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If you have something you would like to share in the newsletter, suggestions of things you would like to see, or just general comments, please forward to sonyalang@hotmail.com



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.

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COMING EVENTS

Monthly Club Meeting:

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

May 14, 2015

3 Regular Competition Images

3 Challenge Images — Motion

To: jbasingerokie@comcast.net

SEND ALL IMAGES

No later than

May 12, 2015

Dimension requirements for submitted images:
No larger than 1920 pixels wide or 1080 pixels tall.

**Program:
Commentary by Judges**



**May Refreshments
Sherrie Tallman**

PILCHUCK CAMERA CLUB MEETING MINUTES

The April meeting of the Pilchuck Camera Club was called to order by President Sonya Lang at 7:07 p.m. on April 9, 2015. There were 18 members present and no guests.

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

Treasurer Steve Lightle reports we have \$390.43 in the treasury.

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

Correspondence: Steve Lightle had correspondence from the Nikon School of Photography. They are giving us 2 free tickets for a class on May 29 and 30 in Tacoma. Steve said he will send notice to everyone tomorrow by email.

The program this evening was Lens Basics by Greg Thomas.

Committee Reports:

Social: Renata reports we are good until September.

Sunshine: Steve Lightle is filling in since we have no Sunshine person. He reports long time member Don Rapelje had a small stroke and had surgery scheduled today to clear a blockage. He will know more tomorrow or Friday.

PSA Representative: Steve Lightle reports Sonya Lang received an honorable mention ribbon from PSA for "Those Eyes". The club also received a new PSA journal.

NWCCC: No information. Renata reports they have no president, vice president or treasurer.

Image Competition:

Image registration by Jim Basinger and projection by Steve Lightle. Tabulation by Jim Basinger. Judges were Bill Schwarz, Greg Thomas and .

Number of images: 48 for regular competition, 21 for monthly challenge and 21 for travel. Judges were Bill Schwarz, Mary Tevis and Greg Thomas.

New Business: Since we now have a new projector and new laptop, it was decided that the size of the images submitted will now be changed to 1920 x 1080. Sonya said she will do a write-up for the newsletter.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Davis for

Tim Garton, Secretary

Wildflowers

Steve Lightle

When Spring arrives in the Pacific Northwest and the tulips begin to bloom – Pilchuck Camera Club members venture forth, camera in hand to photograph.... Wildflowers.

The temperate climate and seaside breezes of Fidalgo Island are ideal for wildflowers which by coincidence bloom concurrent with the tulips in the Skagit Valley. So while the crowds of weekend tourists throng to the Skagit Valley farming district and travel bumper to bumper on the narrow roads, compete for limited paid parking and the opportunity to have their picture taken amongst the tulips Pilchuckers travel on to Washington Park where it's quite and serene and the wildflowers bloom.

Our first organized adventure to the Washington Park location was Saturday, April 4th. Participating in this adventure were Sonya, Steve, Tim and Tracy. Arriving at Calico Cupboard in Anacortes just prior to its opening we took the opportunity to show Tim the Anacortes 'castle', a private home constructed of stone with towers and parapet. Circling around the block we arrive at Calico Cupboard just after restaurant opening. As always a fine breakfast meal and with no crowds (it's 7:00 AM by the way) we have a quite breakfast social prior to heading west to Washington Park.

We arrived at Washington Park around 8:15 AM where the skies were partially cloudy interspersed with great big patches of blue sky, mild breeze and just a bit chilly.



Fawn Lilies By Sonya

We parked at the entrance to the loop road and walked in to Green Point where we often find shooting stars. There were very few Shooting Stars out yet but another week of warm weather would find them in abundance. Walking on to the hair-pin turn we found Fawn lilies in full bloom as well as Blue Eyed Mary, Field Chickweed and Small Flowered Woodland Star.

There was also a good showing of Calypso Orchids.



