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## Pilchuck Camera Club Upcoming Events

### **February 11th- General Club Meeting**

General Club Competition—3 Images

PSA Nature Submissions

Program: 2009 Best of the Best ICIC

Refreshments: Linda

### **February 27th, 2009—Banquet**

Image of the Year Banquet

Collector's Choice Restaurant, Snohomish

More information on pg 8 of this Pilchucker

### **March 11th ~ General Club Meeting**

General Club Competition ~ 3 Images

PSA Creative Submission

Program: Charles Needle

[www.charlesneedlephoto.com](http://www.charlesneedlephoto.com)

**Please extend an invitation to other  
photographers to join us this evening.**

Refreshments: TBA

### **March ~ Field Trip**

Swans in Skagit County

## **This Month's Cover Shot**



### **Boathouse by Paul McKee**

D300, F8, 12mm, ISO200,  
approx. 40sec. Exposure

A good friend of mine spent 7 years building this classic mahogany runabout. I wanted to make a "portrait" of his boat to give to him as a Christmas present. The photo was taken late in the evening at his boathouse on Lake Stevens. It is an HDR composite of 5 images blended together in Photoshop. The water under bow of the boat was illuminated with a SB900 fired several times during the long exposure.

From the Editor

I have just reached the end of my first year in the Pilchuck Camera Club and having my own Nikon DSLR (a N90 from my sweetheart). It has been an interesting, educational and fun year with the Club. I have enjoyed the field trips and missed some others [the Reno/Bodie CA :( ] due to health. The Workshops have been time well spent.

I have been learning to use my camera and all it can do is sometimes overwhelming. I have always enjoyed photography but pretty much stuck to point and shoot cameras. My last camera was a Sony Cybershot that worked well, but I wanted to do better. Not sure if I am doing better, but I am broadening out in what I do take pictures of and how I am doing it. The biggest thing that I need to remember is to check my ISO and Aperture settings when I go manual instead of auto. Outdoors with an ISO of 3200 does not a pretty picture make. *Anna*

### PSA Submission Calendar

for voting and actual submission months.

Categories are spread apart allowing for more club meeting time and gives others involved more time for compiling and submitting to PSA for competition. Andy compiles the images for projection at club meetings and Bill submits them to the correct PSA Rep. for interclub competition.

| When Club Votes for which Category | Month     | PSA Image Submission Deadline for Category |
|------------------------------------|-----------|--|
| Travel (Feb due date)              | January   | Nature                                     |
| Nature (April due date)            | February  | Creative & Travel                          |
| Creative (May due date)            | March     |  |
| Travel (May due date)              | April     | Nature                                     |
|                                    | May       | Creative & Travel                          |
|                                    | June      |  |
| Nature (Oct due date)              | July      |  |
| Creative (Nov due date)            | August    |  |
| Travel (Nov due date)              | September |  |
| Nature (Jan due date)              | October   | Nature                                     |
| Creative (Feb due date)            | November  | Creative & Travel                          |
|                                    | December  |  |

Please send all digital images for competition to

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

**By February 9, 2010**

**Dimension requirements for all submitted images:**

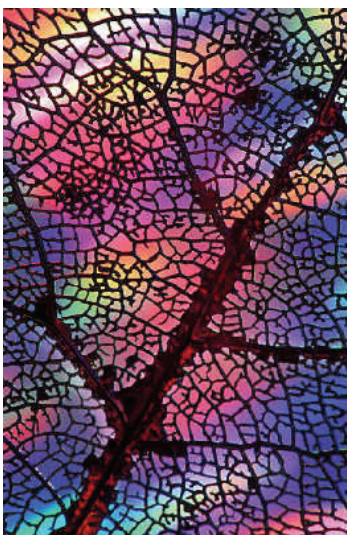
No larger than 1024 pixels wide by 768 pixels tall. Other rules concerning submissions can be found in the PCC Member handbook which is available on PCC's website.



Pilchuck Camera Club's  
March 11, 2010 Presenter is:  
Charles Needle

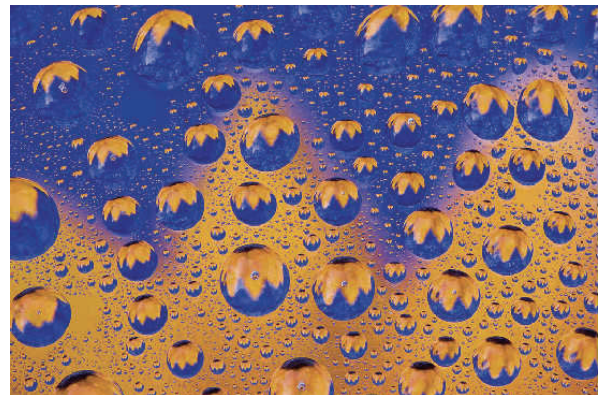
Please extend an invitation to any one you know has an interest in photography to attend this meeting.

