

# THE PILCHUCKER

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## Cover Shot



### **Short Eared Owl**

**Photographer:** Jim Basinger

**Location:** Northwest of Conway, WA

**Technical:** Cannon Digital Rebel

W/Cannon 100-400 ISL usm lens at  
390mm , f7.1 at 1/1250 sec

**Situation:** There is a field and a pile of driftwood that Owls and Harriers like to hunt for voles. I have been there many times trying to get good pictures of the Owls in flight. The Lens I had was just too slow focusing to get a sharp picture. I decided to upgrade to a better lens. I had a Tamron 100-400 zoom and upgraded to a Canon L lens, still 100-400, but a lot better quality and a lot faster focusing. I still have trouble getting a single focusing dot on a fast moving bird but have been successful a few times.

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## **Upcoming events:**

### **May 14th, 2009**

**Monthly Club Meeting:**

7pm at the Baker Heights Social Hall

**Competition:**

3 regular competition images

**Program:** Slideshow of Bodie, California

**REFRESHMENTS:** Steve Lightle

**May 9, 2009—Field Trip—(date may change)**

Minter Gardens, Vancouver, BC

**May 12, 2009—Images to Andy for Competition**

**May 25, 2009—Field Trip**

Cruisin' Colby

**June 11, 2009—Monthly Club Meeting**

3 regular competition images

**July 9, 2009—Monthly Club Meeting**

3 regular competition images

**July, 2009—Field Trip**

Seattle at Night

**August 13, 2009— Monthly Club Meeting**

3 regular competition images

**August 28, 2009—PCC Picnic at LaConner**

**September 10, 2009—Monthly Club Meeting**

3 regular competition images-No Program planned

**September 11 to 18, 2008—Field Trip**

Field Trip to Balloon Festival in Reno, NV and Ghost Town of Bodie, CA with other places in between and to take some great pictures.

**Sept. 20-26, 2009 PSA 75th Intern'l**

**Conference @ Yellowstone Nat'l Park**

**November 14, 2009— NWCC Conference**

At Museum of Flight

## March 2009

### General Competition Results

<u>Award</u>	<u>Image Name</u>	<u>Photographer</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Award</u>	<u>Image Name</u>	<u>Photographer</u>	<u>Points</u>
<b>1st</b>	<b>White Egret</b>	<b>Janet Wright</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>3rd</b>	<b>Desert Sunset</b>	<b>Paul McKee</b>	<b>25</b>
	Night Heron	Janet Wright	21		Meadow of My Imagination	Paul McKee	23
	Koala 09	Janet Wright	23				
	Volunteer Park Orchid	Mary Tevis	20	<b>3rd</b>	<b>Nocturne</b>	<b>Paul McKee</b>	<b>25</b>
	My First Eagle Shot	Mary Tevis	21		Row Row Row Your Boat	Steve Lightle	23
	Cemetery Angel	Mary Tevis	20		Hot Pour	Steve Lightle	20
	In Its Own World	Shirley Stich	22		Lion #1	Norm Kreger	21
	Good Morning World	Shirley Stich	21		Lion #2	Norm Kreger	22
	Lake Wenatchee	Shirley Stich	18		Lion #3	Norm Kreger	22
<b>1st</b>	<b>Fisherman's</b>	<b>Kevin Siefke</b>	<b>26</b>		Misty Morning	Renata Kleinert	18
	Snohomish River Fog	Kevin Siefke	21	<b>HM</b>	<b>Snow Geese</b>	<b>Renata Kleinert</b>	<b>24</b>
	Icicles	Kevin Siefke	20		Country View	Renata Kleinert	23
	Grizzly Falls	Andy Rice	22		Early Morning Windfall	Joyce Harvey	19
	Eye of the Tiger	Andy Rice	23		My Neighbors Car	Joyce Harvey	20
<b>HM</b>	<b>Bird Brains on Venice Beach</b>	<b>Andy Rice</b>	<b>24</b>		House Finch	Linda Davis	23
	Castle Reflection	Anna Rice	20		Heron in Tree	Linda Davis	20
	Geyser Splashing	Anna Rice	22		Red Tailed Hawk	Linda Davis	18
	Camellia in Bloom 02	Anna Rice	21		Flying Hawk	Jim Basinger	20
					Contrails	Jim Basinger	23
					American Bittern	Jim Basinger	19

Scores are based on a 27 point scale with 3 judges (1 alternate) giving a score of 1 to 9.

