

InFocus



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The Newsletter of the Puget Sound Camera Club



Dale Cooper
(Left) Portrait of an Immature Bald Eagle
(Above) Portrait of a Short-Eared Owl

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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.

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.facebook.com/groups/PugetSoundCamera>



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



Message from the President

Dear Members,

It's that time again: end of year competition entries will be due April 22, 2024 for all competition categories. You should soon receive an email from Bob Sotak regarding how to enter the Digital Image of the Year competition, Photojournalism competition, and Creativity competition. Print entries are to be brought to Print Night on April 22. If you can't make it to the meeting you can make alternative arrangements with Henry ahead of time for delivery of your prints. Images entered in the April digital and print competitions may be entered in the year end competitions. All entries in the Digital and Print competitions must have been entered in one of our regular digital or print night from May of 2023 through April of 2024. The Photojournalism and Creativity entries do not need to have been entered in a club competition. The rules and information for the competitions and definitions are on the website at Club/Member Resources/PSCC Year End Awards.

Don't forget:

Entries for the PSA inter club competition need to be sent to Dave Patzwald by April 7. Skagit Valley tulips field trip is April 17 (please register if you intend to go) Education Night with Bill Royce is April 29 (please register soon) Entries for the Edmonds Arts Festival are due April 29.

Spring is definitely here. Enjoy it and have a great time taking pictures and exploring in April!

Chris Currie
President

Chris Currie *Lines and Curves*



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

March 2024 Digital Night Scores

Commentators	Jack Broom JoDee Owens Holly Hauser
Judges	Andy Royce Henry Heerschap Chris Currie
Assignment	Moving Fast

PC - People's Choice
(new name for Most Popular)

Club Calendar: Field Trips

One of the features of the new website is the club calendar. You can access it under the **Current News** tab. In addition to the normal monthly meetings, you will find a number of upcoming field trips including:

- April 17 Skagit Valley Tulips
- May 15 Georgetown Steam Plant
- May 21 Fishermen's Terminal
- July 12 Cascadia Iris Gardens
- Aug. 31 Roy Rodeo

Most of these include an option to get together for lunch afterward. Several involve a fee either to the club or to the venue. Please read the description for more details. **Note that you must be logged in to view these. We ask that you register so we know to expect you.**

Keep checking back as we add more events.

Thanks to Lauren Heerschap for her work in putting these together.

	Title	Maker	Score	Awards
Assignment	Fast Walking Hot Steel Wool	Andy Royce	24	1st Place (tied)
	One Bare Foot Backwards	Robert Rutkin	24	1st Place (tied)
	Flight of the Wood Duck	Holly Hauser	23	2 nd Place (tied)
	Wood Duck on the Move	Bill Ray	22	3 rd Place (tied)
	Blowing in the wind	JoDee Owens	22	3 rd Place (tied)
	Kicking up the Snow	Lynne Greenup	22	3 rd Place (tied), PC
	Moving Fast-Widgeon	Rick Stevens	22	3 rd Place (tied)
	Getting there on time	Mary Tevis	21	
	Excitement	Robert Rutkin	21	
	On our way!	Mercedes Perez	20	
	Soccer Mom in a Hurry	Dan Scavezze	19	
	Gaucha Herding Horses	Linda Charboneau	19	
	Home in a Hurry	Henry Heerschap	14	
Olympic Speedboat	Lauren Heerschap	14		
Creatures	Short Eared Owl with Vole	Jeff Lane	24	1st Place
	Black-capped Chickadee	Bill Ray	23	2 nd Place (tied)
	Heron at Sequim	Jack Broom	23	2 nd Place (tied)
	Short Eared Owl Flying	Jeff Lane	23	2 nd Place (tied), PC
	Hawk Eye	Holly Hauser	22	3 rd Place (tied)
	Grubhub For Birds	Michael Hrankowski	22	3 rd Place (tied)
	Scary red ant	Laura Martinez	21	
	Flamingo Zebra Convention	Ken Vander Putten	20	
	Standing his ground	Bob Sotak	19	
Creative/Altered	White Hellabourus on Blended Background	Andy Royce	23	1st Place (tied), PC
	Fern Swirl	Mercedes Perez	23	1st Place (tied)
	Amaryllis.	Lynne Greenup	22	2 nd Place
	Tartaric Explosion	Henry Heerschap	21	3 rd Place
	Palouse Abstract	Bob Birnbaum	20	
Monochrome	Thirsty	Ken Vander Putten	22	1st Place, PC
	Waiting in the Cold	Bob Birnbaum	18	2 nd Place
Open	Wet Camellia	Jack Broom	21	1st Place (tied)
	San Juan Cap. color vs.	Wilie Wellington	21	1st Place (tied), PC
	Red Rocks Tree	Chris Currie	20	2 nd Place (tied)
	Rajasthan Beauty	Klaus Lorenz	20	2 nd Place (tied)
	Can't Quite Get it Up	Lauren Heerschap	20	2 nd Place (tied)
	Welcome To My Home	Linda Charboneau	20	2 nd Place (tied)
	Flying High Above Queenstown	Michael Hrankowski	20	2 nd Place (tied)
	Layers And Curves	Chris Currie	19	3 rd Place (tied)
	Impending Storm	JoDee Owens	19	3 rd Place (tied)
	Sunset on Rajasthan Lake	Klaus Lorenz	19	3 rd Place (tied)
	Effect and Cause	Dan Scavezze	18	
	Coming home	Wilie Wellington	16	

