

# THE PILCHUCKER

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# The Pilchuck Camera Club Newsletter

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.

**Pilchuck Camera Club Web Page:** <http://www.pilchuckcameraclub.com>  
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## COMING EVENTS

### Monthly Club Meeting:

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

**April 9, 2015**

**3 Regular Competition Images**

**3 Challenge Images — HDR**

To: [jbasingerokie@comcast.net](mailto:jbasingerokie@comcast.net)

**3 PSA Travel Images**

To: [lightle@comcast.net](mailto:lightle@comcast.net)

### SEND ALL IMAGES

**No later than**

**April 7, 2015**

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

**Program:**  
**Basics about Lenses**  
**By Greg Thomas**



**April Refreshments**  
**Jim Basinger**

# PILCHUCK CAMERA CLUB MEETING MINUTES

Date 3/12/2015

The March meeting of the Pilchuck Camera Club is called to order by President Sonya Lang at 7:05pm. There are 22 members present and 2 guests.

The minutes of the February 2015 meeting are approved as printed in the Pilchucker.

Correspondence received: Jim Basinger reported that we heard from the Glennie Nature competition that some awards were to be presented but Jim did not elaborate further.

The Treasurer report from Steve was rather complex this month. Please see the information on page two of these minutes for a detailed description.

Vice President Greg Thomas presented certificates to the winners of the February competition.

## Committee Reports:

The program this evening is "Commentary by Judges" where the 3 judges provide feedback on the scores they awarded the images in the regular competition for this month.

Membership: No report.

Social: Bob Patrick supplied refreshments this month. The following people are signed up for the next 4 months: Jim Basinger – April. Sherry Tallman – May. Jerry Sorenson – June. Gina Barragan – July.

Sunshine: Janet Rapelje is recovering from an infection she contracted after knee surgery and has begun to take some tentative steps.

PSA Representative: No journal received at this time.

Field Trips: A field trip is planned for the evening of March 22 to photograph Deception Pass during the Spring Equinox. An e-mail was sent out on 3/16 with specifics about the trip.

NWCCC: Renata reported that there is a NWCCC meeting in Everett on the 28th at 10:00 at the Everett Public Library. The discussion will cover club problems, what is working for clubs, suggestions for improvement and how the NWCCC can better serve the camera clubs. The upcoming conference will also be discussed. The next meeting will be at Federal Way on either the 4th or 25th of April. Feel free to attend these meetings to provide support and suggestions

## Image Competition:

Image registration and projection by Steve Lightle.

Number of images: Regular competition = 57. Monthly Challenge "Clouds" = 32

Judges: Sonya Lang  
Greg Thomas  
Renata Kleinert

Tabulation: Jim Basinger

Old business:

\$1,769.48 was spent on a new laptop, screen and projector. An issue was discovered with the laptop and it was returned for a replacement. We are expecting the replacement in mid-March

There were numerous issues with the identification of images submitted to Jim Basinger for this month (incorrect sizing, incorrect identification, no identification, etc). Jim gave a quick refresher in the March meeting on proper sizing and identification of submitted images. This information is also found in the Pilchuck Camera Club Members Handbook, under "Preparing Digital Images for Competition". The handbook is found in the "About Us" section of our website.

New business: None

Board meeting time and place: Not scheduled

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

## Detail of Treasurers Report presented at March PCC Meeting

(items in red are expenses)

### PCC Checking Account

<b>Balance on 01/31/2015</b>	<b>2,065.19</b>
Deposits	905.00
<b>Checks</b>	<b>129.00</b>
<b>Balance on 02/27/2015</b>	<b>2,841.19</b>
Laptop, Projector, Screen	1,769.48
Banquet Fee	805.23
IOY Awards	191.05
Banquet Registration	255.00
2015 Dues	40.00
<b>Balance on 03/14/2015</b>	<b>370.43</b>

