



Les Rawlings **Saguaro #2** (left) **Saguaro #1** (right)

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

Message from the President

Dear Members,

It doesn't seem possible that we're already heading into May! I hope our April showers bring lots of May flowers. May print night's assignment is flowers so there should be plenty of opportunities to photograph some. The geese and swans and other birds that spend their winters with us are heading north for the summer and we're finally getting some warm weather so we should be able to get out and do some other types of photography as well.

Our year end awards ceremony will be June 26, 2023. All entries in year end competitions are being judged by people outside the club. We will also be electing the following officers to serve for the next two years: Vice President, Treasurer, and Digital Director. If anyone is interested in running for any of these offices now is the time to start thinking about it.

Thank you to all those in the club who have acted as judges and commentators during the year. Your service helps keep the club going and our digital and print nights interesting and educational.

Chris Currie
PSCC President

Chris Currie *Star Maggie Buds*



April 2023 Digital Night Scores

Commentators	Holly Hauser JoDee Owens Michael Hrankowski
Judges	Mercedes Perez Lynne Greenup Jack Broom
Assignment	Spring

MP - Most Popular

Assignments in May 2023

Digital: Tell a Story
Print: Portrait of a Flower

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

	Title	Maker	Score	Place
Assignment	One Trillium	Jack Broom	25	First Place, MP
	Antelope Squirrel Baby Begging	Lynne Greenup	24	
	Star Maggie buds	Chris Currie	23	
	Cherry Ghosts	Bob Birnbaum	23	
	Building Project	Henry Heerschap	22	
	Pink Tulips	Linda Charboneau	22	
	Spring in Washington	Holly Hauser	22	
	A Sign of Spring	Linda Charboneau	21	
	Approaching Storm	Klaus Lorenz	21	
	Towering Tulips	Carl Halford	21	
	White Egret With Eggs	Lauren Heerschap	20	
	EPCOT Spring	Robert Rutkin	19	
	Springtime Has Arrived	Mary Pease	19	
	Family Outing	Robert Rutkin	19	
Creatures	Hunting in the Rough	Jeff Lane	26	First Place (tied), MP
	Mouthful	Henry Heerschap	26	
	A Bee in My Bonnet	Lynne Greenup	26	
	Heron Reflections	Glen Moffitt	25	First Place (tied)
	Eagle Calling	Glen Moffitt	25	
	Focus	Holly Hauser	24	
	Red-winged Blackbird	Bill Ray	24	
	Lone Elephant	Klaus Lorenz	23	
	Great Blue Heron	Attila Laszlo	22	
	Northern Flicker	Bill Ray	22	
	Anna's hummingbird	Bruce Ulness	21	
	Sandhill Crane and Colt	Lauren Heerschap	21	
	Chobe Bee Eater	Mary Tevis	21	
	Hunting for Prey	Jeff Lane	21	
	Red-naped sapsucker	Bruce Ulness	21	
Creative/Altered	3D BMSB Folded Wing	Bill Wheeler	19	First Place (tied)
	Bull's Eye	Bob Birnbaum	19	First Place (tied), MP
	3D Cross Eyed Beetle Face	Bill Wheeler	18	
Monochrome	The Rock	Bill Royce	24	First Place, MP
	Potato Unfettered	Carl Halford	21	
Open	Saguaro #2	Les Rawlings	25	First Place, MP
	Fill 'er up	Bill Royce	23	
	Peaceful Scene	Mary Pease	23	
	Saguaro #1	Les Rawlings	22	
	Garlic	Jack Broom	22	
	Gullfoss Waterfall	Attila Laszlo	21	
	Star Maggie with Insect	Chris Currie	21	
	Greetings in Mongolia	Mary Tevis	20	

