

# InFocus



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The Newsletter of the Puget Sound Camera Club



Bill Ray

*Left - Arriving Home  
Right - Sharing a Halibut*



## 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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NWCCC Delegate	Jack Broom
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PSA Representative	Dave Patzwald
PSA Competitions	Dave Patzwald
Webmaster	Henry Heerschap



<https://www.facebook.com/groups/PugetSoundCamera>



<https://www.meetup.com/Puget-Sound-Camera-Club-Meetup/>



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

Hi PSCC members.

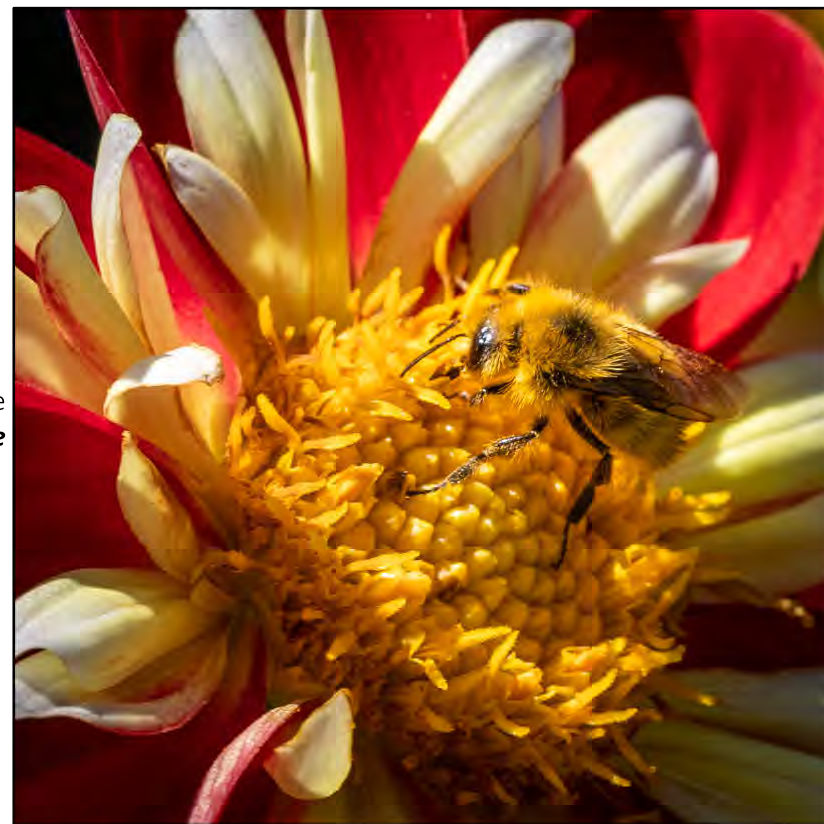
Have a wonderful and safe Labor Day weekend!

We had two good field trips in August featuring dahlias. The first, at Point Defiance, featured a bright sunny day with some exposure challenges. The second, at Sky Nursery, featured an embarrassment of riches in the number and variety of dahlias on display. The lighting conditions were much better. Be prepared to see a lot of images of dahlias in the coming meetings. If you're tired of seeing flowers, please suggest a different field trip venue.

Reminders: Submissions for PSA inter-Club Round 1 entries are due by September 25 at noon. See my recent email for particulars. If you can't find your copy let me know and I'll send another copy. All entries in the various NWCCC annual competitions are due October 1. See the NWCCC web site at <https://nwcameraclubs.org/competitions/>.

Keep your eyes open for an upcoming email regarding the Edmonds Waterfront Center Exhibit we'll have next summer.