### Detail of 2014 IOY Banquet Expenses

Reservations – 25 @ \$35 each	\$875.00
Raffle Funds (Cash)	\$115.00
<b><u>Total Banquet Income</u></b>	<b><u>\$990.00</u></b>
Banquet Fee	\$805.23
Presenter Fee	\$0.00
Awards	\$191.05
<b><u>Total Banquet Expenses</u></b>	<b><u>\$996.28</u></b>
<b>Difference</b>	<b>(\$6.28)</b>



Image By Greg

# Pilchuck Camera Club's 2015 Photo Workshop

By: Steve Lightle



Image By Renata

A big **'Thank You'** to Greg for hosting Pilchuck Camera Club's 2015 indoor table top & photography workshop and potluck. And thanks to everyone who contributed items to photograph and for the wonderful potluck items.

The weather turned out to be exceptional providing photographic opportunities on the beach in addition to the indoor (rain or shine) topics.

Favorite topics this year included glassware photographed in the dark with or without flashlights circling around and water drops. Images below provided by Sonya, Jerry, Greg and Gary.



Image By Greg

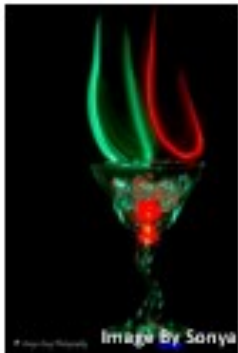


Image By Sonya



Image By Jerry



Image By Jerry



Image By Greg



Image By Gary

Perennial workshop favorites include glassware photography and black light (a personal favorite of mine).



Image By Greg

Glassware reflection converted to Black & White

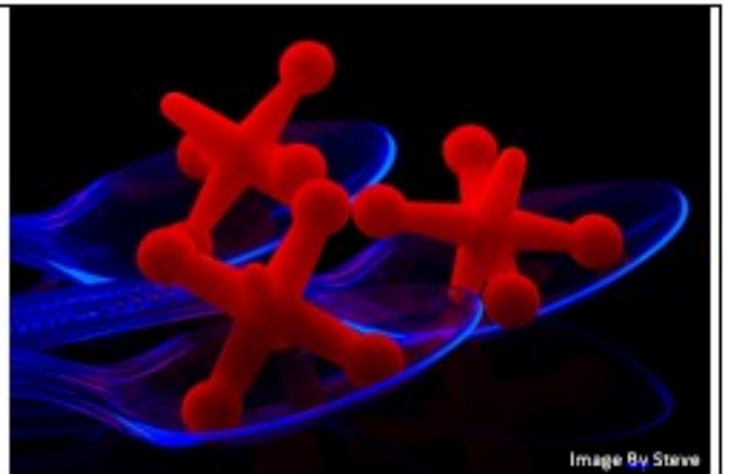
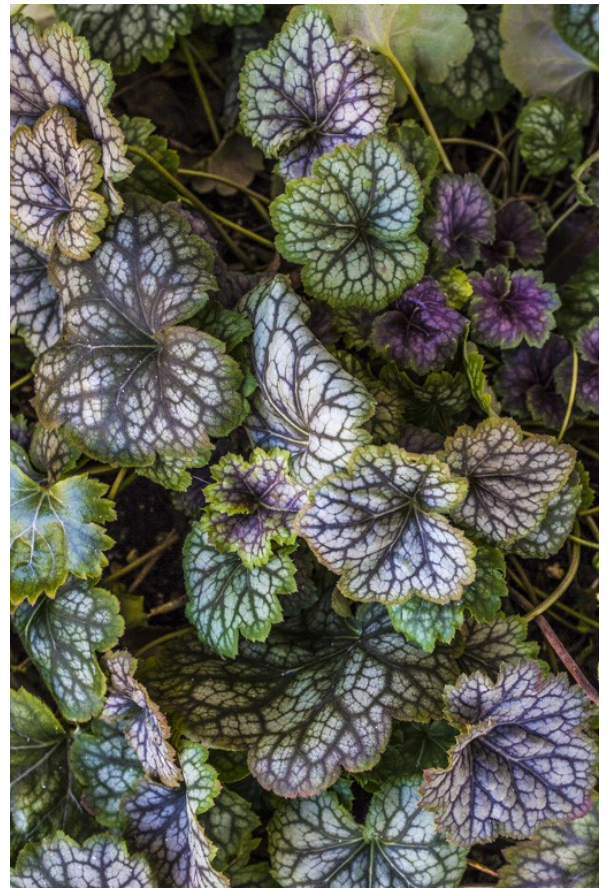