April 2023 Print Night Scores

Judges	Dave Patzwald
	Mary Tevis
	Lauren Heerschap
Assignment	Rain

MPC - Most Popular Color

MPM - Most Popular Monochrome

	Title	Maker	Score	Place
Assignment	After the Drizzle	Henry Heerschap	27	First Place
	A Day in the Life of a Daffodil	Lauren Heerschap	24	
Creative/Altered	Emerging	Michael Hrankowski	27	
Creatures	Ruffling Northern Flicker	Henry Heerschap	27	First Place
	Spoonbill Takes Flight	Henry Heerschap	27	
	In Flight- Lavender Breasted Roller	Mary Tevis	26	
	Birds & Bees	Lynne Greenup	25	
	Hunting in the Rough	Jeff Lane	24	
	All Dressed Up	Mary Tevis	24	
	Botswana Stork	Mary Tevis	24	
	Kestrel with Furry Beak	Jeff Lane	23	
	River Otter	Lauren Heerschap	21	
	Bird's Eye View	Jeff Lane	20	
Monochrome	White River Barn	Wilie Wellington	26	First Place
	Roozengarde River	Lauren Heerschap	24	MPM
	Edmonds-Kingston Ferries	Wilie Wellington	24	
	5 Ex's	Phil Kollen	21	
	Whidbey Island Barn	Wilie Wellington	19	
Open	Trillium Blossom	Jack Broom	27	First Place, MPC
	Dried and Gone to Heaven	Michael Hrankowski	26	
	Star Maggie Buds	Chris Currie	23	
	Coleus	Phil Kollen	19	
	Christchurch Windows	Michael Hrankowski	18	

Useful Web Links

For many years, the definitive reference on new cameras, lenses and other products was **DPRReview**. Originally based in the UK, DPR was bought out by Amazon in 2007 and their staff was moved to the South Lake Union area. It was fun seeing test images taken in downtown Seattle or from the roof of their building featuring views of the Space Needle and the seaplanes landing on Lake Union.

DPR's reviews were thorough and well-organized and made it easier to figure out whether the new camera model or this other manufacturer was a good fit. Their user forums were another great place to ask questions about gear.

Sadly, Amazon announced that as a part of a corporate restructuring they would be shuttering DPRReview on April 10. As it happens, they've taken longer than that to actually shut things down, but it will happen sooner than later.

There are a couple of efforts afoot to get ahead of the loss. **Digicam Finder** is an online camera resource that draws from the DPRReview archive and is worth bookmarking, particularly if you are looking at older cameras and other equipment:

<https://digicamfinder.com/>

An attempt to migrate the user community from DPR to a new place is being made at **DPRrevived**. It's early days, but they are making a serious stab at replicating what DPR had and deserve to be taken seriously: <https://dprevived.com/>

A number of us have been experimenting with **Extreme Macro** using specialty macro lenses, adapted microscope objectives, focusing rails and other get to get in super close to our subjects. Here's a video outlining a less expensive approach for those looking to get their feet wet: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0xmRULRsWWU>

Spring is here and summer is on its way. For many of us it's a time to explore familiar and new **National Parks**. Many of these places are crowded and everyone has the postcard shot. A good article outlining a more contemplative approach can be found here: <https://www.nationalparkstraveler.org/2023/04/photography-national-parks-invitation-intimate-composition>