Chris Currie  
PSCC President



Chris Currie  
*Bee Mine*

## August 2022 Digital Night Scores

<b>Commentators</b>	Jack Broom Lauren Heerschap Michael Hrankowski
<b>Judges</b>	Emily Patzwald Chris Currie Dave Patzwald
<b>Assignment</b>	Patterns in Nature

**MP - Most Popular**

## Assignments in September, 2022

**Digital: Street Photography**  
**Print: School**

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

	Title	Maker	Score	Place
Assignment	Ebb Tide at Dawn	Les Rawlings	26	First Place, MP
	It's a Cycas Rumphii!	Linda Charboneau	23	
	The Odd Couple	Robert Rutkin	22	
	Badlands Scene	Mary Pease	22	
	Pattern of Leaves	Lynne Greenup	21	
	Mother Earth's Wrinkles	Mercedes Perez	21	
	Houseleek or Sempervivum	Andy Royce	20	
	Succulent	Bob Birnbaum	20	
	Beetle Back at 20X	Bill Wheeler	20	
	Granite Creek Reflection	Bill Royce	20	
	Radial Symmetry	Holly Hauser	20	
	Sea Grass	Michael Hrankowski	19	
	Ripple Effect	Karen Jacobson	19	
	Insect Patterns at 20X	Bill Wheeler	18	
Creative/Altered	Avens	Andy Royce	22	First Place (tied), MP
	Etched Glass Fan	Mercedes Perez	22	First Place (tied)
Creatures	Sharing a Halibut	Bill Ray	26	MP
	Mellow Bee	Henry Heerschap	24	
	Yaaawn!!!	Mary Tevis	23	
	Landing Gear Down	Lynne Greenup	23	
	Busy Bee on a Lavender Plant	Mary Pease	23	
	Humming Bird Poses	Jack Broom	23	
	Bee Worn Out	Karen Jacobson	22	
	Here's Lookin' at Ya	Chris Currie	21	
	Dropping in on the Finches	Glen Moffitt	20	
	Hyacinth Macaw	Mary Tevis	20	
	Meadow Deer	Jake Jacobson	20	
	You Were Saying?	Klaus Lorenz	18	
	Malayan Tiger	Dave Patzwald		
				Unjudged
Monochrome	Looking for Lunch	Robert Rutkin	23	First Place MP
	Archways at Fort Pulaski	Michael Hrankowski	22	
	Mission San Xavier	Bill Royce	22	
	Slot Canyon	Les Rawlings	22	
	Winter Ghosts at Golden Garden	Glen Moffitt	20	
	Remembering Hiroshima	Linda Charboneau	18	
	Ocean Shores in Black and White	Jake Jacobson	18	
Open	Dahlia Season	Holly Hauser	24	First Place MP
	Nightfall in Globe Thistle Forest	Jack Broom	23	
	Into the Fog	Lauren Heerschap	23	
	Urban Sprawl	Bob Birnbaum	21	
	Forget Me Not	Chris Currie	21	
	Mt. St. Helens and Indian Paintbrush	Lauren Heerschap	21	
	Arriving Home	Bill Ray	21	
	Lake Minnewaka, Canada	Klaus Lorenz	20	
	Castle Workshop	Henry Heerschap	20	
	Crater Lake after a Summer Storm	JoDee Owens	20	
	Sunlight on Rose	JoDee Owens	19	
	Marine Vessel Hyak, Retired	Dave Patzwald		
				Unjudged

## August 2022 Print Night Scores

<b>Judges</b>	Mercedes Perez Mary Tevis Henry Heerschap
<b>Assignment</b>	Sports

**MPC** - Most Popular Color

**MPM** - Most Popular Monochrome

## Upcoming Photography Competitions

### NWCCC Annual Competitions

The 2022 Northwest Council of Camera Clubs competitions are now open for entry! Categories include Digital Images, Prints, and Digital Slideshows. Rules and entry information can be found at <https://nwcameraclubs.org/competitions/>. Deadline for all three competitions is October 1, 2022.

### 2022 6X6NW Art Exhibition

ShoreLake Arts in Shoreline is once again holding the 6X6NW art exhibition and fundraiser held at Shoreline Community College.

Entries are in the form of works 6 inches by 6 inches that can be hung on displays throughout the exhibition space. The cost to enter is \$6 for up to 10 entries. The works are priced at \$36 and ShoreLake Arts takes a 40% commission. It's a great way to get your feet wet in entering a gallery showing. Lots of PSCC members have participated in past years and have even sold work!

