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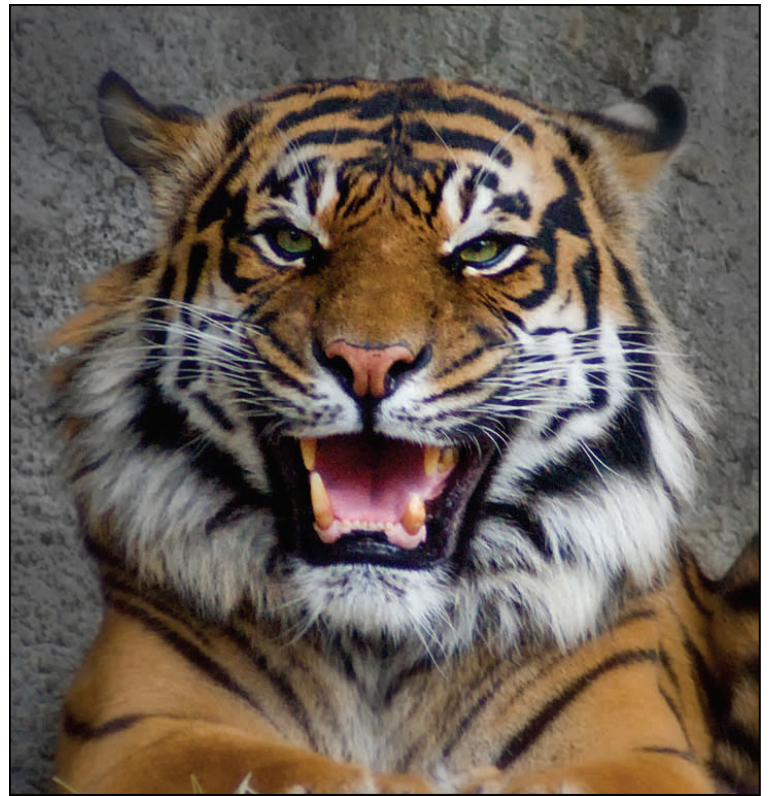
NEWSLETTER FOR THE PILCHUCK CAMERA CLUB OF EVERETT, WASHINGTON

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## This Month's Cover Shot Roar! By Andy Rice

"Roar" was photographed on January 28th, 2010 at Woodland Park Zoo in Seattle. I used a Japanese made Kenko 420-800mm f/8.3-16 lens that I purchased on eBay about a year ago for \$20. The same lens sells brand new on Amazon for \$160 while Adorama wants \$250 for it. B&H won't even carry it since it's such poor quality. I shoot with a Nikon D3 and with that full size sensor I needed something with more reach than my 200mm. The price was right, so I gave it a try. It attaches via a T-mount and has no aperture control. Zoom is controlled through push or pull and focus is manual only. I shot a lot of frames of this tiger with only about half in acceptable focus. For this shot he was lying down so I was able to take my time and focus on the eyes. As he opened his mouth to roar, I just held down the shutter release and photographed the entire sequence. This was an overcast day so I pushed the ISO all the way up to 6400, shooting at 1/200th second and a fixed aperture of f/16 at a focal length of 800mm. The camera was mounted on an Arca-Swiss Monoball Z1dp ballhead on a Gitzo GT-2530 Explorer 6X Carbon Fiber Tripod. In Adobe Photoshop CS4 I used the Nik Viveza plug-in to add a slight amount of additional saturation to the tongue and eyes while darkening the background a bit. Additionally, Nik Dfine 2.0 was used to decrease the noise from the high ISO. This goes to show you can still get a fairly decent shot even using really inexpensive glass!



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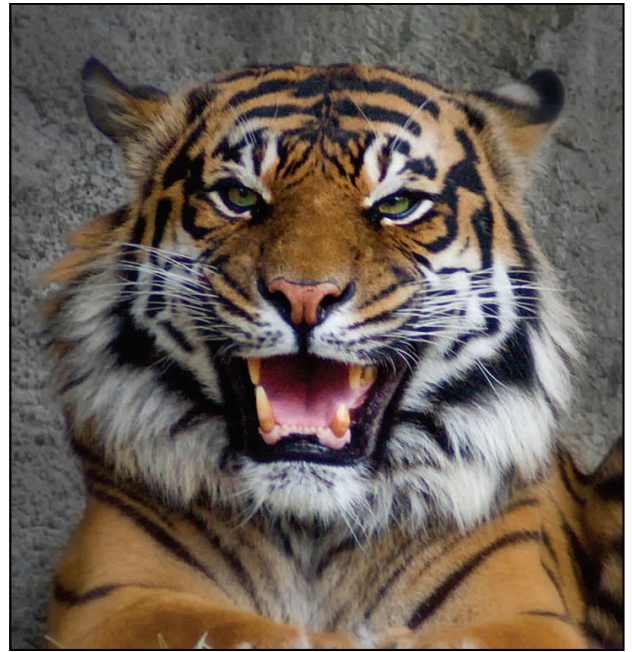
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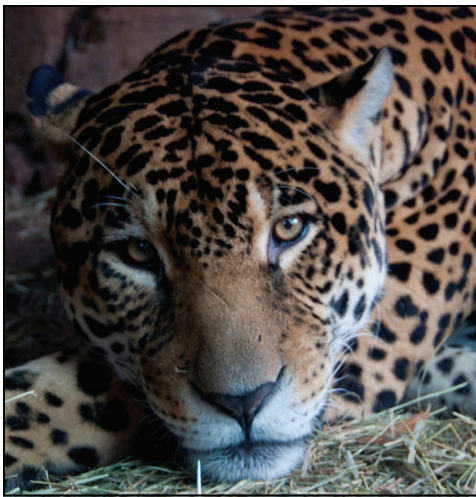
**March 2010 Winning Images**



