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The Pilchuck Camera Club Bulletin

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 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. .

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COMING EVENTS

**Monthly Club Meeting:
MAY 12, 2011**

**7pm at the Baker Heights Social Hall
1401 Poplar Everett Washington**

**3 regular competition images
To jbasingerokie@comcast.net**

**3 PSA Creative Images
To lightle@comcast.net**

**SEND ALL IMAGES
No later than
May 10, 2011**

**Dimension requirements for submitted images:
No larger than 1024 pixels wide or 768 pixels tall.**

**PROGRAM:
UNKNOWN SUBJECT
BY ANDREW RICE**

**FIELD TRIP
MAY 19,20,21 AND 22**

PAINTED HILLS OREGON



MAY REFRESHMENTS

LINDA DAVIS

2010 IMAGE OF THE YEAR WINNERS



**SLEEPING OTTER 1ST PLACE
BY SHIRLEY STICH
IMAGE OF THE YEAR**



**BODIE BARN
BY KEVIN SIEFKE
2ND PLACE**



**WOLF'S GUENON MOTHER LOVE
BY BILL DEWEY
3RD PLACE**



**HOW YOU DOIN
BY ANNA RICE
HM**



**SPACE NEEDLE 2010
BY STEVE LIGHTLE
HM**

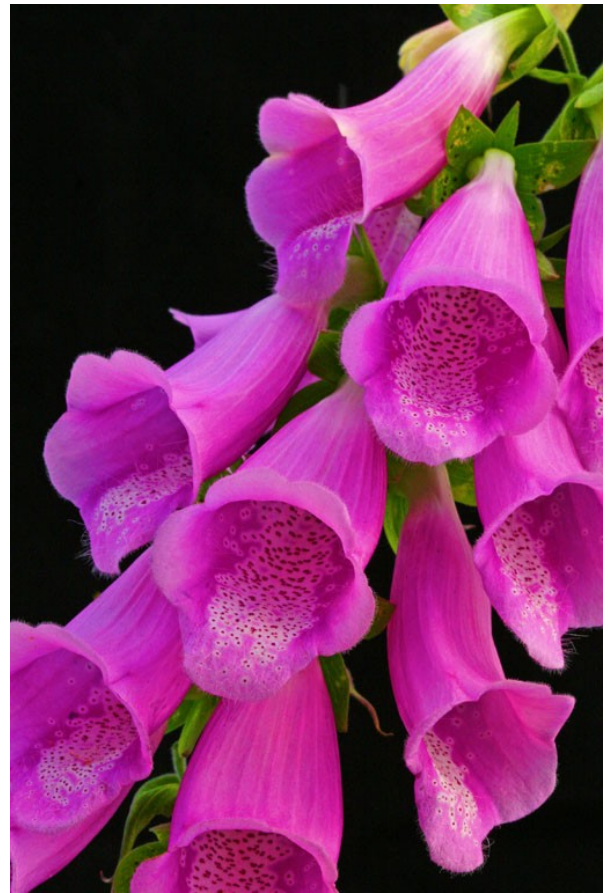


**ICE TAKE OFF SANDHILL CRANE
BY BILL DEWEY
HM**



**CHANGED BACKGROUND
BY JIM BASINGER
HM**

2010 WILDFLOWER WINNERS



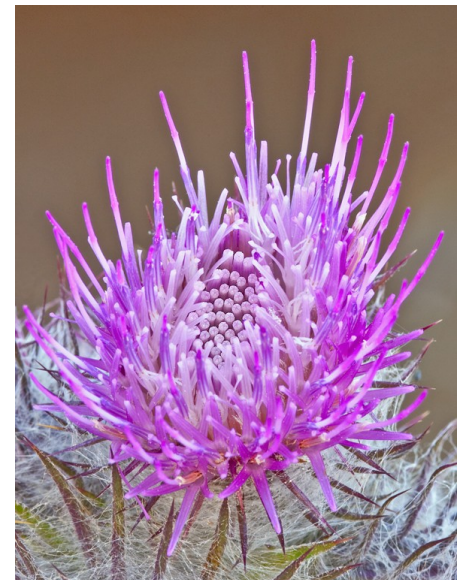
**FOXGLOVE 2010
BY JANET WRIGHT
WILDFLOWER OF THE YEAR**



