



Lauren Heerschap
High Key White Orchid (left)
White African Orchid (above)

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
Northwest Council of Camera Clubs (NWCCC): www.nwcameraclubs.org
Photographic Society of America (PSA): www.psa-photo.org

Message from the President

Dear Members,

Happy June! Summer's almost here and we finally had a bit of warm weather. It's been a great month for photographing flowers, songbirds, and all manner of other things. I look forward to seeing everyone's better weather images soon.

Our year end annual meeting is coming up on June 26. It will be a hybrid meeting and will officially start at 7 pm. For those who plan to appear in person, we will have pizza prior to the official start of the meeting. More on that later.

We will start with an election of officers for the positions of Vice President, Treasurer, and Digital Director. The Nominating Committee is headed by JoDee Owens and includes Bob Birnbaum and Dan Scavezze. If anyone has any interest in being nominated for any of these positions, please contact any member of the Nominating Committee before the annual meeting. Their email addresses are: Jodee.Owens@gmail.com, b_birnbaum@hotmail.com, and dan@scavezze.com. The names of the Nominating Committee's nominees will be mailed out a couple of weeks before the meeting, or sooner.

Following the election of officers will be the awards ceremony for the year end competitions and other awards, including President's awards and PSA inter-club competition certificates. We will then have slide shows of the various competition award winners. There will not be a regular print night.

If anyone would like to help with suggestions for and organizing of field trips, please let me know. If you know there are other club members who share your interests, please go ahead and engage in informal shooting trips with them. It can be a lot of fun and a chance to get to know each other better.

Chris Currie
PSCC President



Chris Currie
**Mekong
Ferry Dock**

May 2023 Digital Night Scores

Commentators	Holly Hauser JoDee Owens Bob Birnbaum
Judges	Chris Currie Lynne Greenup Mercedes Perez
Assignment	Tell a Story

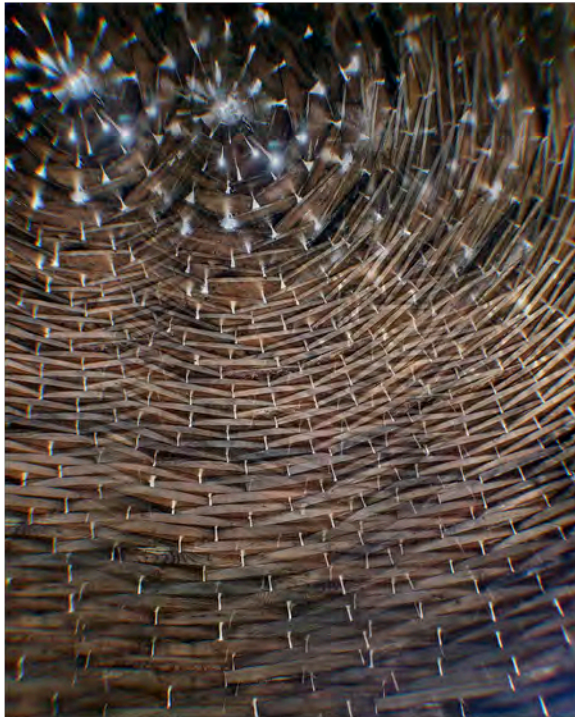
MP - Most Popular

Assignments in June 2023

Digital: Slow Down
Print: No Print Night in June
(Year End Awards Party)

For more information as well as the full list of
assignments this coming year, go to
www.pugetsoundcamera.com/assignments

