



Jeff Lane *Short Eared Owl 1*



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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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[https://www.meetup.com/Puget-  
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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

Dear Members,

Thanks to those who entered the NWCCC Traveling Image Salon. We'll start voting on other clubs' images soon. You have until February 7 to send in entries for the PSA Inter-Club competition. PSCC is limited to entering 6 monochrome images and 6 color images. If more entries than that are received for either category a panel of judges will be chosen to decide which to send on to the competition.

As we head in to February (already?!?) the plants are starting to show buds and the days are getting longer. If there's anywhere you'd like to go for a field trip in the next few months let Mercedes or me know. Stay warm when you're out there taking pictures!

Chris Currie  
PSCC President



Chris Currie *Zygo Cactus*

## February 2023 Digital Night Scores

<b>Commentators</b>	Lauren Heerschap JoDee Owens Holly Hauser
<b>Judges</b>	Gena Reeb Lynne Greenup Mary Tevis
<b>Assignment</b>	Water

**MP - Most Popular**

## Assignments in March 2023

**Digital: Make it Simpler**  
**Print: Diptych or Triptych**

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)

### Welcome New Members:

Carl Halford  
David Thomas

### Welcome Back:

Phil Kollen  
Al Koskie

	Title	Maker	Score	Place
Assignment	Blue on Blue	Bill Royce	25	First Place
	Starry Starry Night	Mercedes Perez	24	MP
	Strumming the Blues	Robert Rutkin	23	
	Christmas Lights	Mike Harpending	22	
	Swiss Mountain Peaks (Eiger, Jungfrau)	Klaus Lorenz	22	
	Winter Blue	Mike Harpending	20	
	Blue Sea of Glass	David Thomas	20	
	Busy Bees	Mary Pease	20	
Creatures	Safe	Mary Tevis	26	First Place
	Delivering Nesting Materials (Brandt's Cormorant)	Holly Hauser	25	MP
	Bonding	Jeff Lane	24	
	Brown Marmorated Stink Bug Eye	Bill Wheeler	24	
	Learning to Drink	Mary Tevis	24	
	Short Eared Owl	Lauren Heerschap	24	
	California Quail	Andy Royce	23	
	Hummingbird Up Close	Bill Ray	23	
	Mating Ritual (Clark's Grebe)	Holly Hauser	23	
	Rhinoceros Beetle claw	Bill Wheeler	23	
	Varied Thrush	Bill Ray	23	
	Whitefooted Nocturnal Lemur	Bob Sotak	23	
	Sumatran Tiger	Jeff Lane	22	
	Australian Raven	Dave Patzwald	21	
	Successful Hunting	Lynne Greenup	21	
	Amazon Caiman	Linda Charboneau	20	
Creative/Altered	Symbiosis	Robert Rutkin	25	First Place
	Painted Orchid	Chris Currie	24	
	Neon Free Form	Patricia Balasco	21	MP
	Crane Hot Springs	Mercedes Perez	19	
	Summer and Winter	Bob Birnbaum	19	
Monochrome	Byodoin Temple	Bob Birnbaum	24	First Place (tied)
	Heron On Fir Island	Jack Broom	24	First Place (tied), MP
	Stone Shelters At Mission Creek	Michael Hrankowski	23	
	Rocks on Glass	Bill Royce	22	
	moon beams at midnight	Bob Sotak	19	
Open	Nature's Light	JoDee Owens	24	First Place (tied)
	Hydrangea in Winter	Andy Royce	24	First Place (tied)
	Ninepipe Wildlife Refuge, MT	Lynne Greenup	23	
	Metropolitan Trio	Henry Heerschap	23	
	Mushrooms On Our Porch	Jack Broom	22	
	Frosted	Lauren Heerschap	22	
	Reflecting On The Meaning Of Art	Michael Hrankowski	21	MP
	The Ride is Here	JoDee Owens	21	
	Backyard Currier & Ives	Linda Charboneau	21	
	Pictured Rocks	Henry Heerschap	21	
	Vermilion Cliffs	Chris Currie	20	
	CeCe on Favorite Blanket	Mary Pease	19	
	Sydney Opera House	Dave Patzwald	19	
	Norway Sunset	Klaus Lorenz	18	



