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Cover Shot



Photographer: Shirley Stich

Location: Shirley's Kitchen

I took this picture in my kitchen. It is a picture of the center of an African Violet. I have always liked macro photography, and the first lens I bought for my Canon EOS Digital Rebel XSi was the Canon 100mm 2.8 macro lens. The reason I took the picture was to practice shooting macro pictures and also I was getting to use my new tripod that I had purchased a few days earlier. The picture was cropped as I'm finding that I can get a more accurate focus if I back up just a bit, and with the large files from this camera, a little cropping still give you a large picture for viewing or printing. I did use a flash "Canon Speedlite 430EX II" but do not remember just how I use it, but most likely it was bounced off my kitchen ceiling or a white piece of paper, it was set at +1/3 Flash Exposure Compensation. I used manual focusing which is a must with this type of photography. To keep my camera from shaking I used the self timer to take the picture. The Camera settings were Raw, aperture-priority of 5.6, shutter speed of 1/5, evaluative metering, ISO of 200, picture style set to Landscape, and sharpen at 4.

Upcoming Events:

June 11th, 2009

Monthly Club Meeting:

7pm at the Baker Heights Social Hall

Competition:

3 regular competition images with Bruce Coxley critiquing our images

Program:

REFRESHMENTS: Andy & Anna Rice

July 9, 2009—Monthly Club Meeting

3 regular competition images

July, 2009—Field Trip

Seattle at Night

July 11 & 12, 2009—Darrington Rodeo

Starts 1pm each day

July 31, Aug 1&2, 2009

Mt. Baker Weekend Outing

This is with the Mt. Baker Club - \$90 per person-

Contact Leona Isaak - fotogady@telus.net

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

3 images for Nature Interclub Competition

3 images for Travel Interclub Competition

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

May 14th, 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>
1st	Dawn Introspection Short Eared Owl	Bill Dewey	25
2nd	Focused Short Eared Owl	Bill Dewey	24
	JarJar Duck	Bill Dewey	22
	Female Speckled Eider	Joyce Harvey	22
	Bashful Brandts	Joyce Harvey	21
	Young Gull	Joyce Harvey	19
2 nd	Blue Moropho Butterfly	Renata Kleinert	24
HM	Brown Eyes	Renata Kleinert	23
	Tulips	Renata Keinert	22
HM	Black Bird	Norm Kreger	23
	Color Bird	Norm Kreger	21
	White Goose	Norm Kreger	20
	Tulips & Barn	Steve Lightle	21
	Inspired by Kevin	Steve Lightle	20
	Gold & Red Tulip	Steve Lightle	20
HM	Song Sparrow	Margaret McLeod	23
	Mushrooms	Margaret McLeod	21
	Chipmunk on Kamiak Blue	Margaret McLeod	22

<u>Award</u>	<u>Image Name</u>	<u>Photographer</u>	<u>Points</u>
HM	Ancient Inhabitants	Andy Rice	23
	Homecomming	Andy Rice	21
	New York Laundry Woman	Andy Rice	21
HM	AHH	Anna Rice	23
	Big Kiss	Anna Rice	22
	Abu Hassan	Anna Rice	22
HM	Baby Blue Eyes	Kevin Siefke	23
HM	Drops on Corydalis	Kevin Siefke	23
	Cape Meares Lens	Kevin Siefke	22
HM	Grace	Shirley Stich	23
	Violet 2	Shirley Stich	21
	It's A Small World	Shirley Stich	20
	Japanese Miss	Mary Tevis	20
	Kurt on Bass	Mary Tevis	20
	Japanese Garden	Mary Tevis	20
	Easter Tulips Sphere	Janet Wright	22
	Cats & Flowers	Janet Wright	21
	Flowers & Car	Janet Wright	22
2 nd	Marsh Wren	Jim Basinger	24
2 nd	Osprey	Jim Basinger	24
HM	Heron with Fish	Jim Basinger	23
	Harrier	Linda Davis	22
	Meadowlark	Linda Davis	21
	RedHead 2	Linda Davis	20

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1st and 2nd Placing Images in May 2009