More info at <https://www.6x6nw.org/>

### Annual Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge Photo Contest

Sponsored by Portland's Pro Photo Supply camera store, this contest is limited to photos taken in the Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge north of Vancouver, WA. Prizes include a Pro Photo Supply gift card, prints of winning images, and inclusion in an in-store gallery.

Submission deadline is September 10.

More info can be found at:

<https://prophotosupply.com/blogs/newsroom/16th-annual-ridgefield-national-wildlife-refuge-photo-contest-2022>

	Title	Maker	Score	Place
Assignment	Racing to the Finish	Michael Hrankowski	23	
Creative/Altered	Sunset Reflections	Mercedes Perez	24	
Creatures	Brown Bear Leaping for Salmon	Jeff Lane	25	First Place
	How Bee Ya?	Chris Currie	24	
	Flitting Among the Wildflowers	Henry Heerschap	24	
	Brown Bears Sparring	Jeff Lane	24	
	Brown Bear in Repose, Looking at Me	Jeff Lane	24	
	African Grey Goaway Bird	Mary Tevis	24	
	African Darter	Mary Tevis	24	
	"Bee Mine"	Chris Currie	22	
Monochrome	Annie	David Gelotte	25	First Place
	Deep Forest Waterfall	Henry Heerschap	24	
	Zinnia	Mercedes Perez	23	MPM
	Pelicans at Cannon Beach	Jack Broom	21	
	Scene Along the West Rim Trail	Michael Hrankowski	21	
Open	Interactive	Henry Heerschap	24	First Place (tied)
	Mount St Helens NE	Lauren Heerschap	24	First Place (tied)
	Budapest	Lauren Heerschap	24	First Place (tied)
	Iron Creek Falls	Lauren Heerschap	23	
	Sunset at Point Colville	Michael Hrankowski	23	MPC
	Cannon Beach Sunset	Jack Broom	22	
	"Good Day, Sunshine"	Chris Currie	21	
	Treadwell Ruins	David Gelotte	20	
	Haystack Rock, Cannon Beach	Jack Broom	20	

## Useful Web Links

Entering photography competitions can be an excellent way to advance your work and gain recognition (and occasionally win prizes!) The North American Nature Photography Association (NANPA) is an excellent resource for information on nature photography. I (Henry) have been a member for years, partly because of their excellent equipment insurance program.

Recently, they posted a two part series on **Navigating Photography Contests, Competitions, and Exhibitions**. Debbie McCulliss describes the different types of event and highlights the pitfalls to avoid when entering, especially the notorious "rights grab" that unscrupulous sponsors attempt.

Part 1: <https://nanpa.org/2022/07/26/navigating-photography-contests-competitions-and-exhibitions-part-i/>

Part 2: <https://nanpa.org/2022/07/28/navigating-photography-contests-competitions-and-exhibitions-part-ii/>

In the "back to basics" category, Adorama's excellent learning resource 42West has a good introduction to the **Exposure Triangle**, the interplay of shutter speed, aperture, and ISO in

making a good exposure. If you find you depend too much on your camera's auto settings and want more predictable results, understanding the triangle is a must.

<https://www.adorama.com/alc/exposure-triangle-explained/>

Two more articles from 42West:

One of the best things about using a dedicated camera as opposed to our phones is the greater control over **depth of field**, determining what we want and don't want to be in focus. A good discussion of the issue and the considerations involved is at <https://www.adorama.com/alc/shallow-depth-of-field-6-factors-to-consider/>

If you use Photoshop as your primary photo editing tool, you probably use the various cleanup tools remove unwanted stuff from your images. One of the most useful is the **Spot Healing Brush**. A good basic overview and tutorial can be found at <https://www.adorama.com/alc/spot-healing-brush-tool/>





Bob Birnbaum ***Succulent***



Linda Charboneau ***It's a Cycas Rumphill!***

Andy Royce ***Houseleek or Sempervivum***

Mary Pease ***Busy Bee on Lavender***







Jack Broom  
(clockwise from upper left)  
***Pelicans at Cannon Beach***  
***Nightfall in Globe Thistle***  
***Cannon Beach Sunset***  
***Hummingbird Poses***  
***Haystack Rock, Cannon Beach***