Bob Birnbaum *Inside the Hive*



	Title	Maker	Score	Place
Assignment	Proud Potter	Linda Charboneau	24	First Place
	Apollo Command Module	Dave Patzwald	23	
	Edmonds Polar Bear Plunge	Lynne Greenup	23	
	Evening on summit of Mauna Kea	Les Rawlings	23	MP
	Ferns versus the Volcano	Dan Scavezze	23	
	Story on Bourbon Street	Bill Royce	23	
	Potter at Work	Linda Charboneau	23	
	I Love This One	Robert Rutkin	22	
	Mekong Ferry Dock	Chris Currie	22	
	Past And Present	Mike Harpending	22	
	Desire	Carl Halford	22	
	Seniors and Geese Family	Mary Pease	22	
	Crossing the Bramaputra	Klaus Lorenz	21	
	Crocus Path	Dan Scavezze	20	
Creatures	The Rush (Clark's Grebes)	Holly Hauser	27	First Place, MP
	Cormorant Portrait	Jack Broom	24	
	Cedar Waxwing with Berry	Holly Hauser	23	
	Don't Mind if I Do	Karen Jacobson	22	
	One More Step	Dan Scavezze	22	
	Botswana Bee Eaters	Mary Tevis	21	
	Botswana Sunset	Mary Tevis	21	
	Fetching A Stick	Robert Rutkin	20	
	Madagascar Lemurs	Klaus Lorenz.PG	16	
Creative/Altered	Snapshot Of A Tree In Afternoon Light	Hrankowski	24	First Place, MP
	Cherry Blossom	Andy Royce	22	
	Havana Barbershop	Glen Moffitt	22	
	Submerged	Henry Heerschap	22	
	Inside the Hive	Bob Birnbaum	22	
	From the Road #4- On The Way to Pocatello	Mercedes Perez	21	
Monochrome	Beach Bonsai	Lauren Heerschap	24	First Place (tied)
	San Javier Mission Reflection	Lynne Greenup	24	First Place (tied), MP
	Just Resting	JoDee Owens	23	
	Lunchtime Conversation	Hrankowski	23	
	Victoria Battery at Waikino, NZ	Hrankowski	23	
	Abandoned Farm on Umptanum Road	Bill Ray	22	
	Blowing Snow	Bill Royce	22	
	Cuban Breezes	Glen Moffitt	22	
	Lysichiton Americanus	Henry Heerschap	22	
	Saturn Main Stage F1 Engine	Dave Patzwald	22	
	Sky Stairs	Jake Jacobson	20	
	Hole in a Pole	Bob Birnbaum	19	
Open	Approaching storm West Maui Mountains	Les Rawlings	25	First Place
	Desolation	Carl Halford	24	
	Dusk in Judy's Garden	Jack Broom	24	
	Rainy Day Abstract	Mercedes Perez	24	
	Edmonds Sunset	Mary Pease	23	
	Lovely Day For A Bike Ride	Hrankowski	23	MP
	Orange and White Daffodil	Andy Royce	23	
	Puget Sound Sunset	JoDee Owens	23	
	Sandpipers and Waves	Lauren Heerschap	23	

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**May 2023
Digital Night Scores
(continued)**

	Title	Maker	Score	Place
Open (Continued)	Cowiche Trail Crossing	Bill Ray	22	
	Flower Emerging	Dan Scavezze	22	
	Mosselle River Metz	Jake Jacobson	21	
	Unfurling	Chris Currie	21	
	Castle Passage	Karen Jacobson	19	

**May 2023
Print Night Scores**

Judges	Dave Patzwald
	Chris Currie
	Henry Heerschap
Assignment	Portrait of a Flower
MPC - Most Popular Color MPM - Most Popular Monochrome	