Our guest speaker for the March 11th meeting will be Seattle-based fine art nature photographer, Charles Needle. His topic will be "Creative Macro Photography," and the presentation will include a multi-media digital slide presentation set to music.



Come discover a world of unlimited possibilities with creative close-up photography that goes beyond documentation. Learn advanced topics such as using props and other tools to enhance your macro photography, soft-glow and composite montaging, and Impressionistic multiple-exposure close-ups.

Charles is a highly acclaimed photographer who specializes in flower/garden photography and teaches more than a dozen workshops nationwide and abroad, including many here in the Pacific Northwest and also exotic locations such as Monet's Garden in Giverny, France (with private access!). His award-winning images showcase his unique eye for design and artistic interpretation. A charter member of NANPA (North American Nature Photography Association) and Fuji Film Talent Team member, Charles' work has also appeared in publications such as *Nature's Best* magazine and *Inner Reflections* engagement calendar. He is the author of a new eBook, entitled "Creative Macro Photography: Professional Tips & Techniques."



Images here are by Charles Needle

To learn more about Charles, visit <http://www.charlesneedlephoto.com>

For more information about Pilchuck Camera Club visit [www.PilchuckCameraClub.com](http://www.PilchuckCameraClub.com) or contact Anna Rice @ [Abear@juno.com](mailto:Abear@juno.com)

## January 2010 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          | Frosty Fern             | Kevin Siefke        | 24            |
| 1st          | Icy Leaves              | Kevin Siefke        | 24            |
|              | BNSF                    | Kevin Siefke        | 20            |
| 3rd          | I'm So Tired            | Linda Davis         | 23            |
|              | It's Tony the Tiger     | Linda Davis         | 20            |
|              | Weathered Wood          | Linda Davis         | 19            |
|              | Egret #1                | Norm Kreger         | 19            |
|              | Egret #2                | Norm Kreger         | 19            |
|              | Nite Heron              | Norm Kreger         | 18            |
| HM           | Saffire Sublimation     | Paul McKee          | 22            |
|              | Boathouse               | Paul McKee          | 18            |
|              | E-Town Bums             | Paul McKee          | 18            |
| HM           | Sundown                 | Renata Kleinert     | 22            |
| 3rd          | Kayla                   | Renata Kleinert     | 23            |
|              | Sound of the Elk        | Renata Kleinert     | 20            |
| 3rd          | Filtered Flower         | Shirley Stich       | 23            |
| HM           | Yellow Jacket           | Shirley Stich       | 22            |
|              | Gone to Seed            | Shirley Stich       | 21            |
|              | Swans at Heirman Refuge | Steve Lightle       | 20            |
|              | Virginia City Cemetary  | Steve Lightle       | 18            |
|              | Crater Lake Fence       | Steve Lightle       | 19            |
|              | Light                   | Andy Rice           | 20            |
|              | Ferns                   | Andy Rice           | 19            |
|              | Another Time            | Andy Rice           | 19            |

| <u>Award</u> | <u>Image Name</u>           | <u>Photographer</u> | <u>Points</u> |
|--------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|---------------|
|              | In New Highland Terrace     | Anna Rice           | 20            |
|              | Seriously                   | Anna Rice           | 19            |
|              | Natural Halloween Décor     | Anna Rice           | 20            |
| HM           | Shuksin Reflection          | Bill Dewey          | 22            |
| HM           | Sandhill Cranes Dawn Flight | Bill Dewey          | 22            |
|              | Seabeck Bald Eagle Battle   | Bill Dewey          | 20            |
|              | Painted Lady #1             | Janet Wright        | 21            |
|              | BB&W Tulip                  | Janet Wright        | 20            |
|              | San Diego Panda             | Janet Wright        | 17            |
| HM           | Hawk Portrait               | Jim Basinger        | 22            |
|              | Salt Lake City Hawk         | Jim Basinger        | 20            |
|              | Spoonbill                   | Jim Basinger        | 19            |
|              | Grand Canyon 9              | Joyce Harvey        | 19            |
|              | Castle, Lake Bled           | Joyce Harvey        | 19            |