JoDee Owens  
***Sunlight on Rose***



Lynne Greenup  
***Pattern of Leaves***



Holly Hauser  
***Radial Symmetry***

Andy Royce ***Avens***







Lauren Heerschap (clockwise from upper left)  
***Into the Fog***  
***Mount St Helens NE***  
***Iron Creek Falls***  
***Budapest***  
***Mount St Helens and Indian Paintbrush***







Karen Jacobson ***Ripple Effect***



Jake Jacobson ***Meadow Deer***

Karen Jacobson ***Bee Worn Out***



Jake Jacobson ***Ocean Shores in Black and White***



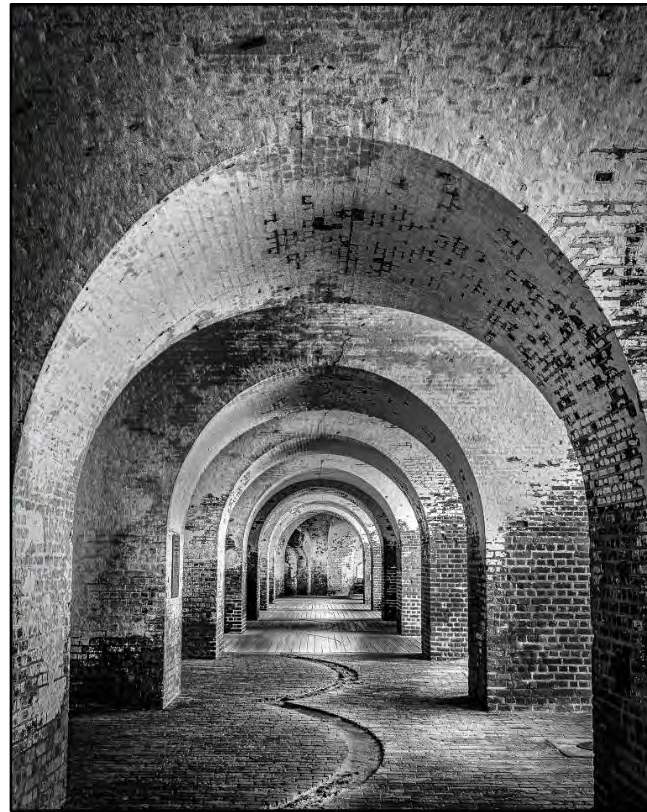




Chris Currie  
(clockwise from upper left)  
***Here's Lookin' at Ya***  
***How Bee Ya***  
***Good Day, Sunshine***  
***Forget Me not***







Michael Hrankowski (clockwise from upper left)  
*Sea Grass*  
*Archways at Fort Pulaski*  
*Scene Along The West Rim Trail*  
*Racing to the Finish*  
*Sunset at Point Colville*







JoDee Owens **Crater Lake after a Summer Storm**



Klaus Lorenz **Lake Minnewaka**

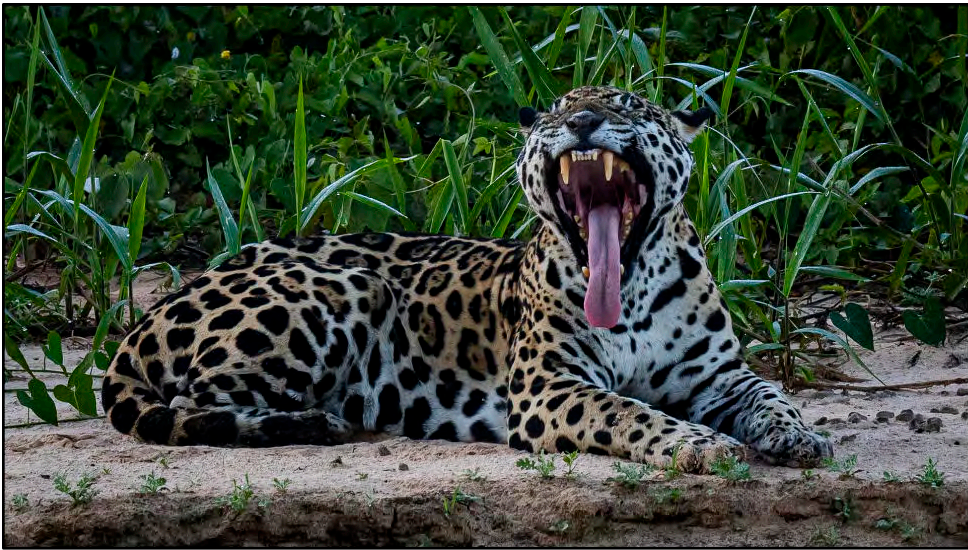
Dave Patzwald **Marine Vessel Hyak, Retired**