1st— Dawn Introspection Shorteared Owl
By Bill Dewey



2nd—Osprey
By Jim Basinger



2nd—Focused Short Eared Owl
By Bill Dewey



2nd—Grace
By Shirley Stich



2nd—Marsh Wren
By Jim Basinger



2nd—Blue Moroplo Butterfly
By Renata Kleinert

Honorable Mention Images from May 2009



Black Bird By Norm Kreger



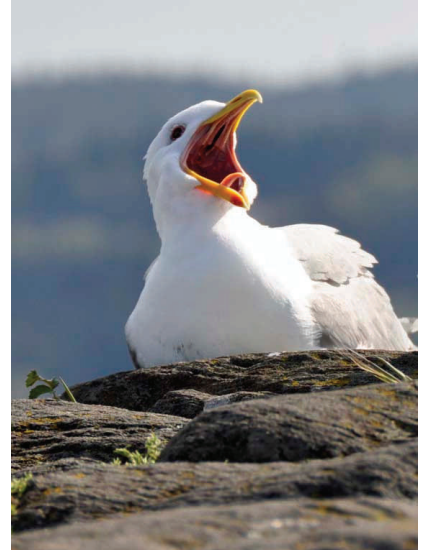
Brown Eyes By Renata Kleinert



Ancient In habitants By Andy Rice



Baby Blue Eyes
By Kevin Siefke



AHH By Anna Rice



Song Sparrow By Margaret McLeod



Drops on Corydalis
By Kevin Siefke

2008-2009 Nature Digital Interclub Contest#3

Each photo can earn up to 15 points. Pilchuck Camera Club earned a total of 43 points. This score placed us 26th out of the 29 clubs who participated. The Merrimack Valley Camera Club of Andover, MA held the judging May 13, 2009. The winning club for this competition was Boston West Photographic Society with 74 points.



Angel Wings, Angels in the Mist—11 pts
By Bill Dewey

This is the image chosen for the Nature Digital Interclub Image of the Year 2009.

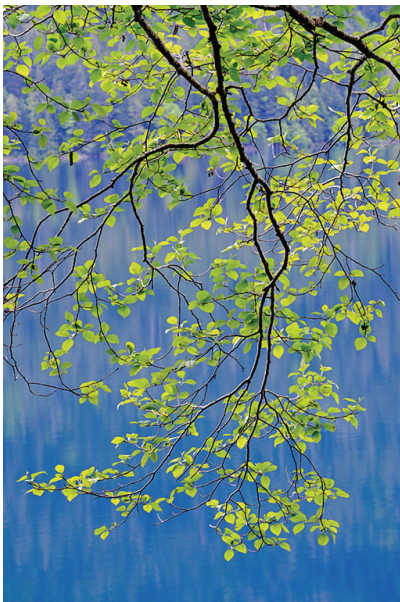
Albino Tree Frog 1 by Frank Forward of the Boston West Photographic Society.



Squirrel in Ice Plant—7pts By Janet Wright



Short Eared Owl—8pts By Jim Basinger



Lake Crescent -5 pts
By Kevin Siefke



Seagull n Surf—5pts By Anna Rice



Foggy Day—7pts By Joyce

Interclub Photo Competition Travel Division ~ May 2009
Scoring was done using 3 judges who each gave from 1 to 5 points.

Maximum score is 15 points.



New York Laundry Woman—12 pts

By Andy Rice



Jessies—11 pts by Linda Davis



Grand Haven 9 pts

By Kevin Siefke



Cades Cove—10 pts By Kevin Siefke



Grand Canyon 4—9pts By Joyce Harvey



Castle Reflection—9pts

By Anna Rice

Interclub Photo Competition Travel Division ~ Make-up-May 2009

Scoring was done using 3 judges who each gave from 1 to 5 points.

Maximum score is 15 points.



Chicago Sculpture—11pts

By Joyce Harvey



Yaquina Bay Bridge—12pts

By Jim Basinger



St. Louis Arch—11 pts

By Steve Lightle



Freemont Street—10 pts

By Anna Rice



My Kind of Town—9 pts

By Andy Rice



Surf Fishing—10 pts

By Kevin Siefke

From the Editor

Anna Rice

I hope everyone took advantage of the gorgeous weather and went out to take pictures.

Thanks to everyone who contributed this month. Whether it's a regular monthly article or when I request information from others, everyone is great at helping me create this newsletter every month.

I am working on the new website. Learning the new software has proven to be somewhat of a challenge but I am confident all will be well when I am done. We still need to find a name for our new website. This should be a club decision. So far names that are available are:

PilchuckCameraClub.com and .net

PilchuckCC.com and .net

Pilchuckers.com and .net

PilchuckCamera.com and .net

PilchuckCamClub.com and .net

Unless other names are brought forth for consideration these will be the names we will choose from to name our site. A BIG thank you to Bill who is helping us host the site.