2nd Place ~ Mt. St. Helens Lenticular Cloud  
by Kevin Siefke ~ 23 pts



1st Place ~ Roar!  
by Andy Rice ~ 25 pts



2nd Place ~ Hello  
by Anna Rice ~ 23 pts



2nd Place ~ Blue Falls  
by Renata Kleinert ~ 23 pts



2nd Place ~ End of the Rainbow  
by Renata Kleinart ~ 23 pts



2nd Place ~ Juvenile  
Great Horned Owl by  
Bill Dewey ~ 23 pts



2nd Place ~ Hot Air Bal-  
loon Festival by  
Renata Kleinert ~ 23pts

# February 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>Pts</u>	<u>Award</u>	<u>Image Name</u>	<u>Photographer</u>	<u>Pts</u>
<b>1st</b>	<b>Roar!</b>	<b>Andy Rice</b>	<b>25</b>		Kent Lake	Kevin Siefke	22
	Kodiak	Andy Rice	22		Balloons Reflected	Linda Davis	21
	Ruby Beach	Andy Rice	21		Fallen Bristlecone Pine	Linda Davis	20
<b>2nd</b>	<b>Hello</b>	<b>Anna Rice</b>	<b>23</b>		Hungry Eagle	Linda Davis	19
	A Pair	Anna Rice	21		Arizona Clouds #1	Norm Kreger	17
	Looking at Me	Anna Rice	21		Arizona Clouds #2	Norm Kreger	17
<b>2nd</b>	<b>Juvenile great Horned Owl</b>	<b>Bill Dewey</b>	<b>23</b>		Arizona Clouds #3	Norm Kreger	17
	In the Hood— Hooded Merganser	Bill Dewey	20	<b>2nd</b>	<b>Blue Falls</b>	<b>Renata Kleinert</b>	<b>23</b>
	Stump Reflection	Bill Dewey	20	<b>2nd</b>	<b>End of the Rainbow</b>	<b>Renata Kleinert</b>	<b>23</b>
	Monster Truck	Bob Kash	21	<b>2nd</b>	<b>Hot Air Balloon Festival</b>	<b>Renata Kleinert</b>	<b>23</b>
	Pig Races	Bob Kash	20		Black Light Orange Flower	Shirley Stich	22
	Danny Vernon	Bob Kash	20		Daffodil Filtered	Shirley Stich	21
	Tulips 09	Janet Wright	22		Legion Park	Shirley Stich	19
	White Pelican	Janet Wright	20				
	Mom & Baby Koalas	Janet Wright	19				
	Immature Eagle	Jim Basinger	20				
	Great Blue on a Rock	Jim Basinger	20				
	Peregrine Falcon	Jim Basinger	20				
	Kayaking	Joyce Harvey	20				
	New Family	Joyce Harvey	20				
	Gull Strut	Joyce Harvey	18				
<b>2nd</b>	<b>Mt. St. Helens Lenticular Cloud</b>	<b>Kevin Siefke</b>	<b>23</b>				
	Spring Beauty	Kevin Siefke	22				

Please send all digital images  
for competition to

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

**By April 6, 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.



March 20, 2010...needed to get out of the house and thought of going somewhere to take pictures. Living in an incredible part of the world, the choices are pretty much endless. After some time of thinking I realized that I had never been to Mt. Rainer Nat'l Park. So I convinced my husband to go there for the day.

As we drove closer to the mountain, the skies kept getting clearer and that mountain kept getting bigger.

My husband likes to take pictures of water and there are a few really nice waterfalls along the main road to stop and take pictures of. I am still learning how to shoot moving water and getting the affect I want. It was latter in the day and the light was really good at two particular waterfalls. I decided to just sit outside the car on an old rock ledge. After sitting there for a few minutes watching my husband and other dodge cars, I looked to my right and there was a blue jay looking at me. I had my camera around my neck and started taking pictures.

The beautiful world that we live in never ceases to amaze me at the wonder of it all.