Image By Steve

Good food, good fellowship good photography – a great photo adventure!

**Cover Image  
Plant  
By Bill Schwarz**

This plant is just outside the door of the house and I walk by it a dozen times a day. Makes me wonder how many more shots I pass by each day. Canon 5D MKII with EF100mm f/2.8L macro at f11, 1/60 sec, and ISO 1250. I used Lightroom to draw out the shadow areas as well as for contrast in the mid-tones and vibrancy.



**March Challenge  
Clouds  
The Monster Above  
By Greg Thomas**



# MARCH COMPETITION WINNERS



**First Place  
Grand Scenic  
Dick Balnicky**



**First Place  
Glass Ball Reflection  
Jerry Sorensen**



**Third Place  
Cactus Star Trail  
Bill Schwarz**

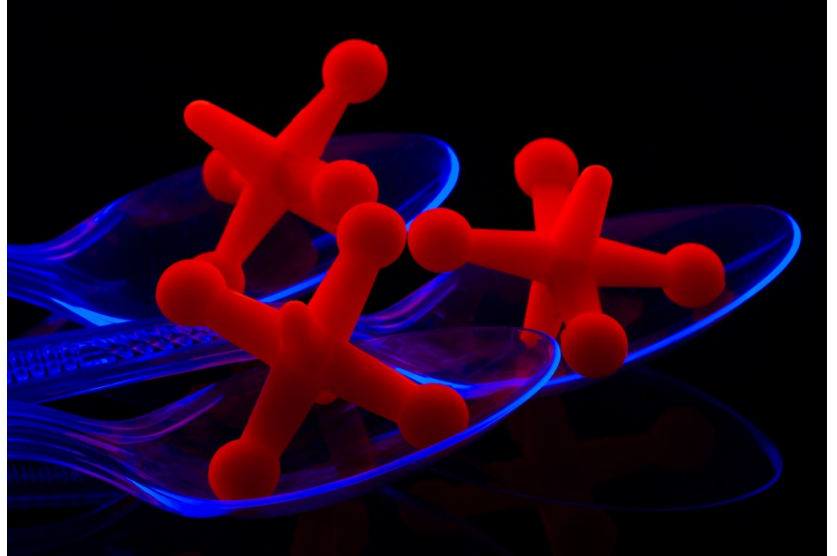


**Third Place  
Zebra Haliconia  
Deborah Rust**

# MARCH COMPETITION WINNERS Cont.



**Third Place  
Falcon  
Deborah Rust**



**Third Place  
3 Jacks 3 Spoons  
Steve Lightle**



**Third Place  
Grand Canyon South Rim  
Gary Lingenfelter**



**Third Place  
Levitation  
Steve Lightle**



# PILCHUCK CAMERA CLUB JANUARY 2015 SCORESHEET

Nbr	Title	Maker	Score	Honor
1	3 JACKS 3 SPOONS	STEVE LIGHTLE	24	3rd
2	ALIENS OVER SEATTLE	JIM RAHM	17	
3	BALLOON MAN	JERRY SORENSEN	20	
4	BALLOONS IN METHOW	MARY TEVIS	21	
5	BOUY,SAILBOAT AND MT RAINER	GREG THOMAS	21	
6	BRYCE CANYON	SHERRIE TALLMAN	21	
7	CACTUS STAR TRAIL	BILL SCHWARZ	24	3rd
8	CASCADE FALLS ORCAS ISLAND	GARY LINGENFELTER	21	
9	CHEATAH 2	JIM BASINGER	21	
10	CLEANING UP	SHARON ELY	22	
11	CLOUDS 1	LLOYD JOHNSON	22	
12	EAGLES	RENATA KLEINERT	23	
13	EARLY FOX GLOVE	JANET WRIGHT	22	
14	EASTERN WA BURROWING OWL	NORM KREGER	18	