## February 2023 Print Night Scores

<b>Judges</b>	Mary Tevis Chris Currie Henry Heerschap
<b>Assignment</b>	Yellow

**MPC** - Most Popular Color

**MPM** - Most Popular Monochrome

### 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)



**Tacoma Photographic Society**  
**Spring Fair Photography Contest**  
April 13-16 & 20-23, 2023  
Washington State Fairgrounds, Puyallup WA

**CASH PRIZES \$595!!!**

Best of Show ..... \$150.00  
1st Place..... \$100.00  
2nd Place ..... \$75.00  
3rd Place ..... \$50.00  
11 Excellence Awards \$20.00  
10 Honorable Mention Awards  
6 Judges' Choice Awards  
Daily People's Choice Award

**ENTRY DEADLINE:**  
**Thursday, March 23 2023**

Go to [www.tacomaphoto.org](http://www.tacomaphoto.org) to download the entry form.

- **Eligibility:** Any amateur photographer who derives less than 50% of their income from photos
- **Entry Limit:** up to 5 images (not entered in prior Spring Fair competitions)
- **Entry Fee:** \$10 per printed image
- **Category:** Open to any subject suitable for a family fair
- Entries may be dropped off at several locations (see [www.tacomaphoto.org](http://www.tacomaphoto.org))
- Images will be exhibited at the 2023 Spring Fair at the Washington State Fairgrounds in Puyallup, WA on April 13-16 & 20-23, 2023.

If you have any questions or need, please contact  
Kristina Allums at  
(253) 241-9484 or [tpsmail22@yahoo.com](mailto:tpsmail22@yahoo.com)

Visit the TPS website at: [www.tacomaphoto.org](http://www.tacomaphoto.org)  
to download the entry form or for more info.

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	Title	Maker	Score	Place
Assignment	Electric Butterfly	Henry Heerschap	24	
Creative/Altered	Icicle Abstract	Phil Kollen	22	First Place
	Downtown Upside Down	Phil Kollen	21	
Creatures	Short Eared Owl 2	Jeff Lane	27	First Place
	Short Eared Owl 1	Jeff Lane	25	
	Restricted Entry	Henry Heerschap	24	
	Two Eagles, Fir Island	Jack Broom	24	
	Gecko at Home	Jack Broom	24	
	Great Landing	Mary Tevis	24	
	No, We Can't Stay and Play!	Mary Tevis	24	
	Wolves on the Ridge	Jeff Lane	23	
	Baby Rhino	Mary Tevis	23	
	American Wigeon	Lauren Heerschap	21	
Monochrome	Fanning Out	Henry Heerschap	26	First Place (tied)
	Before the Storm	Michael Hrankowski	26	First Place (tied)
	Lion Portrait	Jack Broom	24	MPM
	Hydroelectric Snoqualmie	Lauren Heerschap	24	
Open	Desert Modern	Michael Hrankowski	27	First Place, MPC
	Zygo Cactus	Chris Currie	26	
	End of the Road	Chris Currie	24	
	Bollard	Phil Kollen	24	
	On the Road	Chris Currie	23	
	Eagle Fledgling	Lauren Heerschap	23	
	Electric Vehicle	Dave Patzward	20	
	Main Street Bowl, Susanville CA	Michael Hrankowski	19	

### Useful Web Links

It's the **dead of winter**, a time when many of us are hibernating from photography, but we're missing out on great opportunities this time of year! Here are two articles to help get your creative juices going as we face the bleak month of February:

<https://photofocus.com/inspiration/finding-inspiration-to-photograph-in-winter-weather/>  
<https://www.adorama.com/alc/winter-macro-photography/>

Another great project this time of year is working on our **portfolios of photography**. This is a great time to create or update our websites. Here's an excellent outline of the things to do and don't do when putting our work out there in the world:

<https://photofocus.com/photography/technique-tutorials/dos-and-donts-to-build-a-great-portfolio/>

Don't forget that if you are a member of PSCC or any other PSA-affiliated club, you are eligible for a **free SlickPic portfolio** subscription. More info here:

<https://www.slickpic.com/pricing-landing/psa>

Finally, if you have an Adobe Creative Cloud Photography subscription, you have a free **Adobe Portfolio** site available!

