

# **THE PILCHUCKER**

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# The Pilchuck Camera Club

## Serving members from the Puget Sound Area of Washington State

The Pilchuck Camera Club was organized June 12, 1964, and is a member of the Photographic Society of America (PSA) and the Northwest Council of Camera Clubs (NWCCC). Membership is open to anyone interested in color or monochromatic slide or digital photography.

Club meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month in the Baker Heights Social Hall, 1401 Popular Street, Everett, WA. [Click here for meeting site map.](#)

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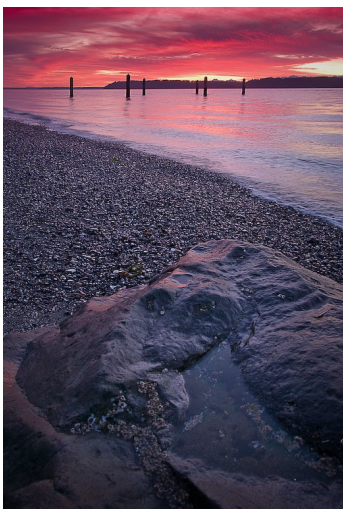
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## COVER SHOT



**PHOTOGRAPHER:** Paul McKee

**LOCATION:** In front of the Mukilteo Lighthouse.

**EQUIPMENT:** Nikon D300 & Nikkor 18-200 mm VR .

**SETTINGS:** 18 mm, f8.0, 1/4 sec, ISO160, handheld.

**SITUATION :**The Mukilteo Lighthouse is a favorite subject of mine—my great grandfather was the lighthouse keeper there in the 1930's. After taking a few photos of the lighthouse I walked over to the beach area and noticed the tide was partially out, exposing some of the beach and boulders. I didn't have my tripod with me so I knelt down and braced myself the best I could while snapping a few exposures (gotta love that VR!). I used Photoshop CS4's lens correction tool to correct some barrel distortion (convex horizon) and I used the "high pass filter" technique to sharpen the image. Lightroom 2.2 was used for dodging, burning and toning.

## Coming events

Send all digital images to

[PCCDigitalEntry@Verizon.net](mailto:PCCDigitalEntry@Verizon.net)

**New Dimensions** if it is horizontal 1024 on the long side if it is vertical 768 on the long side.

**February 12, 2009**

Regular meeting 3 images

Program to be announced later

Refreshments: Renata Kleinert

**March 12, 2009**

Regular meeting 3 images

Program : Denis Hill will give a program called "sure its photography but is it art.

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Refreshments : Janet Wright

**April 9, 2009**

Regular meeting 3 images

Program to be announced

Refreshments: Linda Davis

# Speaker for March 12, 2009

M. Denis Hill will give a talk entitled "Sure it's photography, but is it art?"

Whidbey Island photographer Denis Hill is a passionate advocate for photography as art and presents an entertaining exploration of themes including definitions of an artist, how the varied stresses and emotions of the artistic process impact creativity and satisfaction, as well as how photographers can see like painters and how painters can see more like photographers.

Denis specializes in panoramic and conventional photographs of Whidbey Island, with emphasis on Ebey's Landing National Historical Reserve. He moved to Coupeville in 1998. After moving to Maine in 2006, Denis returned to Whidbey in 2008. Denis has also extensively photographed Paris, France and southern Utah. His other favorite locations are Grand Teton and Yellowstone national parks.

In 2001, Denis earned the *Qualified Panoramic Photographer* designation conferred by the International Association of Panoramic Photographers. His images been accepted in many juried competitions and earned a variety of awards.

Photographs by Denis Hill have been published in *Runner's World*, *Places to Retire*, *Wings West*, *Stock Car Racing*, the *Denver Post*, and on National Geographic's *TheGreenGuide.com* and *WhidbeyCamanoIslands.com*. Hill's work emphasizes composition and emotional communication.

Hill is scheduled to teach classes this year at the Coupeville Arts Center and a workshop in Switzerland sponsored by Stellar Arts Foundation. His past and upcoming classes include "Dialing in Your Digital SLR," "Digital Photography from the Ground Up," and "Hands-on Introduction to Panoramic Photography." His website is [www.whidbeypanoramas.com](http://www.whidbeypanoramas.com).