Washington State Spring Fair Photography Contest - PSCC Winners



Best of Show & \$150 Prize: Michael Hrankowski *A Sublime Light*



Honorable Mention: Carl Halford *Cabbage in Repose*

Honorable Mention: Jack Broom *At the Kingston Dock*





Linda Charboneau ***Pink Tulips***



Linda Charboneau ***A Sign of Spring***



Bob Birnbaum ***Cherry Ghosts***



Carl Halford ***Towering Tulips***



Bill Royce ***The Rock***



Mary Pease ***Springtime has Arrived***

Bob Birnbaum ***Bull's Eye***



Carl Halford ***Potato Unfettered***





Bill Ray
Red-winged Blackbird

Holly Hauser ***Focus***



Holly Hauser ***Spring in Washington***



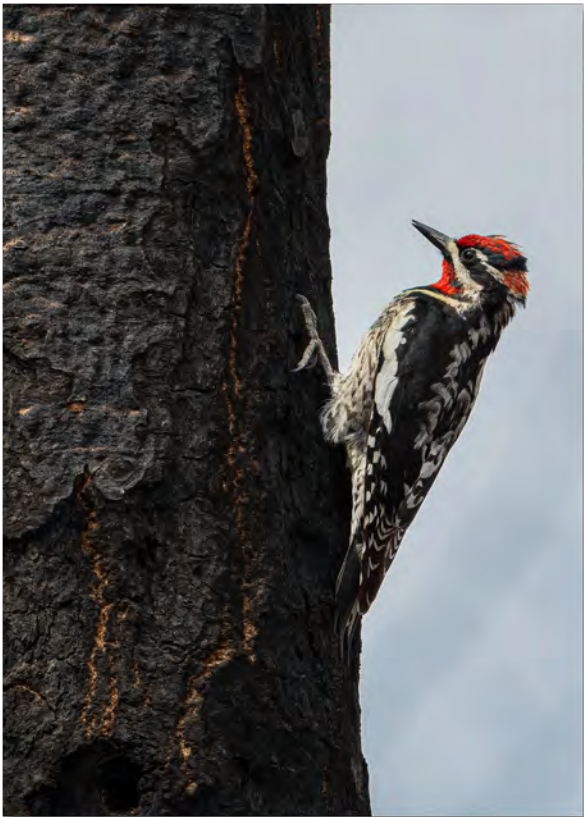
Bill Ray
Northern Flicker





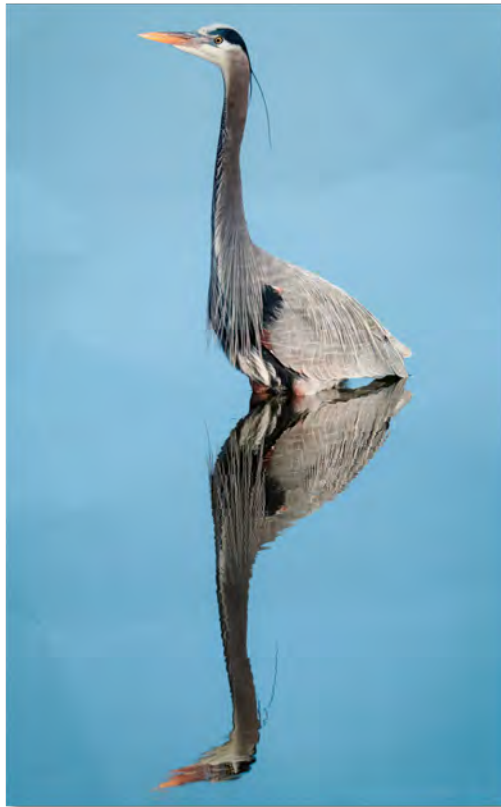
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Bruce Ulness **Red-naped Sapsucker**