**BITTEERSWEET #2
BY JANET WRIGHT
2ND PLACE**



**AVALANCHE LILY
BY STEVE LIGHTLE
HM**



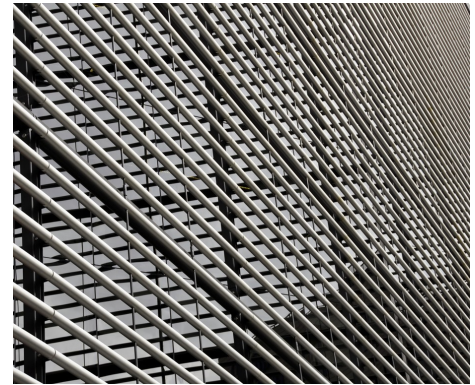
**THISTLE
BY KEVIN SIEFKE
3RD PLACE**



**FROSTED GRATE
BY KEVIN SIEFKE
ASSIGNED SUBJECT OF THE YEAR**



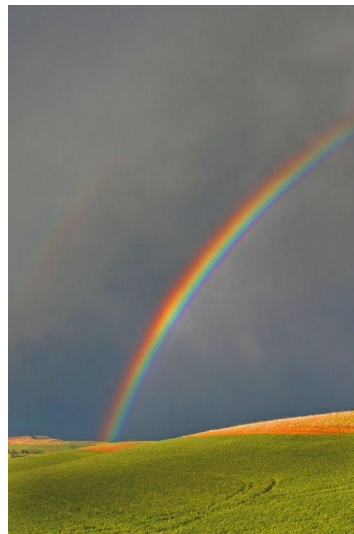
**TULIP LINES
BY JANET WRIGHT
2ND PLACE**



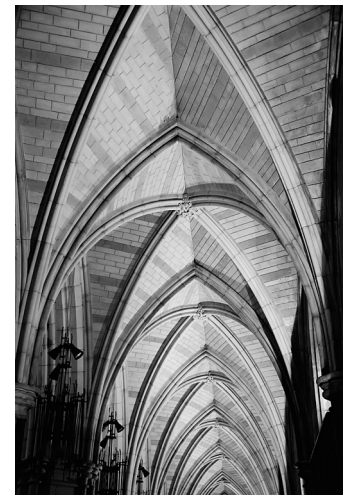
**LINES ON THE WALL
BY ANNA RICE
3RD PLACE**



**RAILROAD TRACKS
BY RENATA KLEINERT
HM**



**PALOUSE RAINBOW
BY JANET WRIGHT
HM**



**ETERNAL LINES
BY ANDREW RICE
HM**



SLEEPING OTTER BY SHIRLEY STICH

2010 IMAGE OF THE YEAR

The picture was taken at the Point Defiance Zoo in Tacoma, in April of 2010 on a Pilchuck Camera Club field trip. In the Otter tank were a couple of Otters, just resting and sleeping. The camera I was using was a Canon EOS 5D Mark II. The lens was Canon EF 100-400mm f/4.5-5.6 L IS USM. ISO was set at 100. I handheld the camera and I think it was shutter speed priority at 1/320 with a camera set aperture of 6.3. Camera set to Raw, metering mode was set to Spot, and White Balance was on auto. Focus length was 400mm. No flash was used. The Otter tank was in a dark area which darkened the water to black to give the Otter the right exposure. Depth of field was shallow, but with a side view of the Otter the whole Otter is sharp. I made a couple of very small changes in Camera Raw and crop the right, left, and top of the picture.

PRESIDENTS CORNER

By Jim Basinger



AN E-MAIL I RECEIVED
FROM JANET WRIGHT

What a Photographer won't do for PCC Monthly Competition Entry

The day dawned bright and beautiful! It was a perfect day to shoot at Washington Park, Anacortes.

Specimen wild flowers were out in good numbers (but the Monkey Flowers and Shooting Stars were down

the bank near the water and that makes shooting a bit tougher)!

PCC members know how to handle such circumstances: simple, right? Just go for the hunt for the perfect specimens, carefully make one's way down the bank but leave the weighty camera bag full of goodies (including 3 extra lenses) , at the top. Be very cautious and careful. Proceed downward.

OOPS! What was that sound we just heard ? T' was a camera bag that just traveled past the photographers on its way down the hill, unassisted!!

AH, well. More cautious travel by a PCC photographer! At last: success! Grab the back pack, inch upwards, hand off the precious cargo to a fellow photographer and climb to level ground. Success!

(Next trip- perhaps for subjects such as fungi on level ground? You betcha!)