Lynne Greenup **Landing Gear Down**







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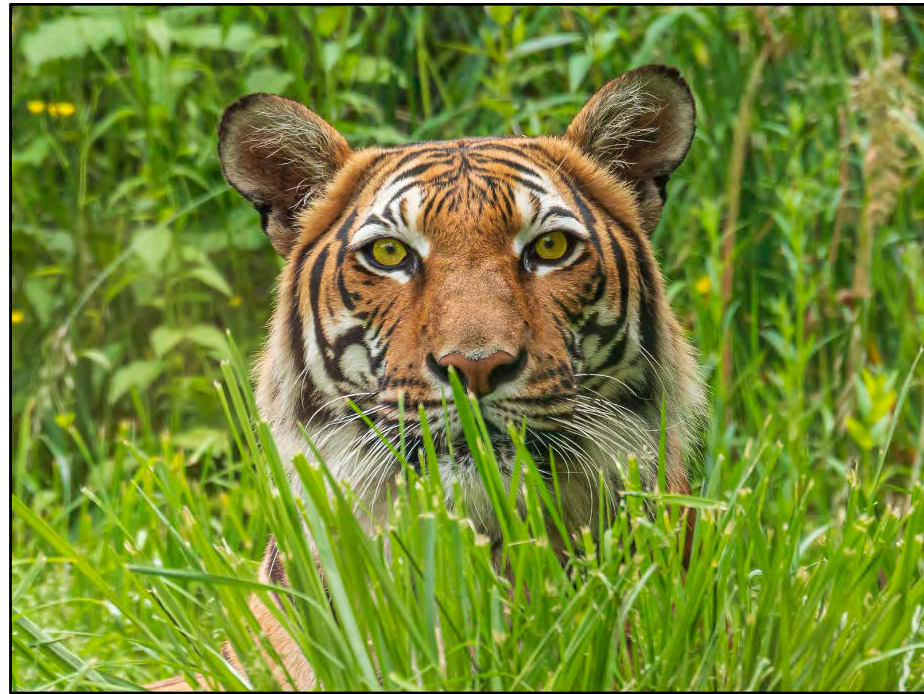






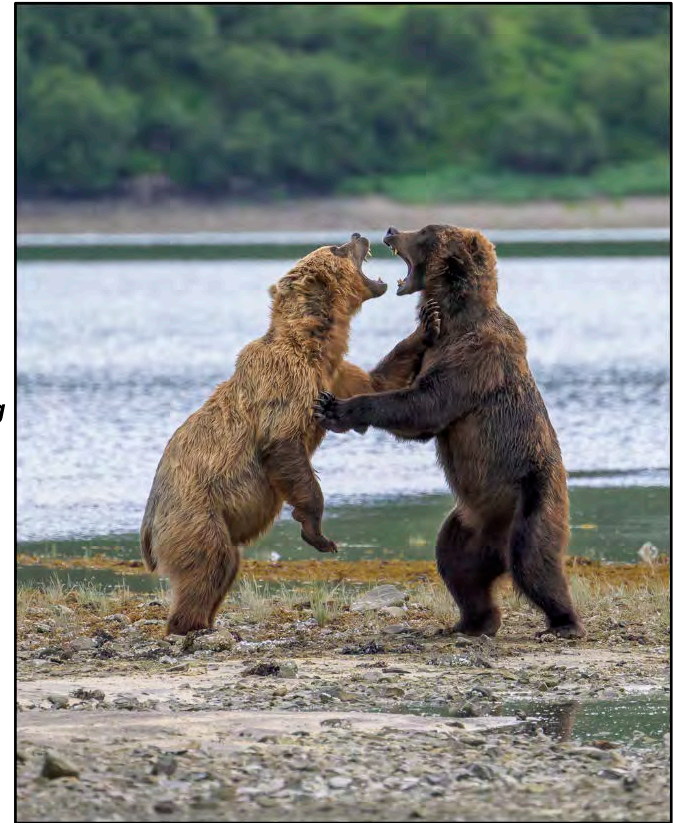
Jeff Lane **Brown Bear in Repose and Looking at Me**