15	FALCON	DEBORAH RUST	24	3rd
16	FROSTY MORN ON THE SNOHOMISH	SONIA RAHM	20	
17	GRAND SCENIC	DICK BALNICKY	25	1ST
18	HAND OF MAN 3	BOB PATRICK	20	
19	LOWER FALLS	SONYA LANG	23	
20	LEVITATION	STEVE LIGHTLE	24	3RD
21	RIVER RAILWAY EVERETT B&W	JIM RAHM	22	
22	LOOK OF SPRING	JERRY SORENSEN	20	
23	GETTING READY TO TAKE OFF	MARY TEVIS	18	
24	MOON SET SUNRISE LAGOON T	GREG THOMAS	21	
25	PRETTY IN PINK	SHERRIE TALLMAN	23	
26	PLANT	BILL SCHWARZ	22	
27	GRAND CANYON SOUTH RIM	GARY LINGENFELTER	24	3RD
28	DICK'S DOG	JIM BASINGER	19	
29	HOODED VULTURE	SHARON ELY	23	
30	FIFTY SHADES OF YELLOW	LLOYD JOHNSON	23	
31	LION CUBS	RENATA KLEINERT	21	
32	PIKA	JANET WRIGHT	17	
33	EASTERN WA MARMOT	NORM KREGER	20	
34	KIDS PLAY	DEBORAH RUST	23	
35	SPRINGTIME AT THE WALTZ	SONIA RAHM	20	
36	OVER THE RAINBOW	DICK BALNICKY	20	
37	HAND OF MAN 6	BOB PATRICK	22	
38	MAPLE TREE	SONYA LANG	23	

# PILCHUCK CAMERA CLUB JANUARY 2015 SCORESHEET Cont.

39	TRIPPLE PLAY	STEVE LIGHTLE	23	
40	TANDEM JUMP UNDER THE CLOUDS	JIM RAHM	19	
41	GLASS BALL REFLECTION	JERRY SORENSEN	25	1ST
42	WYOMING FARMHOUSE	MARY TEVIS	20	
43	GREEN IN BLACK AND WHITE	GREG THOMAS	23	
44	THERMAL POOL TERRACING	SHERRIE TALLMAN	22	
45	DINNER INVITATION	BILL SCHWARZ	21	
46	SUPER MOON OVER COWICHAN BAY	GARY LINGENFELTER	23	
47	SCRUB JAY	JIM BASINGER	21	
48	PLAY TIME	SHARON ELY	21	
49	MOOSE	LLOYD JOHNSON	20	
50	SEATTLE	RENATA KLEINERT	23	
51	SNOWY OWL # 6	JANET WRIGHT	21	
52	SNOWUALMIE TRAIN	NORM KREGER	19	
53	ZEBRA HALICONIA	DEBORAH RUST	24	3RD
54	BALLON OVER SNOHOMISH RIVER	SONIA RAHM	21	
55	WAVE SHOW	DICK BALNICKY	23	
56	HAND OF MAN 7	BOB PATRICK	19	
57	SPACE NEEDLE IN HAWKS COLORS	SONYA LANG	23	