## President's Corner

By Steve Lightle

Seems that Mother Nature forgot to read the Pilchuck Camera Club events schedule for December. I know she wouldn't have dumped all of that snow on us causing us to cancel club board meeting and Christmas lights outing if she had.

So no field trip in December but we'll make up for it at our January photo adventure with lots of opportunities for photograph blacklight object, et al. And club members got together in January to accomplish the December club business and the 2009 Photographer's Choice subject and 2009 Assigned Subject have been selected. If you missed the topic list in the email sent to club members, you can print it from this news letter or download it from the club's web site.

The IOY competition images have been mailed off for judging. Plans for the banquet are proceeding (which means I've got to get busy and get arrangements made).

Jim B is talking with the folks at Northwest Wildfowl Farm about a repeat visit there, hopefully in February. Will let you know when we have a date and time set. I'm sure Mother Nature feels bad about her December behavior and will make up for it by not allowing foul weather to prevent this outing. :)

# PILCHUCK CAMERA CLUB MINUTES

January 8, 2009

Kevin Siefke, Secretary

The regular meeting of the Pilchuck Camera Club was called to order at 7:20 P.M. by President Steve Lightle. Present were 14 members and 1 guests – Diana Lightle.

The minutes of the December meeting were approved as printed in the Pilchucker.

Correspondence received: None

The treasurer's report was given by Mary Tevis. The current balance is \$997.54. Steve is to be reimbursed \$509 for the purchase of the new projector. Upcoming expenses are PSA dues of \$45 and meeting room rent of \$60.

Vice President Janet Wright presented certificates for winners of the December club competition.

Committee reports:

Membership: One new member, Anna Rice.

PSA: Nothing to report

Northwest Council: Renata reported that NWCC is meeting January 31 and will discuss website updates

Social: February – Renata; individuals have signed up through April

Sunshine: No cards were sent recently. Janet W. reported that Ethel is doing well.

Field Trips: Steve and Jim are trying to organize another visit to the Northwest Wildfowl Farm in January or February to see the birds in better plumage.

An indoor workshop will be held at Janet & Norm's on January 31.

Steve proposed a field trip to the Reno Hot Air Balloon Festival; Bodie, California; and Crater Lake in September

This would require a minimum of six days.

Old business: None

New Business

Janet asked for suggestions for future programs (and maybe critiques).

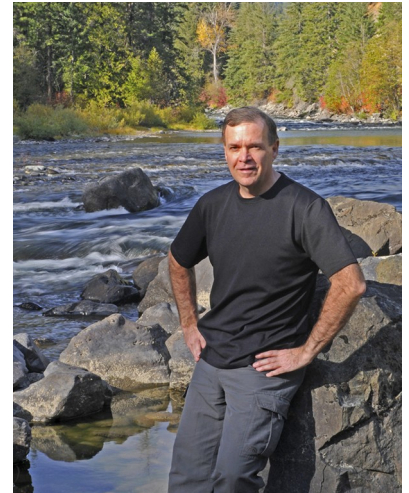
The club agreed to change maximum image size to 1024 horizontal and 768 vertical, effective for the February meeting. Steve will make the necessary changes to club documents.

A board meeting is scheduled for January 13 at Joyce's home. Photographers Choice and Assigned Subject selections will be made. Banquet planning will also be discussed.

Andy reported a count of 30 images in the monthly competition. Judges for the competition were Norm, Linda, and Andy, with Renata as alternate. Projection was by Anna and tabulation by Jim.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

Steve presented the evening's program, demonstrating the making of slideshows using Photoshop Elements 6 and ProShow Gold.



# Pilchuck Camera Club

## 2008 Image of the Year

**Saturday February 28, 2009 - 5:00 PM**

Collector's Choice

120 Glen Ave

Snohomish, WA.

All Dinners are **\$27.00** each including tax and tip.

**Payment must accompany reservation form.**

Dinner Choices Are **Almond Crusted Stuffed Chicken** or **Marinated Flank Steak:**

Dinner includes rolls, butter, non alcoholic beverage, starch, salad and desert.