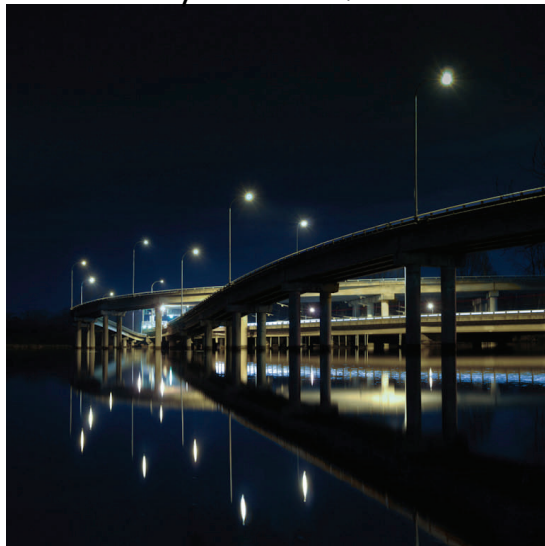
# Winning Images in March 2009



1st Place—Fisherman's Island  
By Kevin Siefke



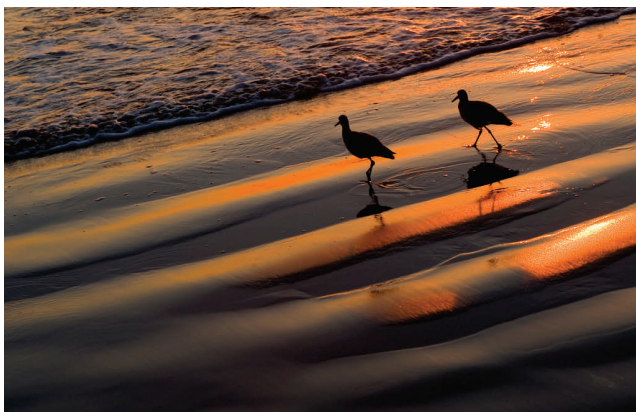
1st Place—White Egret  
By Janet Wright



2nd Place  
Nocturne by Paul McKee



3rd Place—Desert Sunset  
By Paul McKee



Honorable Mention  
Bird Brains on Venice Beach  
By Andy Rice



Honorable Mention  
Snow Geese by Renata Keinert

## April 2009 General Competition Results

Scores are based on a 27 point scale with 3 judges (and 1 alternate) giving a score of 1 to 9.