Welcome New and Returning Members!

Daniel Grundel
Mark Roehrig
Glen Moffitt

March 2024 Print Night Scores

Judges	Dave Patzwald Chris Currie Henry Heerschap
Assignment	Pairs/Mates

PC-C - People's Choice Color
PC-M - People's Choice Monochrome
(new names for Most Popular)

Assignments in April 2024

Digital: Interesting Architecture
Print: Urban Landscape

For more information as well as the full list of assignments this coming year, go to
<https://www.pugetsoundcamera.com/d/96d5e0b7-437c-4130-8ff6-a04fb3b301b5>

April 29 Education Night

Bill Royce on Working with AI in Photoshop, Using Very Simple Tools
\$10 Registration. To be held on Zoom.

This presentation is based on the latest versions of Photoshop and Lightroom Classic.

Topics covered:

- Content-Aware Remove vs Generative Fill
- Objects: Generative Extend
- Crop tool: Generative Expand
- Neural Filters:
- Adding objects using generative fill

Bill Royce is a long-time member and past president of Puget Sound Camera Club. He is a recognized expert in Lightroom and Photoshop and has done a number of presentations on both at camera clubs, camera stores, and other venues. He is based in Prescott, Arizona. Register at:

<https://www.pugetsoundcamera.com/club/Events/view.aspx?Eventid=474a9c23-58b8-4e22-a251-28c51f7a22b0>

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Assignment	Go Doubly Slow	Dan Scavezze	24	1st Place (tied)
	Mirrored mirrors	Daniel Grundel	24	1st Place (tied)
	One Mans Sunshine	Dan Scavezze	23	2nd Place
	Twins	Mary Tevis	21	3rd Place
	Raccoon Babies	Laura Martinez	20	
Creative/Altered	Lost Civilization	Henry Heerschap	26	1st Place (tied)
	Three Amigos	Ken Vander Putten	26	1st Place (tied)
	Eagle on a Mission	Bob Sotak	24	2nd Place
Creatures	Portrait of a Short Eared Owl	Dale Cooper	27	1st Place
	Harrier and Short Eared Owl	Jeff Lane	26	2nd Place (tied)
	Costa's Hummingbird in Isolation	Jeff Lane	26	2nd Place (tied)
	Portrait of an Immature Bald Eagle	Dale Cooper	24	3rd Place (tied)
	Situational Awareness	Henry Heerschap	24	3rd Place (tied)
	Short Eared Owl with Vole	Jeff Lane	24	3rd Place (tied)
	Magnificent Hummingbird	Laura Martinez	24	3rd Place (tied)
	Looking for Lunch	Lauren Heerschap	23	
Monochrome	Man of Many Hats	Daniel Grundel	26	1st Place (tied)
	Rot and Rust	Henry Heerschap	26	1st Place (tied)
	The Taj Mahal	Michael Hrankowski	26	1st Place (tied), PC-M
	Viaduc de Millau in Southern France	Ken Vander Putten	25	2nd Place
	Majestic Grand Tetons	Lauren Heerschap	24	3rd Place
	Lines and Curves	Chris Currie	23	
	Aztec over the Shoulder	Daniel Grundel	22	
Open	The Aviatrix	Wilie Wellington	27	1st Place, PC-C
	Deep In Prayer	Michael Hrankowski	26	2nd Place
	Yoshino Cherry Blossom	Chris Currie	24	3rd Place (tied)
	Siena's Duomo	Dave Patzwald	24	3rd Place (tied)
	Arizona Landscape	Ken Vander Putten	24	3rd Place (tied)
	Prehistoric Stalker	Lauren Heerschap	24	3rd Place (tied)
	Dredging The Canal #1	Michael Hrankowski	24	3rd Place (tied)
	Orion Galaxy M42	Wilie Wellington	24	3rd Place (tied)
	Plum Blossom	Chris Currie	23	
	A Peek at the Piazza dei Canipo- Siena, Italy	Dave Patzwald	23	
	A 14th Century Castle in Siena, Italy	Dave Patzwald	21	
	Field of Daisies	Mary Tevis	21	
	Waterfall in the Gorge	Mary Tevis	20	
	Bode's Galaxy M81	Wilie Wellington	19	
	Painted Hills	Dan Scavezze	18	