	Title	Maker	Score	Place
Assignment	Uncomfortable Embrace	Henry Heerschap	27	First Place, MPC
	High Key White Orchid	Lauren Heerschap	27	
	White African Orchid	Lauren Heerschap	26	
	Velvet Conch	Kanch Kovalam	22	
	Bromeliad Emerging	Dan Scavezze	21	
Creative/Altered	Liberty Theatre Chandelier	Lauren Heerschap	27	First Place
	Transversing Ellipse	Henry Heerschap	26	
Creatures	Family Outing	Jack Broom	26	First Place (tied)
	Short Eared Owl Portrait	Jeff Lane	26	First Place (tied)
	Contemplation	Mary Tevis	25	MPM
	Shying Away	Mary Tevis	24	
	Peek-a-Boo	Michael Hrankowski	24	
	Hawk	Mary Tevis	23	
	Female Harrier in Flight	Jeff Lane	21	
Monochrome	Mt. Shuksun	Wilie Wellington	26	First Place
	Juniperus Maritima	Wilie Wellington	24	
Open	Gateway to the Abyss	Henry Heerschap	26	First Place
	Side Aisle of Cathedral of St Helena	Wilie Wellington	25	
	The Stories Windows Can Tell	Michael Hrankowski	24	
	Whale Tears	Michael Hrankowski	24	
	Waimea Canyon View	Dan Scavezze	23	
	Blackbird Under Glass	Dave Patzwald	21	
	Great Hall Lobby- Museum of Flight	Dave Patzwald	21	
	Dusk in Judy's Garden	Jack Broom	21	
	Mauna Kea and Clouds	Dan Scavezze	20	

Useful Web Links

Mike Moats, close-up and macro photography master, will be presenting his popular class **Is Your Flower Photography Boring, Let Me Help You** for the Lehigh Valley Photography Club in Pennsylvania on Thursday, June 15. Fortunately, you do not have to make airline reservations as it will be conducted via Zoom. The cost is a mere \$10. Mike was a speaker at last year's Northwest Council of Camera Clubs conference and is excellent. More information can be found at https://www.lvphotographyclub.org/content.aspx?page_id=4002&club_id=103191&item_id=1861544. Remember that PA is three hours later, so the class runs from 4-6 PM local time.

Speaking of **close-up and macro photography**, UK-based Amateur Photographer magazine has a remarkable collection of images submitted by readers here: <https://amateurphotographer.com/iconic-images/top-31-best-close-up-and-macro-photographs/>. For those of us in Bill Wheeler's macro group, there's even a couple of first-

rate slime mold images!

Also from Amateur Photographer, a collection of **Top Minimal Macro Tips and Techniques** from winners of the recent **Close-up Photographer of the Year** contest: <https://amateurphotographer.com/technique/top-minimal-macro-tips-and-techniques/>

From Adorama's 42West education page, comes **Tips for Mastering Pattern Photography**. Open your eyes to new photographic possibilities: <https://www.adorama.com/alc/pattern-photography/>

Finally, a different spin on the subject of composition from Andrew S Gibson, one of my favorite photography authors, titled **The Three S's of Composition**: <https://www.creative-photographer.com/three-s-composition/>



Dan Scavezze
 (clockwise from upper left)
Ferns versus the Volcano
One More Step
Flower Emerging
Waimea Canyon
Mauna Kea and Clouds
Crocus Path





Les Rawlings ***Approaching Storm, West Maui Mountains***



Les Rawlings ***Evening on Summit of Mauna Kea***



Holly Hauser ***The Rush (Clark's Grebes)***



Holly Hauser ***Cedar Waxwing with Berry***



Dave Patzwald
(clockwise from upper left)
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Linda Charboneau **Proud Potter**



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Michael Hrankowski ***Lunchtime Conversation***