Wildflowers aren't the only draw at Washington Park. As you walk along the bluff above Rosario Strait you can watch the Washington State Ferries make their way to the San Juan Islands or on to Sidney, BC. If you watch closely you can observe seals (we saw one), mammals in the channel (several but unidentifiable) and on this occasion there was an eagle perched high in a tree above Burrows Channel.



Two miles along the park loop road there is a marvelous vista overlooking Burrow's Bay, Burrow's Island and Burrow's Channel; a great place to stop and enjoy the view. If it's not too windy (a frequent occurrence) it's also a good location for Monkey Flowers and on this visit we found early blooming Chocolate Orchids.

Here's the group at the view point – as you can see a marvelous view and fantastic weather!



Group Image By Tracy Carson (via 10 second timer)



Cover Image Beautiful Spring View By Jim Rahm

That photo was taken on the old Snohomish Monroe Road with our, "Nikon Coolpix P510 using the NIKKOR 42 X wide Optical zoom ED VR 4.3-180mm 1.3-5 5.9 zoom lens". I had the camera set on scene at the time; it was one of five shots I took of that scene. Sonia recognized this would be a great photo, she was driving, and she pulled over for me to take that photo, one of five shots, of that scene. I then did some work on the photo using Microsoft Digital Pro 10; I cropped out a telephone pole; removed the power lines; removed a trash container that was in the driveway, and lighten the photo.



April Challenge

HDR

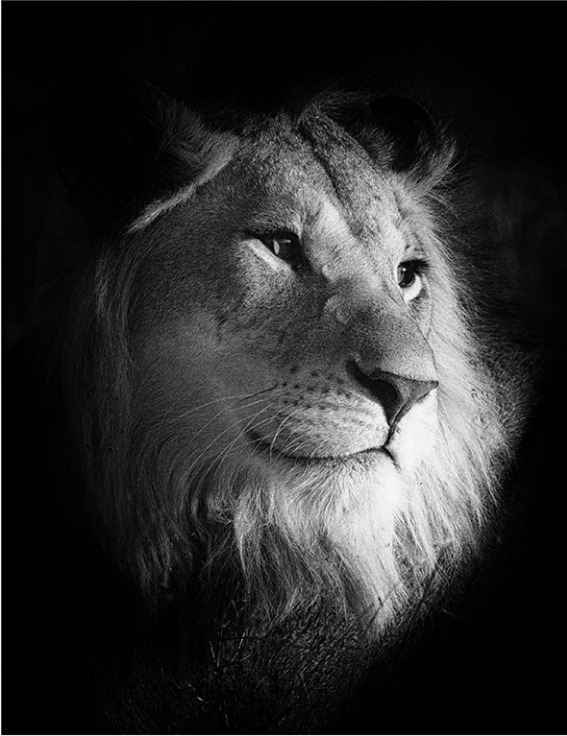
Seattle

By

Renata Kleinert



APRIL COMPETITION WINNERS



**First Place
African Ghost Lion
Mary Tevis**



**First Place
Snow Geese
Renata Kleinert**



**First Place
Totem Pole
Bill Schwarz**



**First Place
Wahlberg's Eagle
Mary Tevis**

APRIL COMPETITION WINNERS Cont.