Useful Web Links

Halos, especially in areas of high contrast can really affect the quality of an image. One technique that I've used over the years is nicely outlined in this article from Adorama's education page: <https://www.adorama.com/alc/how-to-fix-halos-in-photoshop/>

While PSCC club competitions are a great way to get your images evaluated, there are a number of different ways to approach it. One time-tested method is the Professional Photographers of America's **12 Elements of a Merit Image**. The list of 12 can be found here: <https://www.ppa.com/ppmag/articles/12-elements-of-a-merit-image>. A useful article discussing the 12 Elements can be found here: <https://www.ppa.com/ppmag/articles/a-fresh-look-at-the-twelve-elements>. Very useful if you are looking to enter the fairs or local art shows.



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(clockwise from upper left)
Plum Blossom
Yoshino Cherry Blossom
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Red Rocks Tree





Mercedes Perez ***Fern Swirl***



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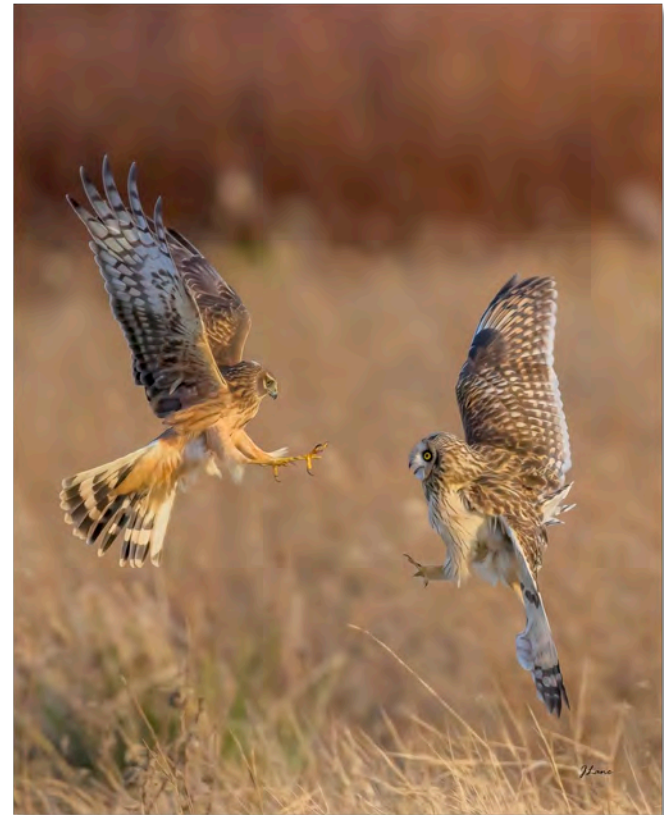
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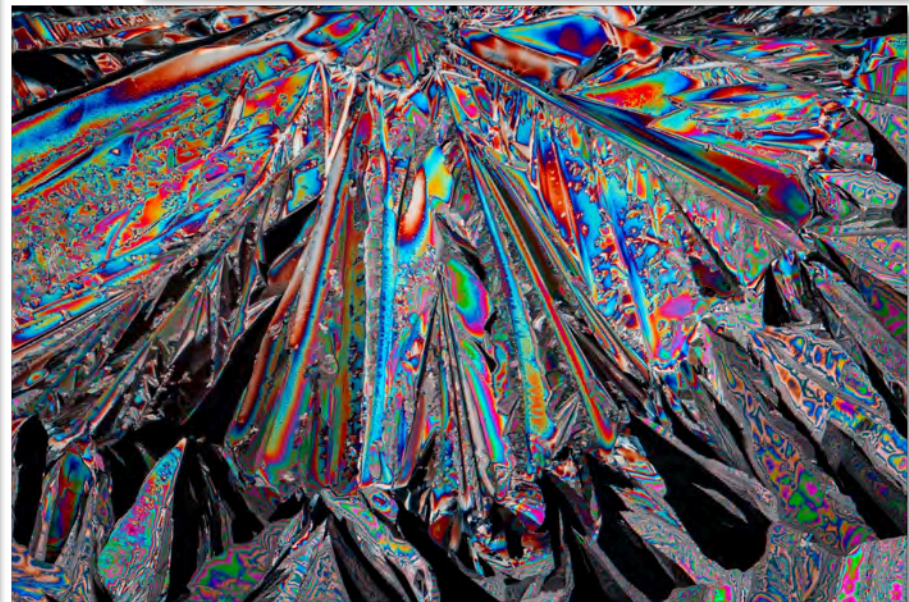
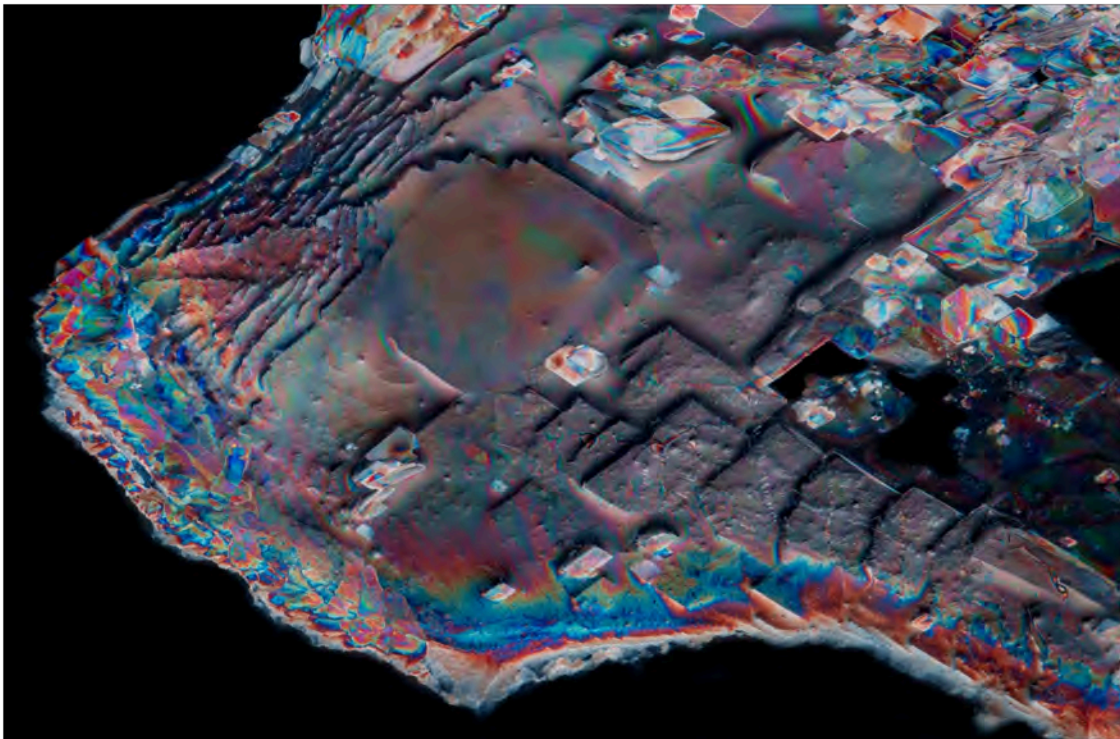
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JoDee Owens *Impending Storm*