Change is Inevitable,

Growth is Optional

~John Maxwell

# Pilchuck Camera Club's 2015 Vernal Equinox Photo Adventure To Deception Pass

Saturday, March 21, 2015

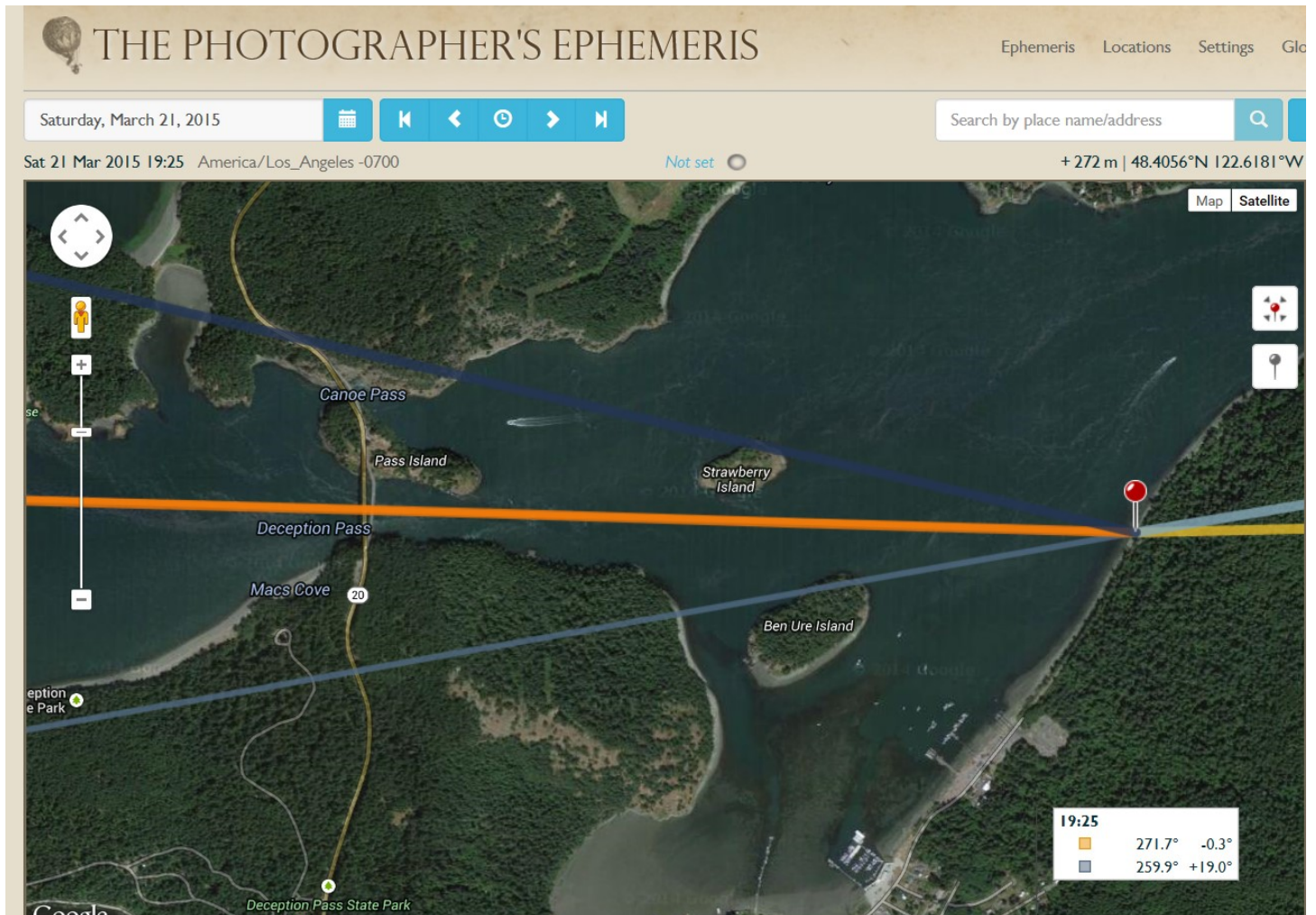
By Steve Lightle



Image by Steve Lightle ©

**Vernal (Spring) Equinox:** The time at which the sun crosses the plane of the equator towards the relevant hemisphere, making day and night of equal length. It occurs about March 21 in the N hemisphere (Collins English Dictionary).