Please get me pictures that you want to go in the Image Gallery for the new site. I would like at least 4 images from all members. You can email them to me or bring them to me at the June meeting.

Summer is here, go out and take pictures!

Anna

June 2009 President's Corner

Steve Lightle



Shush. Secret. You don't have to travel to Hurricane Ridge, or Mt. Rainier or Sauk Mt. for wildflowers. There's a patch of lupine and California Poppies growing in Everett

where Hewitt Ave connects to Highway 2 eastbound. Plenty of parking. Easy access. Easy walk. You might have to put up with lookey loos though. AM would probably be best time for photographs, just after the sun comes over the tops of the buildings nearby.

Also... There's a pond at the intersection of 20th St. (Hewett Ave) and S. Davies Road near the south end of Lake Stevens. It's full of wild iris (yellow) that are currently in bloom. Another location I've seen wild yellow iris is along the Snoqualmie in the marsh areas between Duval and Fall city. A pretty short drive.

Looking for action photos? How about a rodeo? Darrington Rodeo will be July 11th and 12th this year. Starts at 1:00 PM each day. I understand you can get next to the rail and get great close up / action shots. Plan for it on the 11th.

Pilchuck Camera Club Member Spotlight on Janet Wright



I was a late starter in photography: I discovered eagles in the trees outside my bedroom window and wanted to be able to take pictures of them. I learned that I need the correct lens and actually I still don't have a lens big enough to take those pictures the way I would like to do so, but once I started I was hooked on photography.

With my first camera in hand, and the subject in front of me, I remember looking through my manual wondering what in the world was an aperture.

I was lucky to be invited to a small study group because that's where I met Don Rapelje who invited me into join Pilchuck CC. Pilchuck CC was the beginning of many photo trips, good friends and better photography for me and all around good times. The first time I ever had my photography critiqued was at a Northwest Council of Camera Clubs session in a big church in Seattle. That was also the first time I met Jean Timmermeister. (I was deathly afraid of her). Since then she's become

a great friend. And in November 2007, we enjoyed a wonderful PSA photo trip to Hong Kong.

I think the one person that was most encouraging to me as a photographer was my step-mother Jo. She studied my pictures so that she knew them better than I did and she made over my work with such encouragement that I could not help but improve- and to be proud of my improvements. Every beginning photographer needs "a Jo".

My favorite subject to photograph is wildlife, but most often-photographed subjects are flowers. After all, flowers don't move as fast and much easier to find!

Thanks to Pilchuck Camera Club for being an important part of my life.

Janet Wright





2009 PHOTOGRAPHERS CHOICE LIST

This list is meant to promote the photographing of 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

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 this annual competition. The images must have been taken during 2009.

PILCHUCK CAMERA CLUB !~May 14, 2009

Kevin Siefke, Secretary

The regular meeting of the Pilchuck Camera Club was called to order at 7:07 P.M. by Vice President Janet Wright. Present were 11 members and 1 guest - Joseph 'Claw' Kelsay.

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

Correspondence received: None

The treasurer's report was given by Mary Tevis. The current balance is \$492.02.

Vice President Janet Wright presented certificates for the March and April club competitions.

Committee reports:

Membership: No report - chairperson not present

PSA: No report - chairperson not present

Northwest Council: Seminar at the Museum of Flight on November 14. Two speakers and a buffet are planned. Early ticket price is \$55; \$65 later. Renata volunteered to be our delegate.

Social: No report - chairperson not present

Sunshine: Nothing to report

Field Trips: No report - chairperson not present

Old business: None

New Business:

The club needs to pick a domain name for our new website. This will be done at the club Meeting June 11th.

Anna requested that any articles for the news letter be submitted in MS Word if possible. She also ask for voluntary article contributors. If there are no volunteers, members will be volunteered

Andy reported a count of 42 images in the monthly competition. Judges for the competition were Mary, Norm, and Kevin, with Anna as alternate. Projection was by Andy and tabulation by Carol.

For the evening's program, Renata provided a very helpful critique of images in the monthly competition.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:18 P.M.

Please send all digital images for competition to

PCCDigitalEntry@Verizon.net

By June 9, 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.

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
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