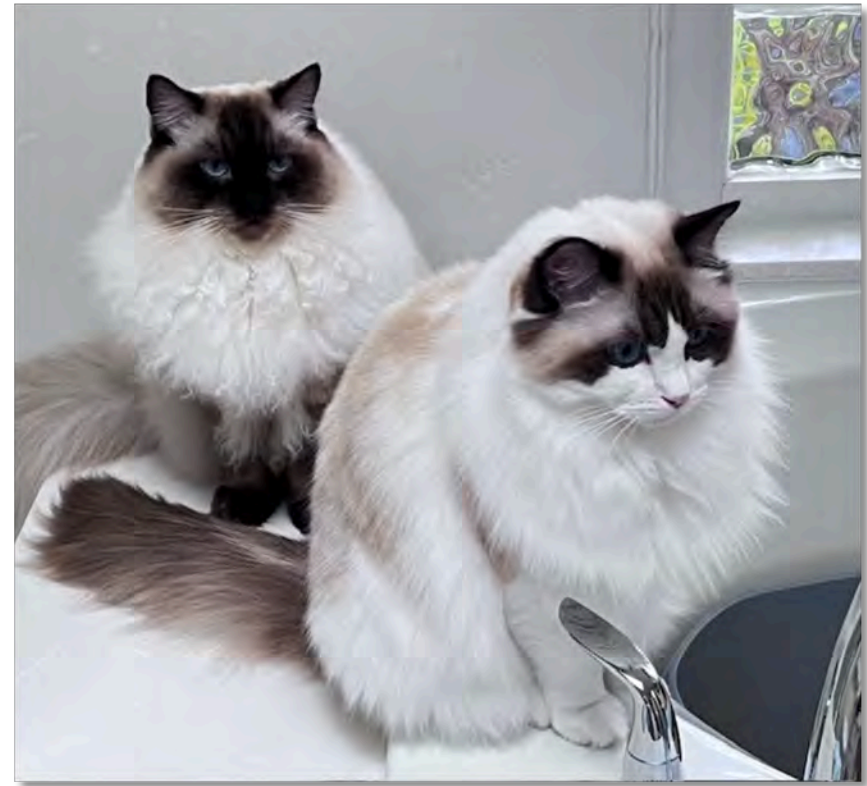
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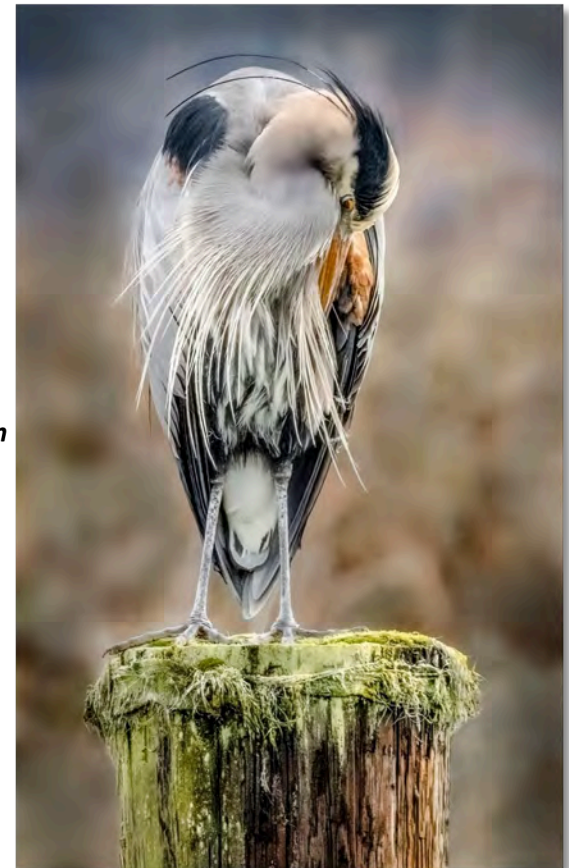
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Dave Patzwald
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A 14th Century Castle in Siena, Italy
Siena's Duomo
A Peek at the Piazza dei Campo - Siena, Italy