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January 2010  
Competition Winning Images



3rd Place ~ Filtered Flower  
by Shirley Stich ~ 23 pts



1st Place ~ Frosty Fern  
by Kevin Siefke ~ 24 pts  
1st Place ~ Icy Leaves



3rd Place ~ Kayla  
By Renata Kleinert ~ 23 pts



3rd Place ~ I'm So Tired  
Linda Davis ~ 23 pts



Shuksin Reflection By Bill Dewey

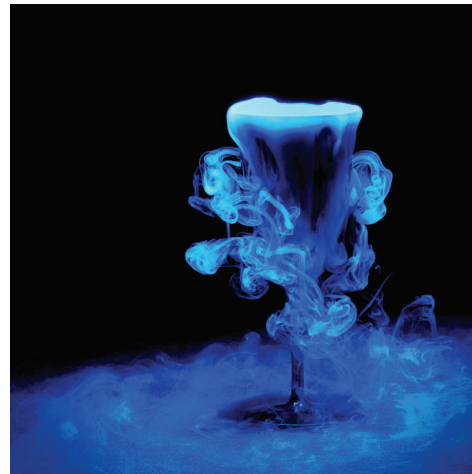


Hawk Portrait By Jim Basinger



Yellow Jacket By Shirley Stich

**More Winning Images from  
Jan. 2010 General Competition  
All images received 22 pts  
earning  
a Honorable Mention recognition**



Saffire Submission  
By Paul McKee



Sandhill Cranes Dawn Flight



Sundown  
By Renata Kleinert

2009 Image of the Year Banquet is Feb. 27, 2010 @ 5pm  
 Collector's Choice Restaurant, 120 Glen Ave., Snohomish WA

Family, Friends and Guests are welcome.  
 The meal is \$28 per person. Make checks out to Pilchuck Camera Club.  
 Please confirm your entrée choice and payment with Steve Lightle soon.

Dinner Choices are: Prime Rib or Wild Sockeye Salmon  
 Entrees are accompanied by: Non-alcoholic beverages, Caesar Salad, Seasoned  
 Mashed Potatoes, Roasted Vegetables, Dinner Rolls and Apple Crisp for Dessert.

We will have the traditional raffle so begin thinking of anything related to  
 photography in any form that you would like to contribute.

Entertainment this year will be 'slide shows' created by club members.

Image of the Year 2009, Assigned Subject for 2009 'Glass' and  
 Wildflower awards will be presented.

**2010's Photographer's Choice  
 Categories and Assigned Subject**

were chosen at the last Board Meeting which  
 was held Jan. 16, 2010.

Write these down or cut this out and keep  
 the list in you camera bag to help you remem-  
 ber throughout the year.

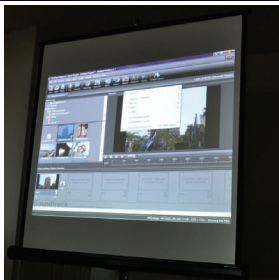
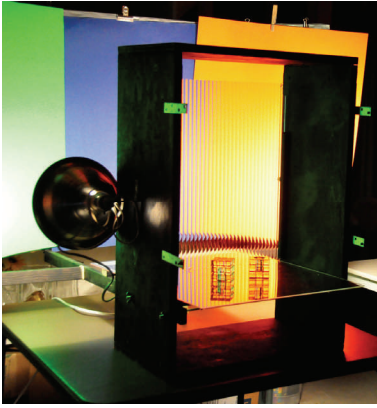
**The 2010 Assigned Subject is:  
 LINES**

2010 Photographer's Choice Categories.

|                  |         |                        |
|------------------|---------|------------------------|
| Old              | Pairs   | Dessert                |
| Sky              | Roses   | Insects                |
| Pets             | Trees   | Seashore               |
| China            | Motion  | Wildlife               |
| Funny            | Orange  | Construction           |
| Gears            | Camping | Transportation         |
| Sculpture/Statue |         | Misplaced/Out of Place |



*Jan 16, 2010 ~ Indoor Workshop  
Black Light ~ Back Light ~ Creating Digital Slide Shows ~ Great Day Together*



**If you didn't make it, you missed out on a great time had by everyone who attended. Plan on coming next year. Thank you Norm and Janet for opening your home to all of us!**

January 2010 President's Corner  
By Steve Lightle



We (the Lightle family) received a belated Christmas card from Matt and Kathy Combs, former Pilchuck Camera Club members who now live in the Chicago area. The card included a very cute photograph of adorable baby Leslie, now 2. The card prompted me to call Kathy and see how things were going. All sounds well except for the report that her camera is not functioning correctly and won't write to the memory card. That's not good. How can you have a cute two year old and not have a functioning camera? This will have to be corrected immediately.