<u>Award</u>	<u>Image Name</u>	<u>Photographer</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Award</u>	<u>Image Name</u>	<u>Photographer</u>	<u>Points</u>
1st	Spring Is Here	Kevin Siefke	27		King Eider	Joyce Harvey	20
2nd	Frog	Kevin Siefke	26	HM	The Prayer, Angels in the Mist	Bill Dewey	24
	Bud On Ice	Kevin Siefke	22		Bald Eagles at Moonset	Bill Dewey	23
	Blooming Rat Tail Cactus	Andy Rice	22	3rd	Regal Liftoff	Bill Dewey	25
	Orchids	Andy Rice	22		Shoveler	Linda Davis	21
	Mallard in Flight	Andy Rice	22		Redhead	Linda Davis	23
HM	Mallard Swimming in Duck Bay	Anna Rice	24		Smew	Linda Davis	21
	Anthurium in Bloom	Anna Rice	21		Harrier	Jim Basinger	19
	Crested Euphor- bia	Anna Rice	22		Immature Eagle Flying	Jim Basinger	23
HM	Dungeness Light	Paul McKee	24	3rd	Short Eared Owl	Jim Basinger	25
	West Point Light	Paul McKee	22		Double Rose	Janet Wright	23
	Rancho Super	Paul McKee	23	HM	Mandarin Duck	Janet Wright	24
	Homeacres Barn	Steve Lightle	21		Yellow Iris #!	Janet Wright	21
	Mt. St. Helens Sunrise	Steve Lightle	21		Broken Wing Duck	Mary Tevis	22
	Alpaca Portrait	Steve Lightle	23		Swan	Mary Tevis	21
	Ditka	Norm Kreger	21		Spring Tulips	Mary Tevis	21
	Sheep	Norm Kreger	22		Champange and Flowers	Shirley Stich	20
	Gargantuan	Norm Kreger	22		India Blue Pea- fowl	Shirley Stich	21
	Natures Scene	Renata Keinert	18		Top Bird	Shirley Stich	19
	Blue Heron	Renata Keinert	20				
	Stream and Leaves	Renata Kleinert	20				
	Whistling Duck	Joyce Havey	18				
	Tight Race	Joyce Harvey	20				

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Kevin Siefke



3rd Place—Regal Liftoff  
By Bill Dewey



3rd Place—Short Eared Owl  
By Jim Basinger

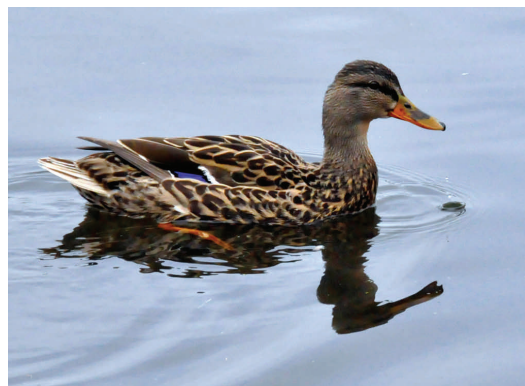


2nd Place—Frog  
By Kevin Siefke

Honorable Mention  
Dungeness Light by  
Paul McKee

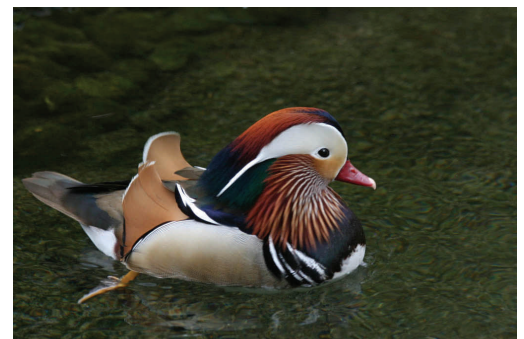


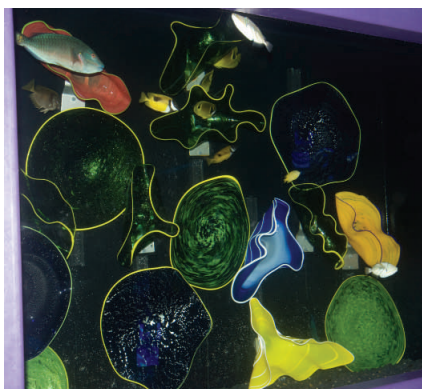
Honorable Mention  
The Prayer, Angels in the Mist  
By Bill Dewey



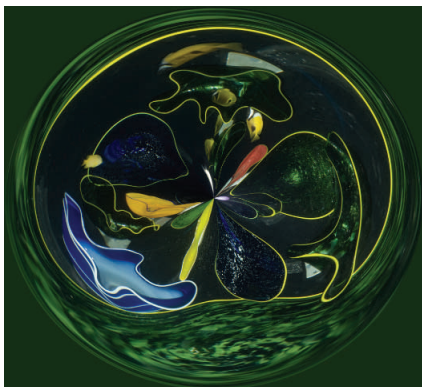
Honorable Mention  
Mallard Swimming in  
Duck Bay  
By Anna Rice