PSA Interclub Color Round 2 Group C Standing: 12th out of 24 Clubs

Individual Awards:

Honorable Mention, Ken Vander Putin, "Perpendicular Rhinos"

Merit Award, Jeff Lane, "Harrier and Short Eared Owl"



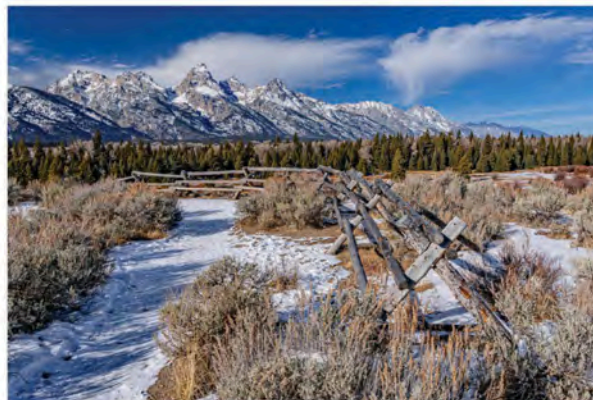
7 Points "Lonesome Pine" Chris Currie.jpg



8 Points "Enjoying a Rain Shower" Lynne Greenup.jpg



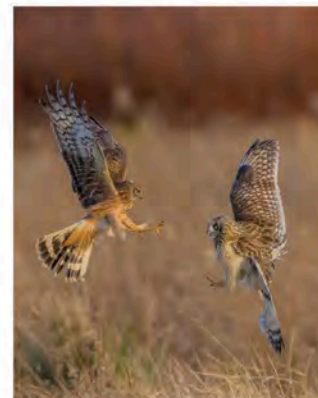
8 Points "High Key White Orchid" Lauren Heerschap.jpg



9 Points "Grand Tetons Fence Line" Henry Heerschap.jpg



10 Points "Perpendicular Rhinos" Ken Vander Putin.jpg



12 Points "Harrier and Short Eared Owl" Jeff Lane.jpg

PSA Interclub Monochrome Round 2 Standing: Group B Standing: 9th out of 23 Clubs



11 Points "Gull's Quiet Moment"

PSCC Board Meeting, March 18, 2024

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm.

It was moved to accept the previous minutes of February 19 2024, and it was seconded and passed into the record.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

The NWCCC is still looking for a president and a secretary.

Visual Pursuits has launched, and even though it has had a few glitches this month, people seem to be getting used to it. It is now part of the club's on-line presence. Thank you Henry Heerschap and Bob Sotak for all your hard work on getting it up and running.

Lauren Heerschap has scheduled a number of field trips over the next several months: the first one is this month led by Lynne Greenup to the Skagit Valley. If you want to go, they are all on the calendar in the Visual Pursuits website. You can sign up at that location.

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Mercedes Perez has signed up Bill Royce to do a presentation on the April 29 Education Night, where he will talk about AI in Photoshop. Be sure and sign up for his class on Visual Pursuits. The cost is \$10. We have invited SPS to be part of it and registration has been opened to other non-club members.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Yvonne Shimek reports that there is \$1794.00 in the checking account. She will write a check to Bill Royce for his presentation. The treasurer's report was moved to be accepted into the record, and it was passed.

VISUAL PURSUITS:

There was a discussion about the gallery of winning images to be put on the website. In order to include more images, it was decided to include first, second and third place winners in all categories as well as People's Choice winners will be posted.

All club members will receive emails with instructions for entering their images in the end-of-year competition.

Henry Heerschap discussed the need for a better way of emailing members. We presently use personal email accounts or a club Gmail account, but there are risks of those accounts getting tagged as spammers. He suggested we move to Moosend, a commercial email service similar to MailChimp but cheaper. The Board voted to approve Moosend as our bulk email service.

Please start thinking of replacing the secretary, Mary Tevis, with someone, as she is retiring as of June 2024.

A discussion was held to establish a monthly announcement mailer. Michael Hrankowski was mentioned as a person who might like to manage the content. He will be asked when he returns from his current travels.

We will also set up a page on VP under current events with a list of dates and links to announcements with items such as TIS, education night, et cetera.

The next Board meeting will be April 15, 2024, at 7 pm via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted, Mary Tevis, Secretary