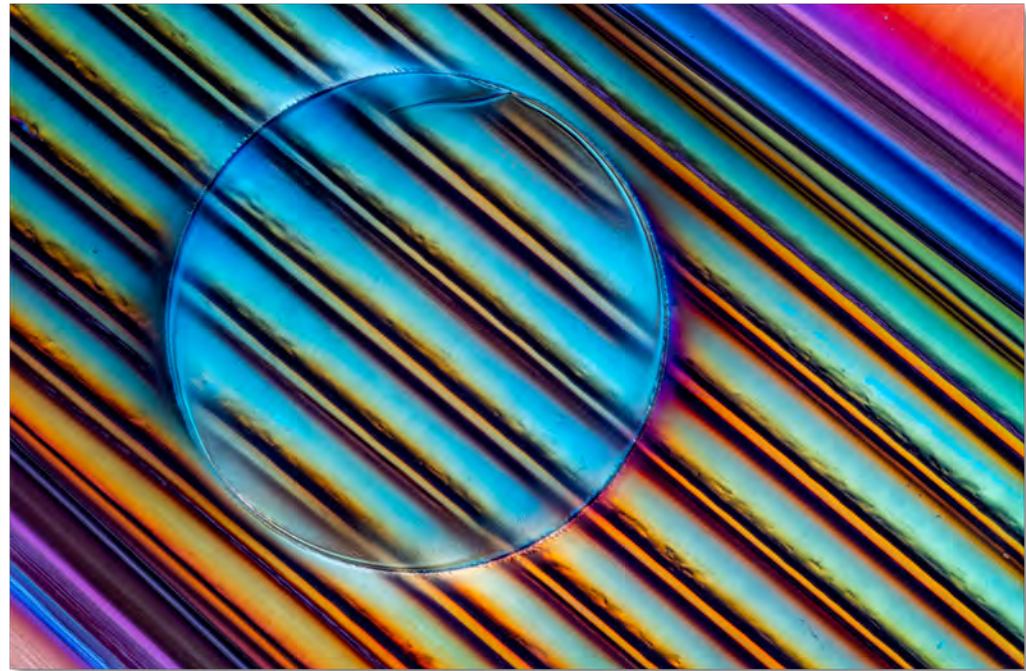
JoDee Owens ***Just Resting***



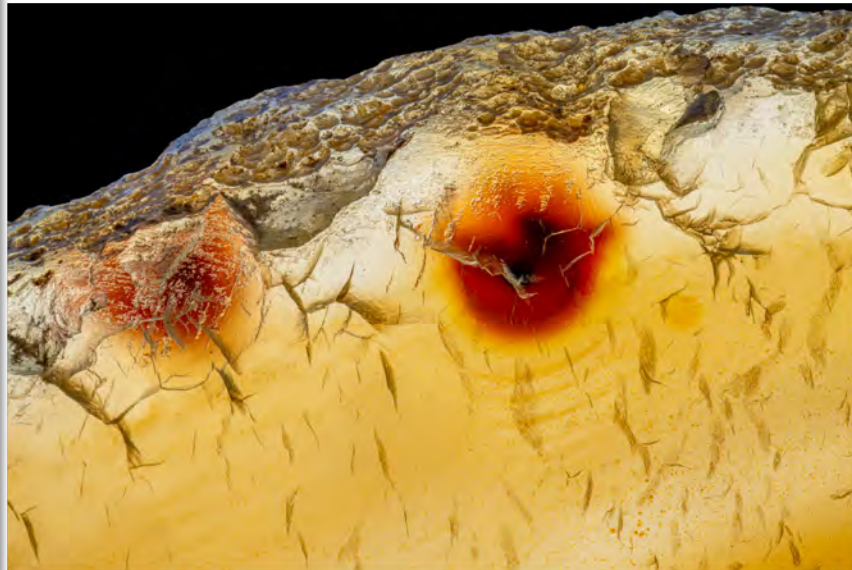
Bill Royce
***Story on
Bourbon Street***

Bill Royce
Blowing Snow





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Bill Ray ***Abandoned Farm on Umptanum Road***