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Jack Broom ***Garlic***



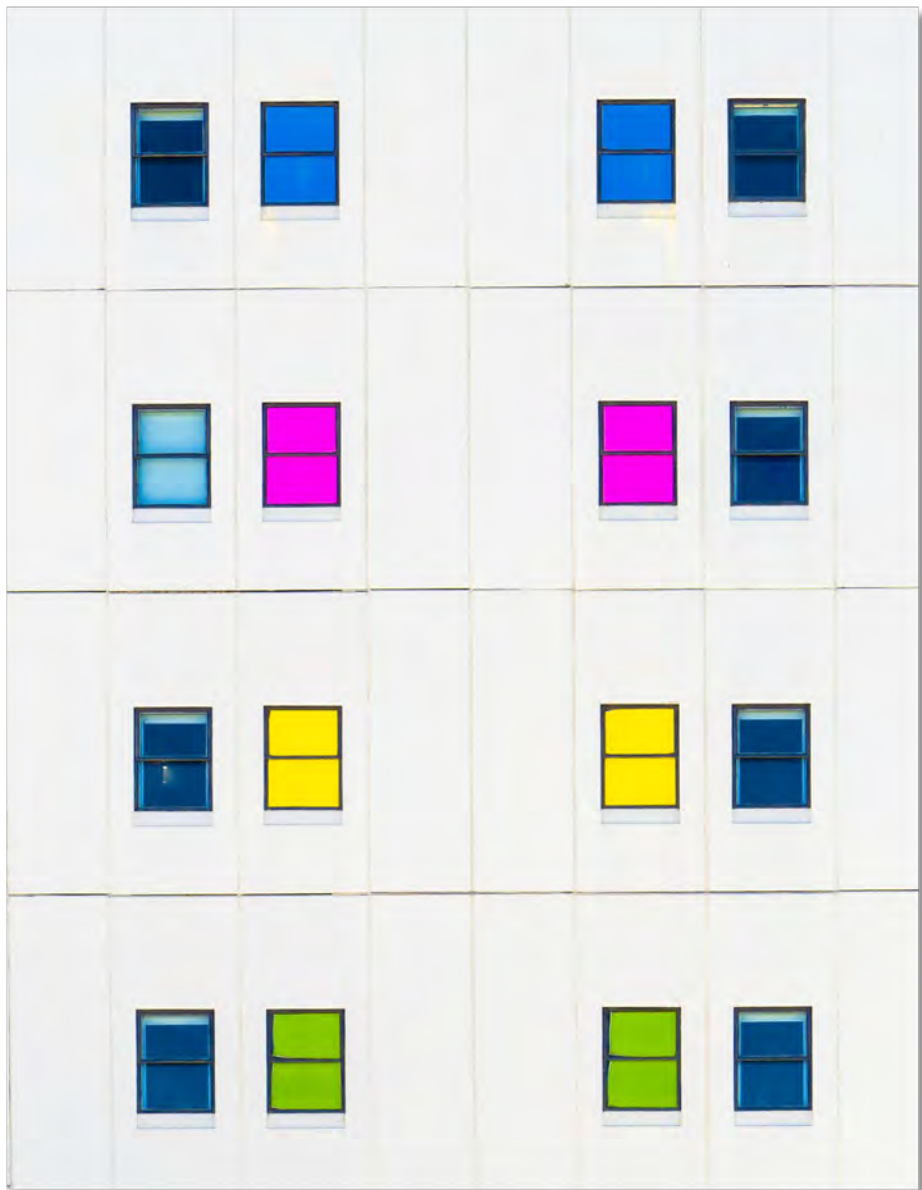
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(clockwise from left)
Christchurch Windows
Dried and Gone to Heaven
Emerging





Attila Laszlo **Great Blue Heron**



Bill Royce **Fill 'er Up**

Lynne Greenup **Antelope Squirrel Baby Begging**



Robert Rutkin **EPCOT Spring**





Bill Wheeler **3D Crosseyed Beetle**

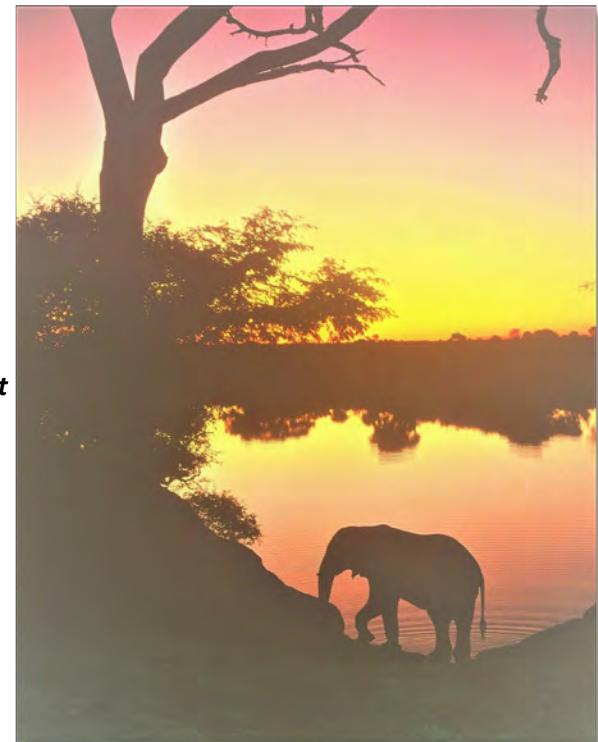
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Klaus Lorenz **Approaching Storm**



Klaus Lorenz **Lone Elephant**





Lauren Heerschap
(clockwise from upper left)

***Roozengarde River
Sandhill Crane and Colt
River Otter***

***A Day in the Life of a Daffodil
White Egret with Eggs***





Wiley Wellington
(clockwise from upper left)
White River Barn
Whidbey Island Barn
Edmonds-Kingston Ferry