TRUE STORY I WON'T SAY WHAT IDIOT IS STUPID ENOUGH TO LEAVE A CAMARA BAG ON A HILL

PILCHUCK CAMERA CLUB

MINUTES

APRIL 14, 2011

BY SONYA LANG SECRETARY



The April regular meeting of the Pilchuck Camera Club was called to order by President Jim Basinger at 7:05pm. There were 10 members present and 2 guests, Jeffry P Clark & Stasha Howarth-Clark.

Correspondence received: PSA membership card and journal arrived.

Treasurer's report: Treasurer Shirley Stich presented the treasurer's report. The current balance is \$1038.74

Committee Reports:

Membership: none

Social: Linda – May

Steve - June

Janet - July

Sunshine: No cards sent this month

PSA Representative: Kevin brought PSA journals.

Upcoming Field Trips:

Skagit Valley Tulip Fields/Washington Park Wildflowers, Saturday, April 16th 7am Meet @ I5 Stanwood park and ride lot-north end.

Emerald Downs opens in April- watch the website for date

May- Painted Hills- still working on dates for this event

NWCCC: Renata not here so nothing to report

Image Competition:

Image registration and projection by Steve Lightle

Number of images: 56 Regular: 21 Travel

Judges: Jerry, Andrew, David

Tabulation: Jim

Announcements:

Old business: None

New business: Andrew suggested we look into purchasing a calibrator for the projector and will re-search more and bring information to the next meeting.

The program this evening:

Discussion led by Anna on the April regular images. Chance for us to ask questions of the photographer, including processing, place, etc.

Board meeting time and place: n/a

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Meeting adjourned at: 8:00pm

May 2011

2011 Photographers Choice

Water (includes water drops and water falls)
Ice/Frost
Solitary
Sticky
Bird
Seattle (Any Topic/Location that fits the theme)
Shape (s) (circle triangle ect)
Animals (excluding Birds)
Kite (includes Kite Boarding)
HDR (Technique / any subject)

Photojournalism
Streaking Car Lights
Yellow
Paint with Light
Framed
Boat
Shoes or Hats
Fire
Riot of Color
Carnival at Night

ASSIGNED SUBJECT NEON

APRIL 2011 COMPETITION WINNERS



**COPPER HARBOR LIGHT
BY KEVIN SIEFKE
FIRST PLACE**



**YELLOWSTONE LAKE
BY KEVIN SIEFKE
FIRST PLACE**



**HERON SNACKING
BY BILL DEWEY
THIRD PLACE**

APRIL 2011 COMPETITION WINNERS



**FOUR BUSES
BY STEVE LIGHTLE
HONORABLE MENTION**



**THINKING AMERICAN KESTREL
BY BILL DEWEY
HONORABLE MENTION**



**OLD WINE GLASSES
BY JERRY SORENSEN
HONORABLE MENTION**



**SAINT JOHN'S CATHEDRAL
BY RENATA KLEINERT
HONORABLE MENTION**



**BURROWING OWL 4
BY JIM BASINGER
HONORABLE MENTION**

"Tulip Time"

This image of children stomping in the mud by Janet Wright pretty much sums up Pilchuck Camera Club's 2011 Tulip Adventure. While the children were enjoying the mud I'm pretty sure the woman in the stiletto high heels we was sinking deep into the wet grass and deeper into the mud was not. But being dauntless photographers we made the best of the weather as demonstrated by this daffodil image by Sonya.



And breaking for breakfast when it started to rain didn't mean our spirits were dampened too much and the rain stopped by the time breakfast was over.

Bob Cox submitted this image of the tulips taken on his first Pilchuck Camera Club field trip. Bob also learned on this trip that wildflowers are real close to the ground, at least those at Washington Park and that when Steve scheduled a day field



trip – well it can last the whole day. The post breakfast adventure included a tour of Roozengaarde's garden which were showing good colors with a good mix of tulips in bloom. (Display photo by Sonya).



As noted above, the adventure included a visit to Washington Park where you can usually find wildflowers blooming concurrent with the tulips. They were sparse but cooperative if you got right down at their level. This particular flower is about 8 inches tall. A challenge to get low enough



to make the image. I think Bob Cox is shopping for a new tripod. We told Sonya that we often saw deer at Washington Park. She despaired that we wouldn't see any as they don't come around when she's present. Sonya wasn't a jinx this day.



Photo by Sonya

STORY BY STEVE LIGHTLE

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