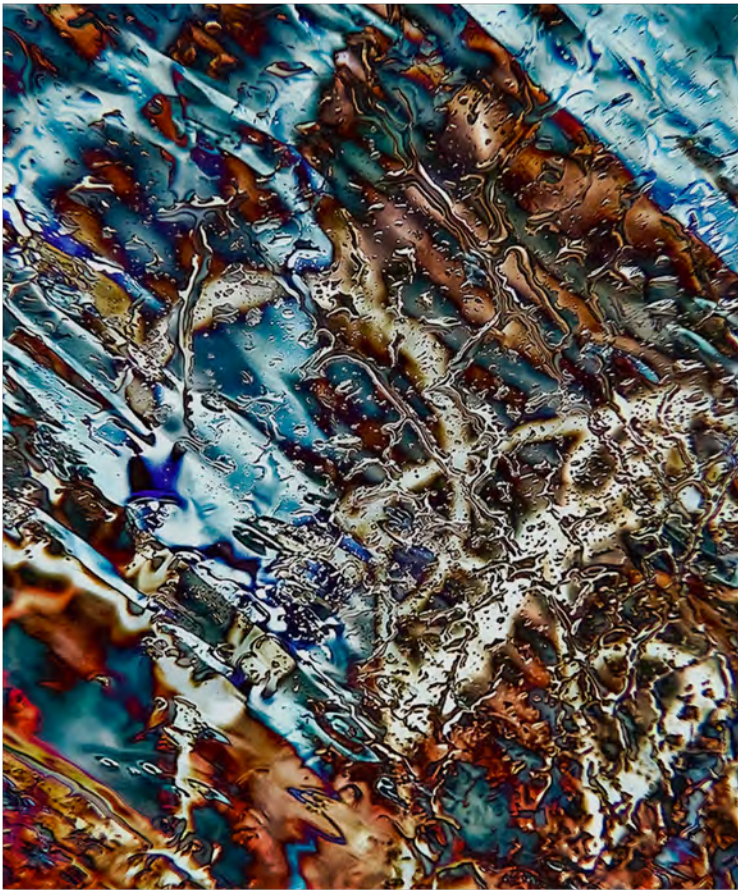
Glen Moffitt ***Cuban Breezes***



Lynne Greenup
San Xavier Mission Reflection

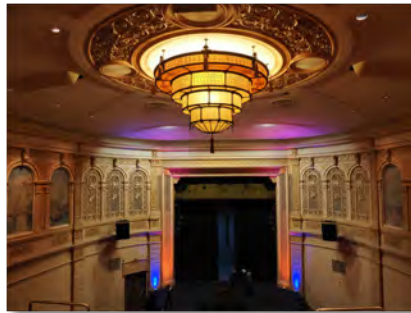


Lauren Heerschap
Beach Bonsai



Mercedes Perez
Rainy Day Abstract

Mercedes Perez
From the Road #4
On the Way to Pocatello



Lauren Heerschap
Liberty Theatre Chandelier
(context photo above)



Lauren Heerschap ***Sandpipers and Waves***

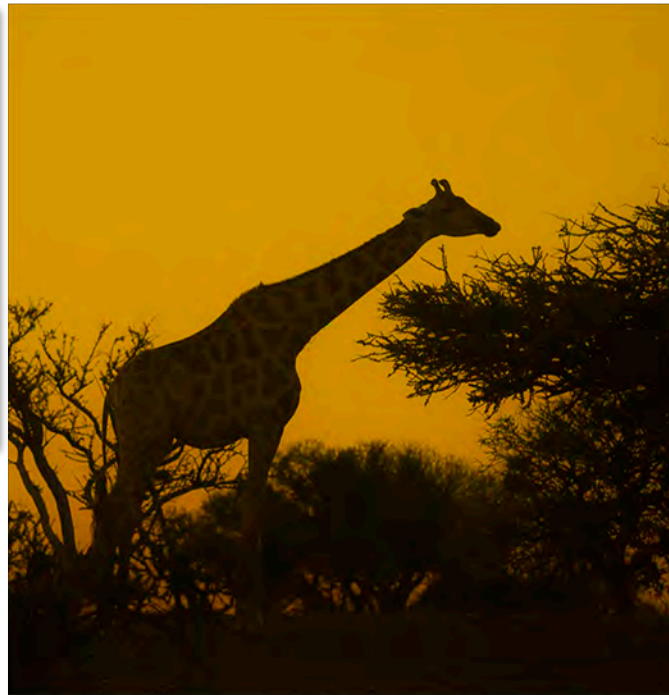




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Karen Jacobson ***Don't Mind If I Do***