*Anna*

### From the Editor, Anna Rice

Images from club members are still needed to add to our website. Articles of any kind are also needed for

### Pilchuck Camera Club Upcoming Events

#### **April 8, 2010 ~ General Club Meeting**

Club General Competition ~ 3 images

PSA Travel ~ 3 Images

Program: TBA

Refreshments: Shirley

#### **April 10th, 2010 ~ Field Trip**

Point Defiance Zoo & Aquarium

#### **May 13, 2010 ~ General Club Meeting**

General Club Competition ~ 3 Images

PSA ~ Creative & Travel

Program: TBA

Refreshments: TBA

#### **May ~ Field Trip**

Palouse, WA

#### **May 15-17 ~ PSA Spring Seminar**

Spokane Community College

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

#### **June 10, 2010 ~ General Club Meeting**

General Club Competition ~ 3 Images

Program: TBA

Refreshments: TBA

#### **July 8th 2010 ~ General Club Meeting**

General Club Competition ~ 3 Images

PSA ~ Nature

Program: TBA

Refreshments: TBA

April 2010 President's Corner  
Steve Lightle

You'd think with all of the nice weather we've had this winter I'd take advantage and be out taking photographs every weekend. Nope. Didn't happen. Aside from taking photos of the framing in the bathroom and a couple of pictures of our front flower bed to send to my cousin in California the camera has been in the closet. Photos of the bathroom framing? They were to



document the location of attachment points we added for things like towel bars and light fixtures. And we're doing framing because? Broken pipe in December precipitated renovation of three bedrooms and a bathroom including removal of drywall and flooring.

So between remodeling, renovation, dog weekends, family, etc, not much 'photography' has been occurring.

However I have been 'making' some photos during the evening in the dark of night. You know all of those images you took that you haven't thrown out because 'someday' you may can / will be able to make something out of? Those ones where the composition wasn't quite right, or some stray object intruding that you didn't see in the corner of the view finder? Well I've been 'making' some photos from those. You might even see some of them soon.

Some of you may have noticed that I managed to make the last 10 minutes of the meeting last month. Just in time to learn that I forgot to make arrangements for the projector to be available in my absence. A big THANK YOU!!! to Andy who covered for my oversight. acquired a projector so the evening could continue. I can cross that 'mistake' off my list.

I did arrive before the refreshments were gone (good timing). I understand the presentation was terrific. Good job Anna. Disappointed I couldn't attend but work required my absence.



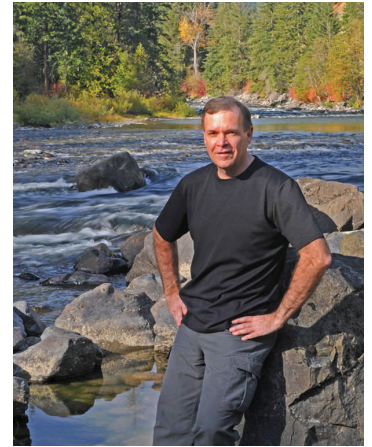
Thinking about it now there was one 'winter' photo opportunity I took advantage of and that was a day in Little Rock, Arkansas. Here's a photo from that adventure.

PILCHUCK CAMERA CLUB March 11, 2010

Kevin Siefke, Secretary

The regular meeting of the Pilchuck Camera Club was called to order at 7:06 P.M. by Vice President Anna Rice. Thirteen members and twelve guests were present. Guests included Charles Needle, Robert & Maurene Rutkin, Judy Foller, Steve Crogan, Rod & Shirley Styhl, William Frankhouser, and Alfred & Mary Pease.

Correspondence received: None



Treasurer Janet Wright presented the treasurer's report. The current balance is \$804.66, including \$44.49 from the IOTY Banquet and \$80.00 from the banquet raffle.

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

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

Committee reports:

Membership: Nothing to report

PSA: Nothing to report

Northwest Council: Meeting Saturday, March 13

Social: April - Shirley.

Sunshine: Nothing to report

Field Trips: A zoo trip is being planned for April. There is a tentative plan to go to the Palouse in May.

Old business: None

New Business: None

Meeting was adjourned at 7:20 P.M.

Andy reported a count of 36 images in the monthly competition. Judges for the competition were Paul, Norm, and Kevin, with Bill as alternate. Projection was by Andy and tabulation by Anna.

For the evening program, guest speaker Charles Needle gave a thought-provoking and inspirational presentation on Creative Macro Photography.

## Pilchuck Camera Club Membership Directory

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This information is for club use only.



The following questionnaire was recently emailed to club members so I could create some articles and hopefully be able to let the Club members know more about each other. I have only received 3 answered questionnaires returned. Please take a few minutes to fill out the one online or the one below and give it to Anna at our next club meeting or in an email [abear@juno.com](mailto:abear@juno.com)

Dear Pilchuck Camera Club members please answer the following questions and send it back to me by email or hand it to me at the next club meeting.

You can give one word answers and answer as many as you can/want. I have some fun ideas to use for our newsletter with this information. Thank you! Anna

Name-

What interested you in photography-

How long taking pictures-

What was your first camera-

Favorite season-

What kind of camera do you use now-

Favorite lens-

Favorite place to take pictures locally within 30 miles-

Favorite place to take pictures within 100 miles-

Favorite color-

Favorite place to take pictures 100+ miles away-

Dream place to visit and photograph-

What kind of photography interests you the most- macro- birds- flowers- landscape-people.....-

Favorite dessert-

What are your favorite subjects to photograph-

Have you ever won a photographic award, if so what kind of award-

Favorite food-

If you could have any photographic equipment, what would you get-