When we fly anywhere, I almost always hog the window seat. More often than not, what I see out the window is far more interesting than what's on the in-flight entertainment screen. I'll just sit there with my camera (sometimes, just my phone) and snap away photographing mountains, crop patterns, winding rivers, interesting road patterns and so on. Red River Paper posted a couple of articles last summer full of tips on how best to do this. I learned quite a bit to up my own **window seat photography** game:

<https://blog.redrivercatalog.com/2022/07/shooting-super-images-on-your-next-flight-part-1.html>

<https://blog.redrivercatalog.com/2022/07/shooting-super-images-on-your-next-flight-part-2.html>

Any if you do use your phone on the plane or elsewhere, one of the best apps for editing those photos on your device is **Snapseed**. UK-based Amateur Photographer has a good introduction to the program which runs on both IOS and Android: <https://amateurphotographer.com/technique/photo-editing/how-to-edit-your-photos-on-snapseed/>

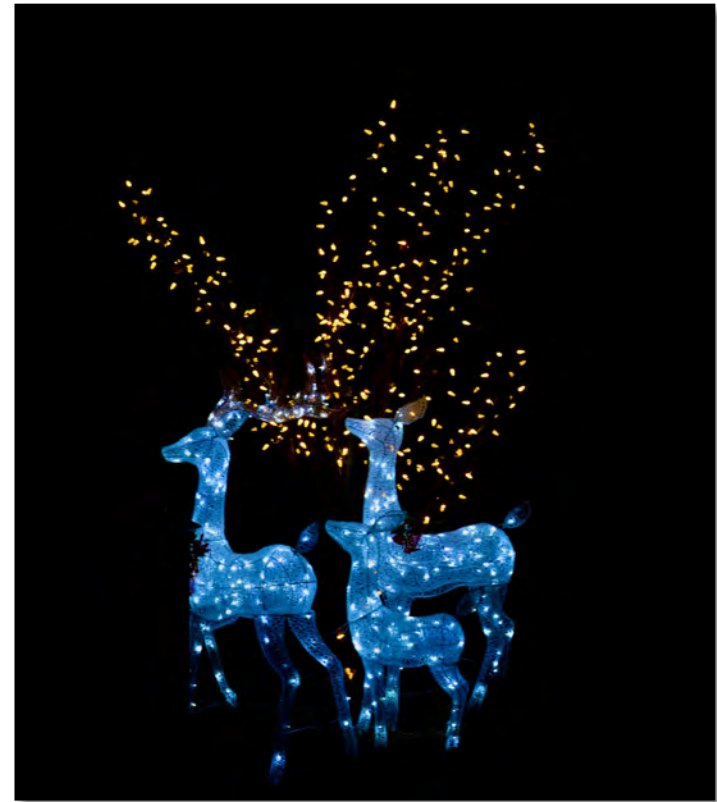
Click on above to go to TPS Spring Fair web page



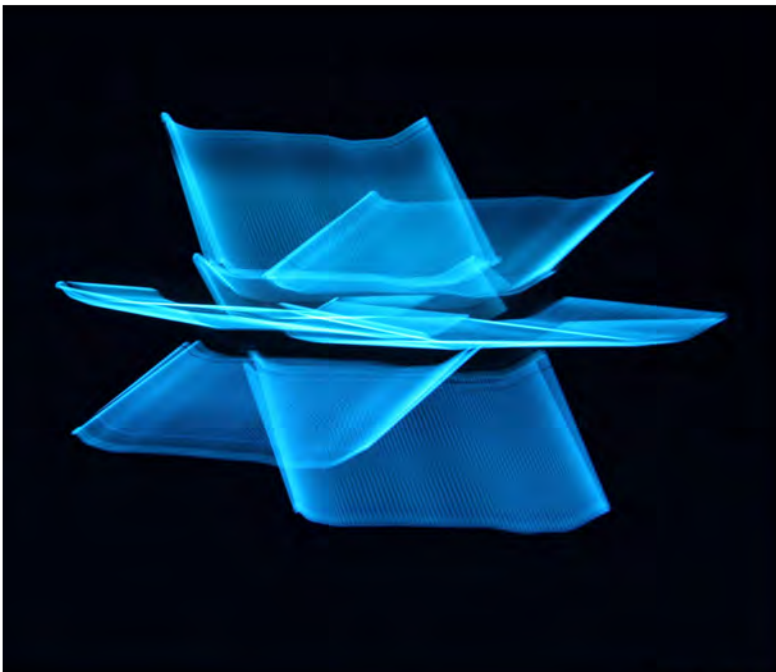
Robert Rutkin ***Strumming the Blues***



Mike Harpending ***Winter Blue***



Mike Harpending ***Christmas Lights***



Pat Balasco  
***Neon Free Form***

Mercedes Perez  
***Starry Starry Night***







Mary Tevis  
(clockwise from upper left)  
***Learning to Drink***  
***Great Landing***  
***No, We Can't Stay and Play***  
***Baby Rhino***  
***Safe***