Jake Jacobson ***Sky Stairs***



Karen Jacobson ***Castle Passage***

Robert Rutkin ***I Love This One***



Jake Jacobson ***Moselle River, Metz***





Andy Royce **Cherry Blossom**

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Bob Birnbaum **Hole in a Pole**



Klaus Lorenz **Madagascar Lemurs**

Lynne Greenup **Edmonds Polar Bear Plunge**





Bill Ray **Cowiche Trail Crossing**

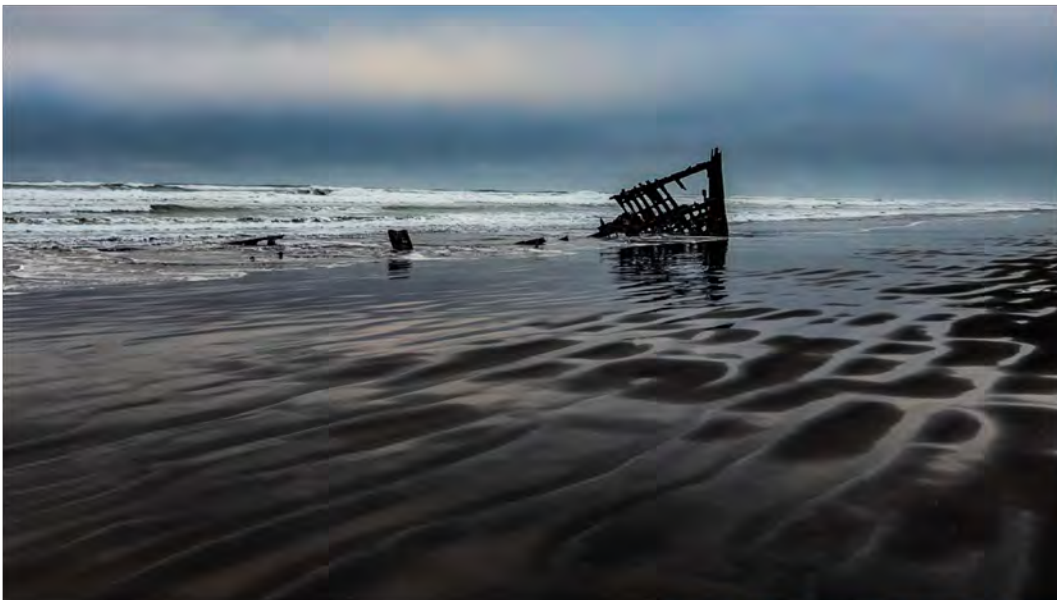


Mary Pease **Seniors and Geese Family**

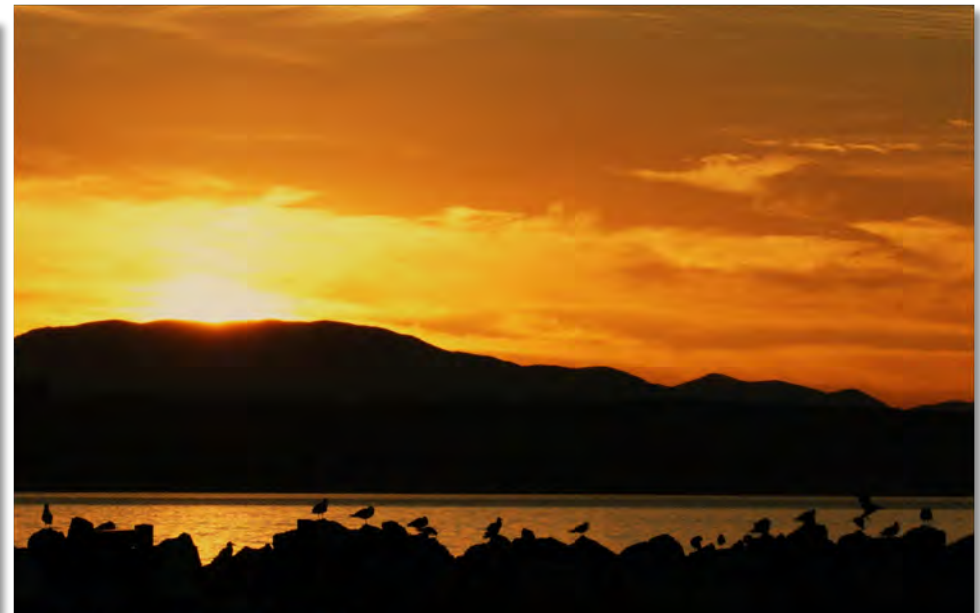


Mike Harpending **Past and Present**

Carl Halford **Desolation**



Mary Pease **Edmonds Sunset**



Board Meeting Minutes - May 15, 2023

Held on Zoom.

Present were Chris Currie, Mary Tevis, Henry Heerschap, Yvonne Shimek, Bob Sotak, Mercedes Perez, and Dave Patzwald.

The meeting was called to order by Chris Currie at 7:06 pm. The minutes of April 17, 2023, were moved to be accepted, seconded, and passed.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

All the year-end judges' decisions have been completed with the exception of the digital images judging. The judge for the photojournalism award suggested two honorable mentions, and since the rule is silent on this, it was decided that we would stick to one award this year and take up expanding the number of awards at a future board meeting.. The Board agreed with this decision.

Henry Heerschap will make a slideshow of the images that won awards.

Dave Patzwald is arranging PSA judge(s) for the digital image competition. Thanks, Dave!. Henry Heerschap arranged judges for the print competition with the help of Sam Ruljancich from Seattle Photographic Society. The judges' decisions are needed by May 18, 2023, at the latest, earlier if possible.

JoDee Owens has agreed to head the nominating committee for the Board for the nomination of Board members whose time is up. Bob Birnbaum has agreed to work with her on the committee, and we need one other person to make up a three-person committee. Both Yvonne Shimek, as treasurer, and Bob Sotak, as digital director, have agreed to keep serving on the Board. Mercedes Perez has agreed to continue on as vice-president.