Honorable Mention  
Mandarin Duck  
by Janet Wright





Object as a Square



Finished as a Circle

## Making a Circle Image

By Mary Tevis

- 1) Select a picture you wish to make into a circle. It is best to pick one with several colors, preferably bold colors. Keep in mind, the inside colors will end up on the outside.
- 2) Bring it up on PhotoShop or Elements, and make a square by cropping it. You do not have to make a square, but if you do not, image you make will not be a circle, but will be an oval.
- 3) Go to Filter and drop down to Distort and click on Polar Coordinates and click on Polar to Rectangular (the bottom box).
- 4) Go to Image and then Rotate Canvas 180 Degrees.
- 5) Go back to Filter and drop down to Distort and click on the Polar Coordinates and this time, click on Rectangular to Polar (box on top).
- 6) Now you have a circle!

### Assigned Subject for 2009: GLASS

Each year the club Program Director (Vice President), with the aid of the Executive committee, chooses an annual Assigned Subject category. Club members may enter three images in

#### 2009 PHOTOGRAPHERS CHOICE LIST

This list is meant to promote the photographing a variety of subjects. To participate you do not need to compete in all of the subjects, but enter whatever you have taken. This is not a contest, just a fun way to view how each club member interprets the subjects. Images must be taken in 2009 and submitted at the Nov. 2009 meeting and shown at the Dec. 2009 social.

SWIRLS	OLD HOUSES
FERNS	CLOCKS
RAINBOW	EMPTY
NIGHT SCENE	ALONE
WATERFALL	SLOW
CEMETERIES	LIGHT
RED	POWER
LINES	NEON
SIGNS	HOT
ANIMALS	CLUB MEMBER



**Photographer:** Kevin Siefke

**Location:** Pondside Trail at Wilderness State Park near Mackinaw City, MI

**Technical:** Tripod mounted Nikon N90, 300mm/f2.8 and 1.4 teleconverter, polarizer, Fuji Velvia film, exposure data unrecorded.

**Situation:** As revealed by the starburst, this photo was taken on a sunny day. The keys to achieving the shot were getting down to near frog's-eye level and approaching slowly. Fortunately, this frog wasn't skittish.

## May 2009 President's Corner

By Steve Lightle

For several years now I've envied the people who have had an opportunity to photograph in Bodie, CA: ghost town. I've wanted to make this photographic adventure ever since Sherry Wilson presented her show at a Pilchuck Camera Club Slide of the Year banquet. It was a fantastic show. Many of the images were done twice, once in color and once in infra red and they dissolved back and forth accompanied by some really eerie haunting music. Now, by God, I'm goin' to Bodie with some 8 to 10 PCC members. It's going to be quite an adventure with opportunities to photograph Crater Lake, Reno Hot Air Balloon Festival, Animal Ark (wild animal park featuring a cheetah run), Virginia City and the Comstock, Carson City, Bodie (highlight of trip I think), Mono Lake, Inyo Forest, Mammoth Lakes and wildlife refuges in northern California and southern Oregon. Can't wait (and I think I might need some to gear to enjoy the trip all the better:)).

And to help everyone get motivated and inspired, we'll be showing a ProShow slide show on Bodie at our next meeting. Thanks to Jim B for acquiring this for us.

There's a story about a little girl whose family moved from San Francisco to Bodie. Depending on who tells you, or where you read it, she wrote either: "Good, by God, I'm going to Bodie" or "Goodbye God, I'm going to Bodie". Once you get through this site, you'll have to decide for yourself. [WWW.Bodie.com](http://WWW.Bodie.com)





## A Message from the Editor

This is a space I want to use to highlight members of Pilchuck Camera Club and their interests and stories concerning photography. Since this is my first month doing this completely on my own, I went first. This is about me, Anna Rice.