Mary Pease ***Peaceful Scene***

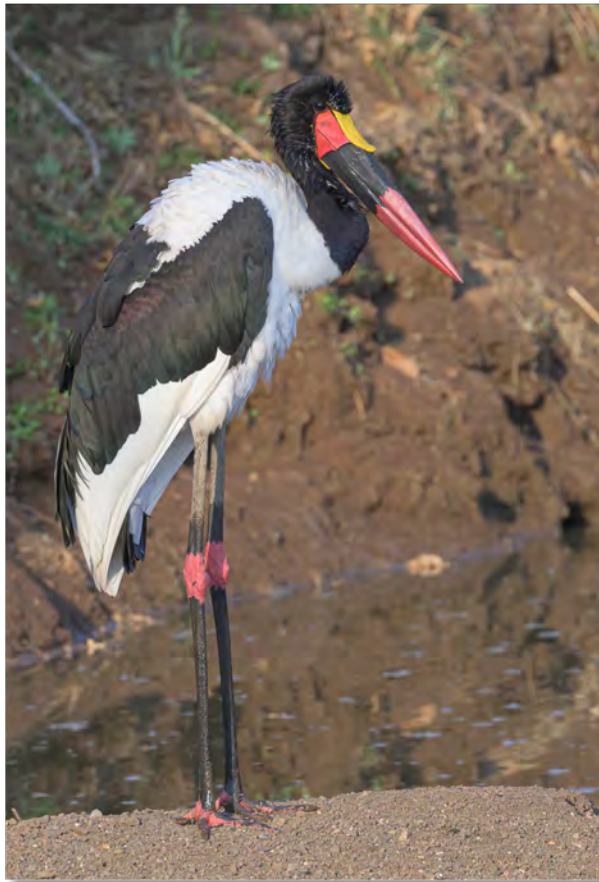


Chris Currie ***Star Maggie with Insect***



Attila Laszlo ***Gullfoss Waterfall***





Mary Tevis (clockwise from upper left)
Chobe Bee Eater
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April 17 Board Meeting Minutes

The meeting was held on Zoom

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

The meeting was called to order by Chris Currie at 7:06 pm. The minutes of February 20, 2023, were moved to be accepted, seconded, and passed.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Almost all members who expressed an interest in exhibiting at the Edmonds Waterfront Center have submitted their framed print sizes. The Board will sign a contract with the Center, setting out the parameters of the show. It has been submitted to the Board and is in the process of being read.

The judges for the end-of-year competition for photojournalism and creativity awards are lined up. Thank you, Jack Broom.

Dave Patzwald is arranging PSA judge(s) for the digital image competition. Thanks Dave Patzwald. Henry Heerschap is arranging judges for the print competition. The judges' decisions are needed by May 18, 2023, at the latest, earlier if possible.

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

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 he will speak on. There are no field trips planned; however, the tulip fields are open, but are a little late this year.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Yvonne Shimek reports that there is \$1719 in the checking account. The financial report was moved to be accepted; it was seconded and passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The digital night is gaining members who are attending in person. We are offering treats, which may draw people in. We are looking for a volunteer to take charge of

the edibles. The duties are very light and consist of setting out the treats, making sure the money basket is set out, and a very light cleaning of the kitchen after the meeting. If you think you would be interested in this role, please let us know. There is a sign-up sheet to bring snacks to future meetings. The sheet will be on the snack table during meetings. Please sign up to bring future snacks so we will know who is donating.

The timing of the commentating of digital night was very good, and we finished right on time. Bob Sotak thanks all for the help.

NEW BUSINESS:

Henry Heerschap and Bob Sotak have been doing extensive research into a membership and competition website management program called Visual Pursuits. They have been helped a great deal by members involved with Seattle Photographic Society's implementation of VP. This web program is used by many clubs. He has looked into the cost, and it turns out it is less expensive than the hosting we are using now for our website.

The Board voted to move ahead with this program to run our website and our competitions: we moved to invest in it, and it was seconded and passed. Visual Pursuits allows us to assign certain areas of the website to specific administrators. We need to talk about the need for Board members and other club members to step up. Henry Heerschap will put together a preliminary list of roles that will need to be filled. Volunteers are welcome.

The next Board meeting will be May 23, 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.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Tevis, Secretary