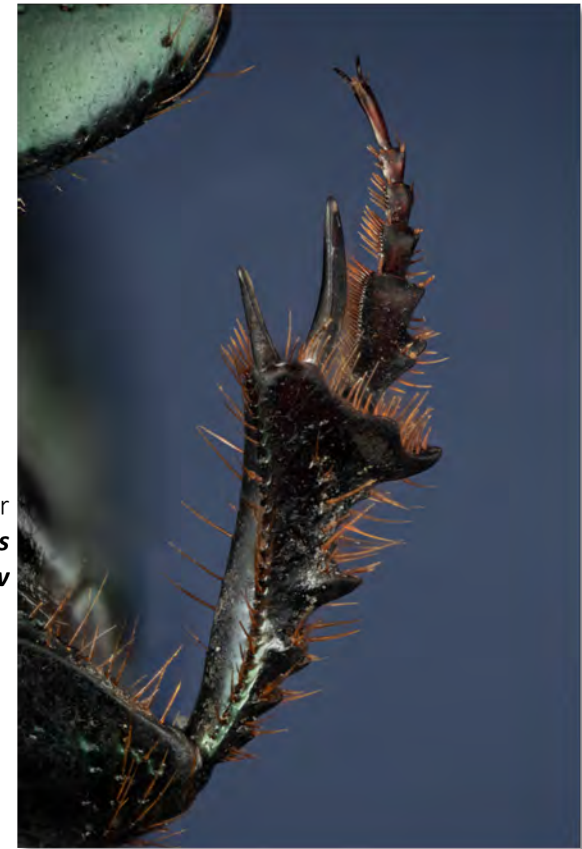


Jeff Lane **Bonding**



Bill Wheeler  
**Brown  
Marmorated  
Stink Bug Eye**

Bill Wheeler  
**Rhinoceros  
Beetle claw**



Holly Hauser **Delivering Nesting Materials (Brandt's Cormorant)**



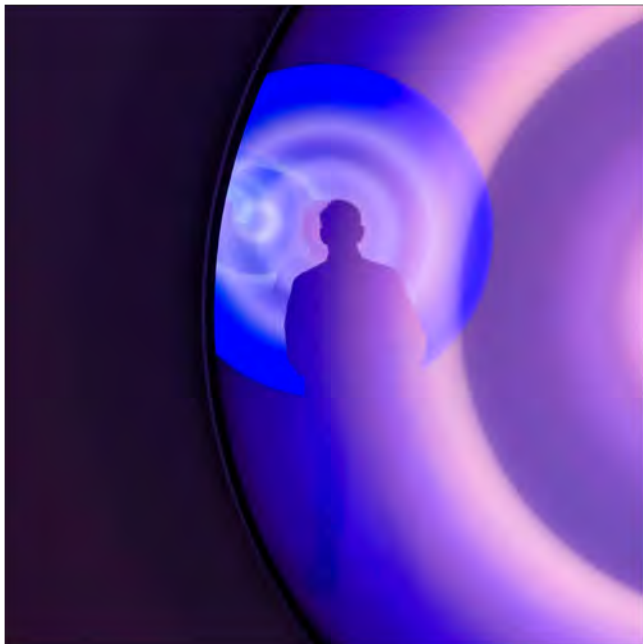
Holly Hauser **Mating Ritual (Clark's Grebe)**







Michael Hrankowski  
 (clockwise from upper left)  
***Desert Modern***  
***Before the Storm***  
***Main Street Bowl, Susanville CA***  
***Stone Shelters at Mission Creek***  
***Reflecting on the Meaning of Art***