The submissions for the 2009 Image of the Year, Wildflower and Assigned Subject competitions are in the hands of Olympic Peaks Camera Club. Jim Martin of Olympic Peaks assures me that the images will be judged and the results returned timely to have awards made in time for the IOY banquet. When we did these competitions with slides, mailing the images always made me nervous as there was no way to control the mail and no way to assure that the slides wouldn't get damaged during judging or transit. Digital is a big plus in this area as if there are any problems I can just re-email the images. Anyway, Jim has assured me that all images are received and will be judged timely for our banquet with time left create the awards. Now we just wait for the judging results.

Banquet preparations are now complete with the exception of receiving member's preference for the entre and of course the accompanying payment. Last task will be submitting the order to the restaurant.

Last task to complete before the banquet will be the preparation of the awards. But I can't do that until I receive the results of the judging. And I also need to complete the presentation slide show which is done except for adding in the winning images. Plenty of time.

Lastly is the anticipation. Who will be the 2009 'winners' of the Image of the Year, Wildflower and Assigned Subject competitions? Who indeed? At this point even I don't know as the results are still to be received. All will be revealed at the banquet.

PILCHUCK CAMERA CLUB

January 14, 2010

The regular meeting of the Pilchuck Camera Club was called to order at 7:02 P.M. by President Steve Lightle. Eleven members were present. We also had two visitors - Ray Weisgerber and Jack Meyers.

Correspondence received: None

President Steve Lightle presented the treasurer's report. The current balance is \$823.16.

Vice President Anna Rice presented certificates for the December club competition.

Committee reports:

Membership: Nothing to report

PSA: January Nature Division submissions must be submitted by the club by January 15, the day following this meeting. In order to allow more submission preparation time, future club images should be selected at December meetings.

In PSA Nature Division Interclub Competition #1 for 2009-2010, Kevin Siefke was awarded an Honor ribbon for "White Pelicans."

Northwest Council: No report

Social: February - Linda; open after that (need two volunteers for March due to expected high attendance)

Sunshine: A card was sent to Anna, who now claims to be "doing well."

Field Trips: Our annual winter workshop will be at Janet & Norm's at 9:00 AM on January 16.

This workshop will include a ProShow Gold demonstration by Steve Lightle. We will also have a board meeting to select the Photographer's Choice list and the Assigned Subject.

Old business: None

New Business: **Janet Wright was elected as the new Treasurer**, replacing Mary Tevis, who resigned as Treasurer.

We voted for Salmon and Prime Rib as entree choices for the IOTY Banquet.

Andy Rice requested that we all be mindful of the 1024-wide/768-high image size restrictions.

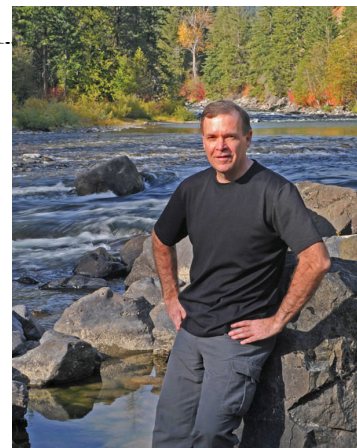
Board Meeting: January 16 at Janet & Norm's (in conjunction with workshop)

Meeting was adjourned at 7:20 P.M.

Andy reported a count of 36 images in the monthly competition, plus 3 make-up images. We also had 17 Nature images, 11 Creative images, and 14 Travel images. Judges for the competition were Jim, Norm, and Steve, with Kevin as alternate. Projection was by Andy and tabulation by Anna.

For the evening's program, Ray Weisgerber gave a wonderfully informative presentation on his espresso stand photo project and his self-publication of *Driven to Espresso: Drive Through Coffee Stands in the Northwest*. Thank you Ray.

Kevin Siefke, Secretary



## Pilchuck Camera Club Membership Directory

| <b>Club Position</b>                                   | <b>Name</b>     | <b>Email Address</b>                   | <b>Phone</b> |
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