Jeff Lane **Brown Bear Leaping for Salmon**

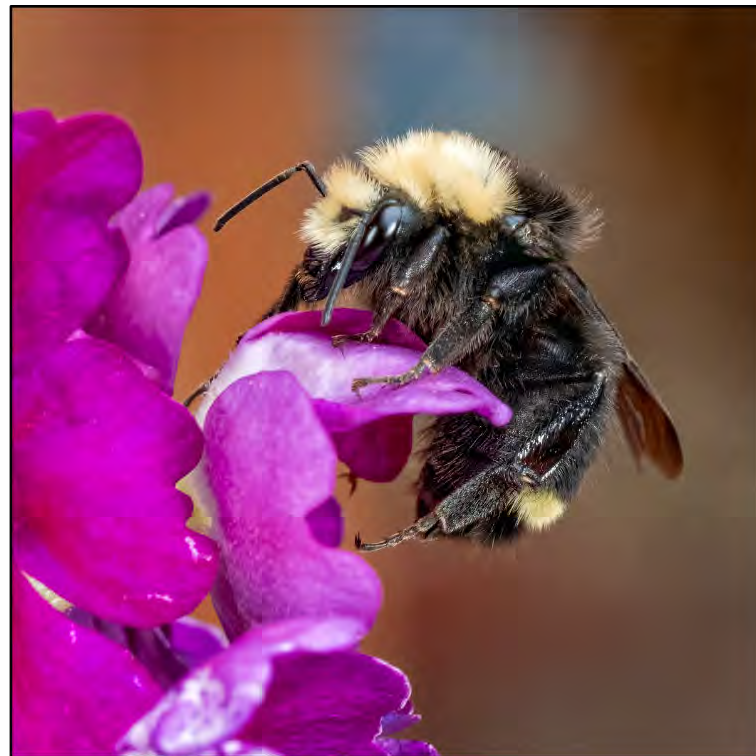


Dave Patzwald **Malayan Tiger**

Jeff Lane **Brown Bears Sparring**







Henry Heerschap  
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upper left)  
***Flitting Among the  
Wildflowers  
Castle Workshop  
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Interactive***







Holly Hauser ***Dahlia Season***

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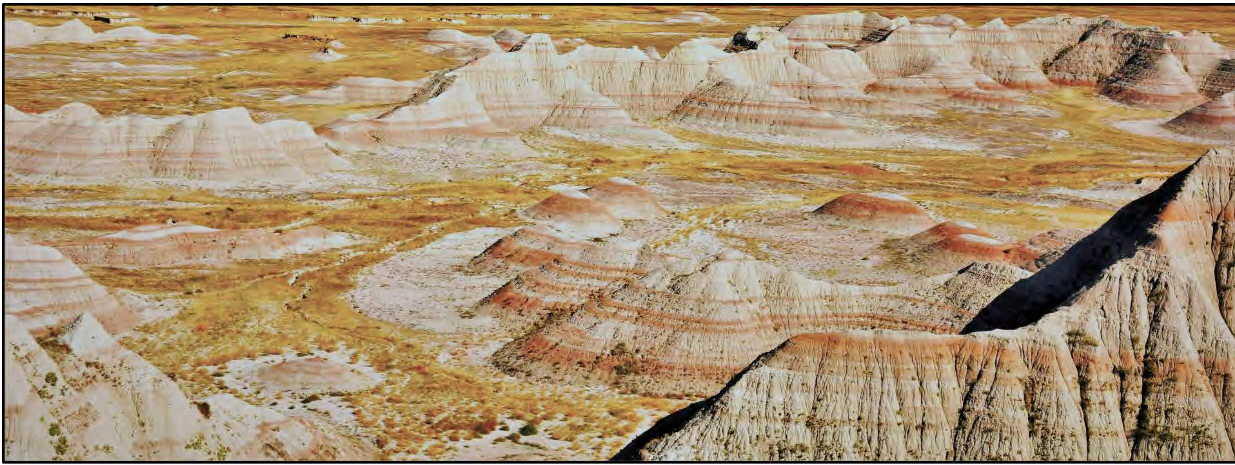