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Mercedes Perez has asked that we have a committee to arrange field trips. Henry Heerschap has volunteered to be on that committee. The Board plans to ask Bill Ray, Michael Hrankowski, and Dan Scavezze to serve.

The next education night is May 29, 2023. Brian Leary will be our presenter, and the Board has chosen "Mastering Manual with the Exposure Equation" as the subject. SPS will be invited to attend. You must register to attend. The fee is \$10, and well worth it.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Yvonne Shimek reports that there is \$1491 in the checking account. The financial report was moved to be accepted; it was seconded and passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The Edmonds Waterfront Center Gallery Exhibition has sent a contract to the Club. After some discussion, it was moved to accept the contract and seconded and passed.

No one seems to be willing to be in charge of setting up for snacks on our meeting nights. It was decided to just wait and see what happens.

NEW BUSINESS:

Henry Heerschap and Bob Sotak have been working at implementing a website and competition management program called Visual Pursuits, with the help of SPS members. Everyone on the PSCC Board has been sent an email with information on how to log onto the PSCC Visual Pursuit site. This is a work in progress, and the competition component is not fully finished yet. Henry Heerschap finds that it is less expensive than what we are using now for our website. We need Board members and other club members to manage different parts of the new site. Henry Heerschap will put together a preliminary list of roles that will need to be filled. Volunteers are welcome.

For the year end awards presentation, it was decided that we would order pizza and provide soft drinks for the in-person component. After we eat, we will open a Zoom session for remote members who wish to see the awards presentation and slideshows.

The next Board meeting will be June 19, 2023, at 7:00 pm on Zoom. Members of the club are invited to attend. Please let Chris Currie know if you would like to be present and she will send you a link.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Tevis, Secretary.