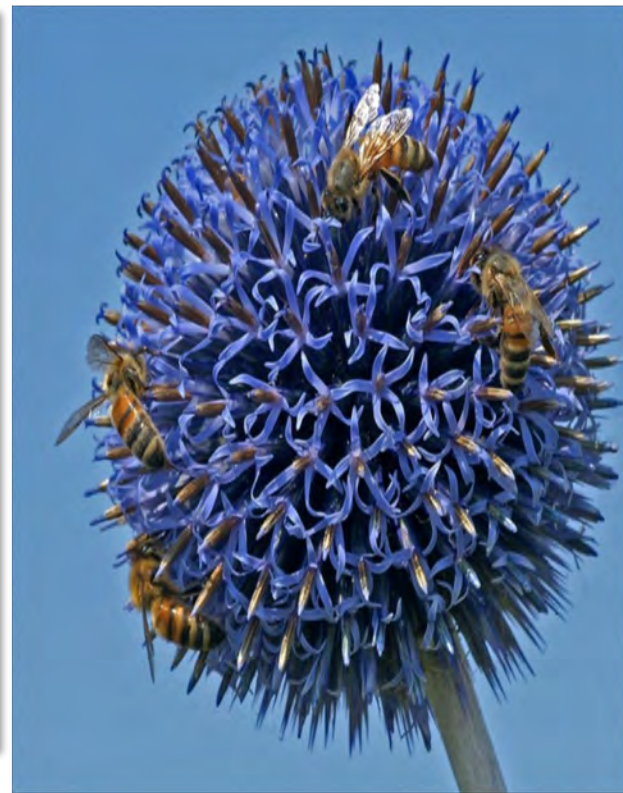


David Thomas **Blue Sea of Glass**

Bill Royce **Blue on Blue**



Linda Charboneau **Backyard Currier & Ives**



Mary Pease **Busy Bees**

Klaus Lorenz **Swiss Mountain Peaks (Eiger, Jungfrau)**







Chris Currie  
(clockwise from upper left)

***End of the Road  
Vermilion Cliffs  
Painted Orchid  
On the Road***







Bill Ray ***Varied Thrush***



Andy Royce ***California Quail***

Lynne Greenup ***Successful Hunting***



Bill Ray ***Hummingbird Up Close***



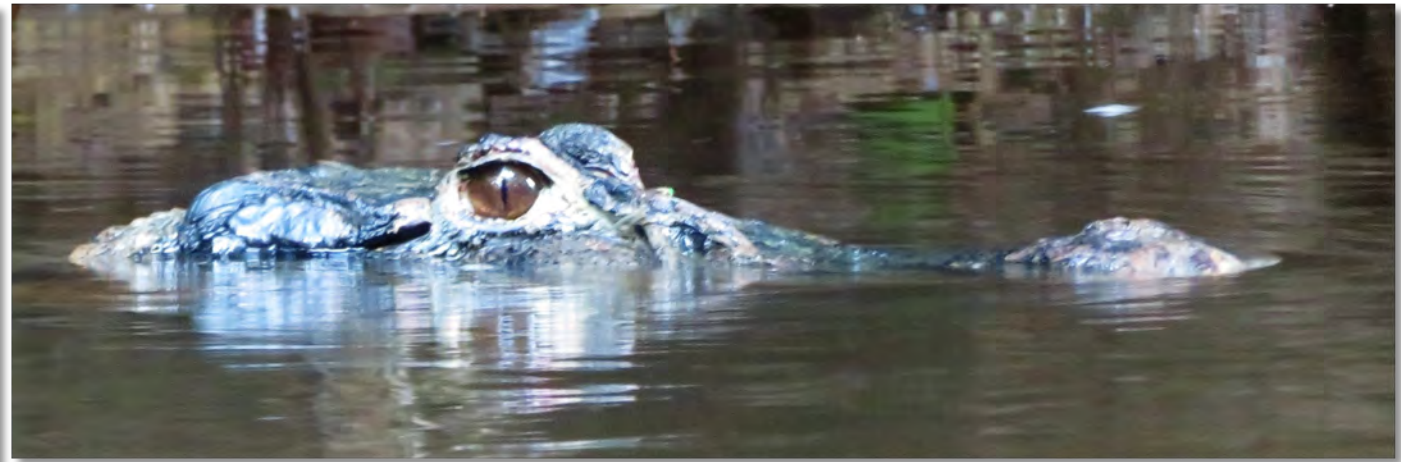




Lauren Heerschap  
(clockwise from upper left)  
***Short Eared Owl***  
***Eagle Fledgling***  
***American Widgeon***  
***Hydroelectric Snoqualmie***  
***Frosted***