Alcohol will be available to order from the bar and will be billed separately.

Name		
Name		
Name		

Name		
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<b>Total Number of Dinners and Amount of Check</b>		<b>\$</b>
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Submit orders to Pilchuck Camera Club Treasurer Mary Tevis no later than **Friday February 20th**. If your order is not submitted timely you will not be on the banquet order list that we submit to the restaurant.

Mary Tevis

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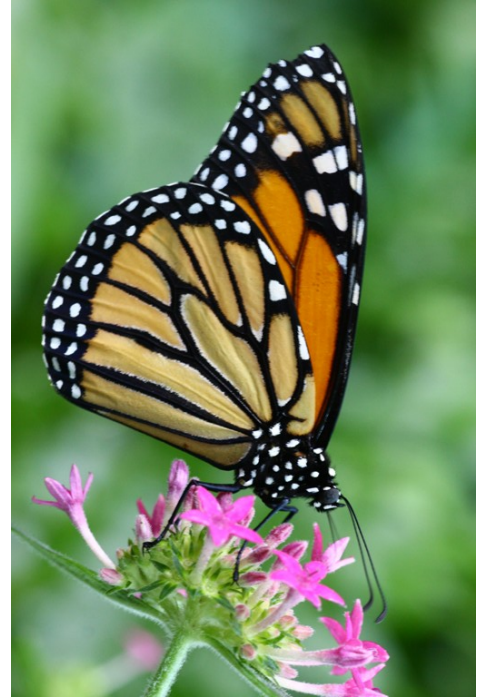
# December Evaluations

<b>Title</b>	<b>Maker</b>		<b>Points</b>
Orange Mum	Janet Wright	21	
Night Heron 08	Janet Wright	21	
Yellow Iris 08	Janet Wright	23	
Doe with Fawn	Linda Davis	22	
Wintery Sky Port Angeles	Linda Davis	21	
Tiger Lily	Linda Davis	21	
Madrone	Kevin Siefke	22	
Seaworthy	Kevin Siefke	23	
Skykomish River	Kevin Siefke	23	
House Finch	Jim Basinger	22	
Sea Otters	Jim Basinger	21	
Orangatang	Jim Basinger	26	1st Place
Jackson Hole by Moonlight	Andy Rice	24	2nd Place
Spirograph	Andy Rice	22	
My Kind of Town	Andy Rice	20	
PSC Butterfly	Steve Lightle	22	
My Best Butterfly Picture Ever	Steve Lightle	24	2nd Place
Nautical Abstract	Steve Lightle	22	
Fall Shades	Norm Kreger	20	
Japanese Gardens	Norm Kreger	19	
Arboretum Color	Norm Kreger	18	
Jojo	Anna Rice	23	
Fire	Anna Rice	20	
Unique Tree	Anna Rice	21	
Patagonia	Joyce Harvey	19	
Pride and Joy	Joyce Harvey	21	
Cactus Valley	Joyce Harvey	20	
Tethered 2	Paul McKee	23	
Mystic Dutch Light	Paul McKee	23	
Nicholas	Paul McKee	24	2nd Place

## January Winner's Gallery



**Orangatang**  
By Jim Basinger  
First Place



**My Best Butterfly Picture Ever**  
By Steve Lightle  
Second Place



**Jackson Hole by Moonlight**  
By Andy Rice  
Second Place



**Nicholas**  
By Paul McKee  
Second Place

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## 2009 PHOTOGRAPHERS CHOICE LIST

SWIRLS

FERNS

RAINBOW

NIGHT SCENE

WATERFALL

CEMETERIES

RED

LINES

SIGNS

ANIMALS

OLD HOUSES

CLOCKS

EMPTY

ALONE

SLOW

LIGHT

POWER

NEON

HOT

CLUB MEMBER

THESE IMAGES MUST BE TAKEN IN 2009 BUT  
YOU HAVE ALL YEAR TO GET THEM TAKEN

## 2009 ASSIGNED SUBJECT

**GLASS**



Pilchuck Camera Club's

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