I have always enjoyed taking photographs. I have generally used simple point and shoots, my last one was a Sony P-9 and it took some really great shots. I used to use some of my husbands equipment which varied from Canon and various Nikons through the years.

I just recently got my own Nikon. A Nikon D90 which I am having a lot of fun and sometimes aggravation learning to use. I don't like using software to manipulate my photos, but I like of the special effects others do to their images so I am learning how to do some special effects.

I have always enjoyed candid and landscape photography. I have recently found and enjoy the challenge of catching birds and wildlife in action. I took this picture of a seagull on the recent Tulip field trip. Learning Macro is going to be a slow road for me but I am not giving up.



Whenever I go camping I like to walk along wooded trails, and take pictures of them. I like the way the sun filters through the trees and makes shadows too. I took these pictures on Orcas Island in 2003 with my digital Sony.

*Anna Rice*



## **PILCHUCK CAMERA CLUB Minutes - April 9, 2009—From Kevin Siefke, Club Secretary**

The meeting was begun with a wonderful slideshow presented by Sam Ruljancich entitled "Takes My Breath Away."

The regular meeting of the Pilchuck Camera Club was called to order at 7:22 P.M. by President Steve Lightle. Present were 15 members and 2 guests - Dave Archer and Sam Ruljancich.

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

Correspondence received: None

The treasurer's report was given by Mary Tevis. The current balance is \$482.02.

Vice President Janet Wright presented no certificates for the February club competition because the scores could not be found. (The list of results has since been discovered.)

Committee reports:

Membership: 1 new member - Bill Dewey

PSA: Nothing to report

Northwest Council: NWCC is planning a fall conference at the Museum of Flight on November 14.

Social: May - Steve; individuals have signed up through September

Sunshine: Cards were sent to Don and Janet Rapelje.

Field Trips: Northwest Wildfowl Farm trip occurred on Sunday, March 15.

Skagit Valley Tulip Festival - early morning on April 25

Minter Gardens in Rosedale, BC - 2<sup>nd</sup> week of May; details to be determined

The Oregon/Nevada/California trip in September is still being planned (see board meeting announcement below).

Old business: Mary decided purchase of a check stamp would not be justified by our level of use.

The club picnic is scheduled for Saturday, August 29 at the Thousand Trails in La Conner. Joyce and Paul graciously have volunteered to do the crabbing on that Friday.

New Business: The club is seeking a volunteer to take over image submission for outside competitions.

Anna has assumed the duty of maintaining the website. She is currently looking at potential solutions to capacity issues. She also is asking for ideas on what we want on the site and requesting member images to be posted on the site.

Anna has also taken on Pilchucker publication. She plans to include articles from club members on a rotating basis.

Andy reported a count of 39 images in the monthly competition. Judges for the competition were Joyce, Renata, and Kevin, with Jim as alternate. Projection was by Andy and tabulation by Steve. The nature competition had 30 images and the travel competition had 20 images.

A board meeting is scheduled at Joyce's home at 7:00 P.M. on Wednesday, April 15, to discuss plans for the September trip to Oregon, Nevada and California. All are welcome to attend.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:48 P.M.

Kevin Siefke, Secretary

## **The Pilchuck Camera Club Information**

### **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 Poplar Street, Everett, WA. Map is available at the PCC website.

#### **Pilchuck Camera Club Web Page:**

<http://www.geocities.com/pilchuckcc>

#### **Photographic Society of America (PSA):**

<http://www.psa-photo.org>

#### **Northwest Council of Camera Clubs (NWCCC)**

<http://www.nwcameraclubs.org>



Please send all digital images for competition to

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

**By May 12, 2009**

#### **Dimension requirements for submitted images:**

No larger than 1024 pixels wide by 768 pixels tall. Other rules concerning submissions can be found in the PCC Member handbook which is available on PCC's website.

## Pilchuck Camera Club Membership Directory

Welcome Bill and Dave who joined PCC last month!

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