Linda Charboneau **Amazon Caiman**

Bob Sotak **White-footed Nocturnal Lemur**

Jeff Lane **Sumatran Tiger**



Mary Pease **CeCe on Favorite Blanket**







Dave Patzwald  
(clockwise from upper left)  
**Australian Raven**  
**Sydney Opera House**  
**Electric Vehicle**  
**Tall Ship Coming into Port**







Bob Birnbaum ***Summer and Winter***



Bob Birnbaum ***Byodoin Temple***

Mercedes Perez ***Crane Hot Springs***



Bill Royce ***Rocks on Glass***







Jack Broom  
(clockwise from upper left)  
***Gecko at Home***  
***Two Eagles, Fir Island***  
***Heron on Fir Island***  
***Lion Portrait***  
***Mushrooms on our Porch***







JoDee Owens ***Nature's Light***

Jeff Lane ***Wolves on the Ridge***



Bob Sotak ***Moon Beams at Midnight***

JoDee Owens ***The Ride is Here***







Henry Heerschap  
(clockwise from upper left)

***Pictured Rocks  
Electric Butterfly  
Metropolitan Trio  
Restricted Entry  
Fanning Out***





Robert Rutkin ***Symbiosis***



Andy Royce ***Hydrangea in Winter***

Lynne Greenup ***Ninepipe Wildlife Refuge MT***



Klaus Sunset ***Norway Sunset***





## PSCC Board Minutes - January 16, 2023

Attendance was by Zoom

Present were Chris Currie, Mary Tevis, Yvonne Shimek, Henry Heerschap, Mercedes Perez, Michael Hrankowski, Lynne Greenup, and Dave Patzwald

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm.

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

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

The lease for use of the church for 2023 has been signed. There was a "Wednesday" included in the old lease and it has been removed. The contribution for utilities was increased to \$20 a month.

An increase in club dues took effect as of January 1, 2023. Members were notified by email. The NWCCC Board met January 14, 2023. The Board decided to sponsor an on-line networking seminar, to be held on Zoom, on April 22, 2023. Lauren Heerschap will organize it and set up topics to be discussed. In addition, a nighttime field trip to photograph the Milky Way will be held in July or August. Included will be an on-line class on night shooting, and a choice of three different field venues to choose from. Heather Mack will be in charge. More information will be emailed to all the member clubs of the NWCCC.

The NWCCC Conference in November 2023 will be held south of Seattle in 2023, location to be determined, The keynote speaker, Jack Graham, has already been signed up.

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

Several locations for PSCC field trips were suggested, including Juanita Bay, Skagit again. Rik Littlefield will be our speaker for education night on January 30, 2023. He is an expert on Zereine Stacker and will speak with no fee; however, you still need to sign up for the Zoom event.

The presentation will be recorded and available to watch for a few weeks after the presentation so those who are unable to watch it on the 30<sup>th</sup> can see it later.

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

Yvonne Shimek reports that as of December 31, 2022, there was a balance of \$1987.73 in the club checking account, A motion was made to accept the report; it was seconded and passed.

She also reports that a Christmas donation of \$350 was donated to the Lynnwood Food Bank and \$350 to the Edmonds Food Bank. The club received verbal thanks from Edmonds and a thank-you email from Lynnwood.

### **PRINT DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

There is a January 27, 2023 deadline for club members to submit their entries for the Traveling Image Salon. You may enter up to three images, sizing each to 1920 by 1080 pixels. It is an open competition. Name your images, 1,2,3, with image title, maker's name, with jpg. See the NWCCC website for more information.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

An update about the Edmonds on Waterfront Center Gallery Exhibition: There will be a committee meeting in March 2023. 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. We welcome volunteers to help with our exhibit.

Dave Patzwald gave a PSA/PID update. He had six entries for monochrome and six entries for open. If you wish to participate, please submit your images to Dave Patzwald by February 7, 2023: one in monochrome and one in color.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Ways to improve the digital submission process will be held over to the February Board meeting.

The length of commentating was discussed. It was decided that Michael Hrankowski would talk to the commentators about being more brief with their comments.

We have two new members.

The next Board meeting will be held on February 20, 2023, at 7:00 pm. All club members are invited to attend.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Mary Tevis, Secretary