Mercedes Perez  
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***Etched Glass Fan***  
***Mother Earth's Wrinkles***  
***Sunset Reflections***  
***Zinnia***







Mary Pease ***Badlands Scene***



Glen Moffitt ***Winter Ghosts at Golden Gardens***

Robert Rutkin ***Looking for Lunch***



Les Rawlings ***Slot Canyon***





## Minutes of the PSCC Board Meeting on August 15, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm.

Present on Zoom were President Chris Currie, Secretary Mary Tevis, Treasurer Yvonne Shimek, Digital Director Bob Sotak, Print Director Henry Heerschap, Member at Large Michael Hrankowski, PSA Representative Dave Patzwald, and club member Jack Broom.

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

Chris Currie moved to approve the minutes of July 18, 2022; this was seconded and passed.

### **VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

Mercedes Perez reports that the Point Defiance field trip was successful. Jodee Owens has offered to help research and plan field trips.

Bill Royce will be speaking on education night on August 29, 2022, about black and white photography, and since there are many members out of town on that date, has agreed to record the talk and allow it to be seen for two weeks. Allan Walls will be presenting on October 31, 2022, and because he speaks on macro photography, he would like suggestions for topics. Mercedes Perez is lining up 2023 speakers, with the possibility of Rik Littlefield speaking about Zerene Stacker.

There is a dahlia show at Sky Nursery, and a field trip has been arranged for August 27, 2022, at 2:00 pm. Sky Nursery will be open from 2:00 pm until 6:00 pm. There is a dahlia show held by the Snohomish City Dahlia Society on August 20, 2022, in Everett. Michael Hrankowski reports that the Northwest Orchid Society will hold a showing and Mercedes Perez will look into that and let us know.

She is also planning more field trips and will let the club know when they are firmed up.

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

There is a balance of \$2119.32 in the club checking account as of July 31, 2022. A motion was made to approve the treasurer's report; it was seconded and passed.

An auditor is needed for the financial books for the club. Mary Tevis has volunteered to audit the club's books. Thank you, Mary Pease, for performing this task for many years.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Michael Hrankowski brought up a questionnaire for the club to find out what members would like to see in the club, and he and Henry Heerschap will get together and discuss this.

Bob Sotak reports there are ongoing issues with digital night, and he would like the word "issue" to be changed to "conversation."

The Edmonds Waterfront Center Gallery Exhibition committee is meeting Tuesday, and therefore there is no update as of today.

Dave Patzwald says that the first round for the PSA competition is starting again. October 15, 2022, is the first round for the 2022-2023 year, and he will need entries by September 15, 2022. An email was sent on August 19, 2022, to members of the club containing the rules.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Henry Heerschap has an idea for a way to improve and simplify the digital image submission process. He will work with Bob Sotak to test it and if it is workable.

Members have been assisting Mercedes Perez in suggesting field trips: Lynne Greenup was suggested as a lead for a trip to the Skagit, and Henry Heerschap suggested the Georgetown Steam Plant.

The president of the club, Chris Currie, will be taking over as the NWCCC delegate and needs to be formally voted in by the Board. It was moved, seconded, and passed.

Henry Heerschap said the next meeting for the NWCCC is the second Saturday in September, and the second Saturday in October will be to elect directors of the NWCCC.

The next meeting for the Board of Directors of PSCC is scheduled for October 17, 2022, at 7:00 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Mary Tevis, Secretary