**More Importantly:** The time of the year when, if you are standing in the correct location east of Cornet Bay / Deception Pass State Park, Washington State, the sun sets directly behind Deception Pass bridge affording a spectacular photography opportunity (weather permitting). Note: This alignment also occurs each fall during the Autumnal Equinox).



Originally scheduled for Sunday, March 22 based on the best 10 day weather forecast available, the outing was changed at the last minute to Saturday the 21st as the forecast had changed dramatically and Saturday looked to be the optimal day.

Saturday, time to leave and pick up car poolers, weather looks promising, bright sky in the west, mix of clouds overhead. Nice weather, glad we changed our date.

Heading north on I-5 at Tulalip the phone rings. Mary and Renata are at the Stanwood / Camano Island park and ride rendezvous point reporting that it's pouring down rain. We proceed to the rendezvous point and sure enough it's raining buckets. Mary and Renata are strongly considering abandoning the adventure. I'm not willing to give up quite so easily as Shane's weather review earlier in the day showed promising weather pattern and I know from experience that north Whidbey / south Fidalgo Island often have better weather than Everett so thinking we'll go at least to the crest of the hill overlooking the Skagit Valley and western view before calling it a day. Suggestion from Shane that Sonya might already be at the photography site as she is joining us there. Phone call to Sonya. Yes she's at Cornet Bay, Sonya reports blue sky and clouds at Cornet Bay. All proceed north with high expectations.

About a mile north of the park and ride rendezvous point the rain breaks; weather begins to improve; as we crest the hill on I-5 at Starbird Road looking north and west down into the Skagit Valley we see the weather Sonya reported. Great evening ahead.



Image by Jodie Andrew ©

Eleven Pilchuck Club members and two guests meet up at Cornet Bay and begin the trek to the photography locations. Unanticipated – the tide is in and there is no beach to walk on. We walk down the road. With no beach shooting locations are limited to what you can see through the trees that line the road. Not ideal and further complicated by the presence of approximately 20 other photographers vying for the same limited shooting locations. We're all there for the same reason and everyone is cordial and makes room.

Well the weather didn't quite meet our expectations. Some blue sky? Yes. Some clouds in the sky to add interest and hopefully pick up some color at sunset? Yes. Clear or slightly cloudy horizon directly behind the bridge so you can photograph the sun as it sinks into the sound? Nope. Big dark cloud sitting there so as the sun sets it becomes obscured by the dark cloud. Not the hoped for photo opportunity.

Concluding the photography portion of the outing eleven of us meet up Shari's in Burlington, location pre selected as I'm looking for pie and ice cream. Shari's is known for its pie selection. Great social time and Shari's was able to accommodate us all at one table.

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On the following pages are images taken by our members on our Spring Equinox photo outing with the exception of Greg's which was taken the following night – the night the event was originally scheduled for. As you're all aware, weather forecasting isn't an exact science (more like divining from entrails it seems to me). The weather Sunday was far better than forecast.





Image by Doug Goodman ©



Image by Dick Balnicky ©



Image by Sonya Lang ©



Image by Greg Thomas ©

# 2014 – 2015 PSA Projected Image Division Round 2 - Travel



**"African Dawn"**  
Sharon Ely

9 PSA Pts



**"Mission San Jose San Antonio"**  
Bill Schwarz

9 PSA Pts



**"Moon Over Mt. Shuksan"**  
Steve Lightle

10 PSA Pts



**"Mountain Storm"**  
Lloyd Johnson

8 PSA Pts



**"Old House"**  
Jim Basinger

9 PSA Pts



**"Tulip Town"**  
Sonya Lang

10 PSA Pts

For current standings in Travel Division see group B at <http://www.psa-photo.org/index.php?2014-15-ptd-ic-standings>

In Round 1 Pilchuck Camera Club scored 56 points and we were in 18th place in that round. In Round 2 the club scored 55 points and are in 14th place in Round 2. Overall we've scored 111 points and are currently in 16th place overall.



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