klaus Lorenz  
***Banff, Canada***





Chris Currie  
 (clockwise from upper left)  
***Windy Day at the Pier***  
***Outer End of Milky Way at North Rim***  
***Drive to the North Rim***  
***Wild Snake***







Bill Royce ***Jerome Decay***



Bill Royce ***Lone Fall Colors***

Glen Moffitt ***Ash Tree Grove at Sunset***



Glen Moffitt ***Approaching Storm in the Palouse***







Dave Patzwald  
***Red Tailed Black Cockatoo***



Dave Patzwald  
***Sulphur Crested Cockatoo***

Robert Rutkin ***Young Limpkin***

Robert Rutkin ***Camouflage***







Henry Heerschap ***Desert Wrecker***



Henry Heerschap ***Portal of Perpetuity***

Jeff Lane ***Red Dahlia with Bug***



Henry Heerschap ***A Flock of Individuals***



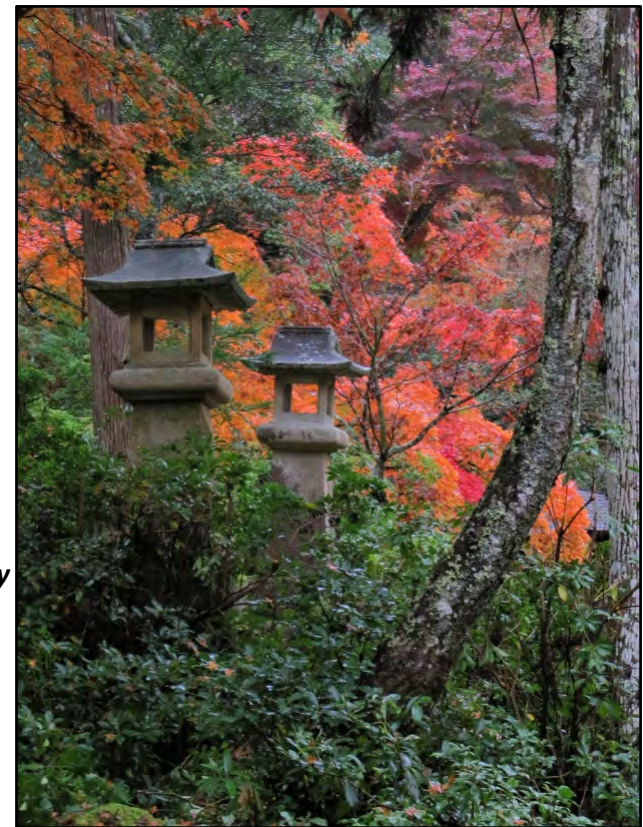




Michael Hrankowski ***Creation***



Michael Hrankowski ***Sunrise Over Mauna Kea***



Linda Charboneau ***A Rainy Fall Day***



## PSCC Board Minutes - November 21, 2022

Attendance was by Zoom

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm. Present were Chris Currie, Mary Tevis, Yvonne Shimek, Henry Heerschap, Mercedes Perez, Bob Sotak, Michael Hrankowski, and Dave Patzwald

A motion was made to approve the minutes taken on October 17, 2022; it was moved, seconded and passed.

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

The NWCCC Conference went well. Kristi Odom was an enthusiastic, inspiring & interesting speaker. All members I've talked with about Allan Walls' presentation enjoyed it. We had a good turnout for the Skagit Valley field trip on November 16, 2022. From postings on Facebook, it looks like quite a few folks got excellent images. Thanks again to Lynne Greenup for organizing it.

### **VICE-PRESIDENT'S EDUCATION AND FIELD TRIP REPORT:**

Mercedes Perez has contacted Rik Littlefield for an education night. He has agreed to hold a class on the Zerene Stacker program, popular with people doing extreme macro.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Yvonne Shimek reports that as of October 31, 2022, there was a balance of \$2216.63 in the club checking account, and as of the Board meeting, it was \$2,341.63 A motion was made to accept the report; it was seconded and passed.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

An update about the Edmonds Waterfront Center Gallery Exhibition: There will be a meeting November 22: 2022. Jack Broom is the chair, and Mercedes Perez, Henry Heerschap, Chris Currie, and Michael Hrankowski are members. If you want to participate, please notify Jack Broom. There will be an update to the Board after the meeting.

There was a drop in attendance on digital night because of the holidays probably. There were more people on line than attending in person, as usual.

Dave Patzwald gave a PSA/PID update. He had six entries for monochrome and six entries for open. There were enough entries for both categories.

A discussion was held concerning digital slideshows on digital night. We will start in January, and they are limited to three minutes each. There were some questions raised concerning if they are shown during the break, will they be watched, how many should be shown if there are multiple entries, will they be judged and will there be commentary. It was determined that they will be shown next digital night during the break, and we will decide after that if that will continue to be shown and if these questions will be answered by the membership. The holiday party was discussed. It was finalized that there will be two phases: in person with part hybrid. We will begin the meal portion at 6:00 pm, with pizza, salad, and pot luck desert and the with traditional punch being supplied to the members attending. At 7:00 pm, we will show slideshows for 45 minutes to show the NWCCC winners. After that, the Zoom portion will be turned off, and the in-person club members will take part in the White Elephant game.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

When we asked the church for suggestions for donations to charities from the club members, they gave us a list, and the Board picked Edmonds Food Bank and Lynnwood Food Bank. You can make your donation on line at the club's website at <https://www.pugetsoundcamera.com/donation-to-edmonds-and-lynnwood-food-banks>, or by mailing a check to Chris Currie or Yvonne Shimek at the addresses as listed in the email sent out advising of the holiday party and donations, or by bringing cash or checks to the holiday meeting on December 12, 2022 Please give your donation to Yvonne Shimek or Chris Currie by December 18, 2022, or you can bring it to the holiday party on the 12<sup>th</sup> of December. You can make the donation with PayPal, or by check or cash.

The lease with the church is to be renewed in January. The Board decided to renew the lease as it stands, omitting a Wednesday which no one understands. We also voted to increase the contribution for increased utility costs by \$5.00. A motion was made to accept the renewal of the lease with the increase; it was accepted and passed.

Various notices of competitions from around the country come to the Club. There are so many, that it was decided not to forward them to the club.

There was a discussion about the website and seeking a backup for Henry Heerschap. There is a website used by the Seattle and Tacoma clubs called Visual Pursuits. There was a discussion about the pros and cons, and there was a decision to come back to it next year.

There was a request by Chris Currie to think about how to attract new members. This will be put before the members on different ways to bring in new members, and it will be addressed next year.

There was a discussion about raising the dues. The Board decided to eliminate the student category as there have been no student members for many years. The dues have not been increased for five years, and as of January 1, 2023, they will be \$50 for individuals and \$75 for couples. The motion was made to increase the dues; it was seconded and passed.

The next Board meeting will be held on November 21, 2022, at 7:00 pm. All club members are invited to attend.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:51 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Mary Tevis, Secretary