**Honorable Mention
Splash
Jim Basinger**

**Honorable Mention
Skiland Lights
Tracy Carson**



**Honorable Mention
Rainier Wildflowers
Sherrie Tallman**

PILCHUCK CAMERA CLUB APRIL 2015 SCORESHEET

Nbr	Title	Maker	Score	Honor
1	ABOVE THE CLOUDS	GREG THOMAS	18	
2	AFRICAN GHOST LION	MARY TEVIS	23	1ST
3	BARN WITH RED TULIPS	RENATA KLEINERT	19	
4	BEAUTIFUL SPRING VIEW	JIM RAHM	18	
5	BIG MOVE	TIM GARTON	21	
6	CANNON BEACH	GARY LINGENFELTER	19	
7	CHENA HOT SPRINGS AURORA	TRACY CARSON	21	
8	CHOCOLATE LILY	SONYA LANG	20	
9	CIRCLE OF LUPIN	JANET WRIGHT	21	
10	COFFEE WITH A SPLASH OF MILK	STEVE LIGHTLE	20	
11	CRATERS CRATER	DICK BALNICKY	19	
12	DEWDROPS ON TULIPS	SHERRIE TALLMAN	16	
13	FIREWORKS # 1	NORM KREGER	16	
14	GREEN LEAVES	SONIA RAHM	19	
15	PELICAN	JIM BASINGER	19	
16	ROOZEN GAARDE WINDMILL	BILL SCHWARZ	20	
17	DECEPTION PASS SUNSET	GREG THOMAS	21	
18	AFRICAN KINGFISHER	MARY TEVIS	21	
19	PRETTY PETALS	RENATA KLEINERT	21	
20	MEN OVERBOARD SAVING LIVES	JIM RAHM	17	
21	INDEX WALL	TIM GARTON	17	
22	OLGA DOCK ORCAS ISLAND	GARY LINGENFELTER	21	
23	SKILAND LIGHTS	TRACY CARSON	22	HM
24	LAYERING THE PALOUSE	SONYA LANG	20	
25	MANDARIN DUCH 5	JANET WRIGHT	20	
26	LION CUB 2015	STEVE LIGHTLE	20	
27	MOON CELEBRATION	DICK BALNICKY	21	
28	RAINIER WILDFLOWERS	SHERRIE TALLMAN	22	HM
29	FIREWORKS 2	NORM KREGER	18	
30	MT SI GOLF COURSE IN THE SPRING	SONIA RAHM	17	
31	ROAD RUNNER	JIM BASINGER	17	
32	SUNSET CACTUS	BILL SCHWARZ	21	
33	TAKE OFF AT NAVAL OUTLYING FIELD	GREG THOMAS	18	
34	WAHLBERG'S EAGLE	MARY TEVIS	23	1ST
35	SNOW GEESE	RENATA KLEINERT	23	1ST
36	TIME STANDS STILL	JIM RAHM	17	
37	HANGING AROUND	TIM GARTON	20	
38	TULIPS SKAGIT VALLEY	GARY LINGENFELTER	21	
39	WINGS FROM HEAVEN	TRACY CARSON	20	
40	PALOUSE SUNSET	SONYA LANG	21	
41	RACCOON 5	JANET WRIGHT	19	
42	SPLISH SPLASH	STEVE LIGHTLE	20	
43	IRIS EYES	DICK BALNICKY	21	

PILCHUCK CAMERA CLUB APRIL 2015 SCORESHEET Cont.

38	TULIPS SKAGIT VALLEY	GARY LINGENFELTER	21	
39	WINGS FROM HEAVEN	TRACY CARSON	20	
40	PALOUSE SUNSET	SONYA LANG	21	
41	RACCOON 5	JANET WRIGHT	19	
42	SPLISH SPLASH	STEVE LIGHTLE	20	
43	IRIS EYES	DICK BALNICKY	21	
44	RED AND WHITE TULIP	SHERRIE TALLMAN	21	
45	FIREWORKS 3	NORM KREGER	18	
46	SEATTLE FROM ALKI	SONIA RAHM	17	
47	SPLASH	JIM BASINGER	22	HM
48	TOTEM POLE	BILL SCHWARZ	23	1ST

Art washes away from the soul the dust of
everyday life
~ Pablo Picasso

2014 – 2015 PSA Projected Image Division Round 3 Group C Results



"Arch Beneath Mount Whitney"
Renata Kleinert

10 PSA Pts



"Illumination #2"
Steve Lightle

11 PSA Pts



"Momentum"
Tim Garton

10 PSA Pts



"Mukilteo Lighthouse"
Tracy Carson

8 PSA Pts



"Those Eyes"
Sonya Lang

13 PSA Pts – Honorable Mention



"Waterfall On Paradise River "
Sherrie Tallman

10 PSA Pts

For current club standings visit PSA <http://www.psa-photo.org/index.php?2014-15-pid-ic-standings>

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