

# 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.

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## COMING EVENTS

### Monthly Club Meeting:

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

**December 10, 2015**

3 Regular Competition Images  
3 Challenge Images — Animals  
To: [jbasingerokie@comcast.net](mailto:jbasingerokie@comcast.net)

**SEND ALL IMAGES**

**No later than**

**December 8, 2015**

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

### Program:

## Photographer's Choice



## December Refreshments Potluck

## NOVEMBER 2015 MEETING MINUTES

Date 11/12/2015

Date 01/16/2016- amended meeting minutes

The November meeting of the Pilchuck Camera Club is called to order by President Sonya Lang at 7:01 p.m. There are 18 members present and 2 guests.

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

Correspondence received: All correspondence has been forwarded to the club membership by Steve Lightle via e-mail.

Treasurer Steve Lightle reports \$378.30 in the treasury. Last month's balance was \$478.30. There was a single \$100 expenditure over the past month to cover the presentation by Randall Hodges that was sponsored by the club.

Vice President Greg Thomas presented certificates to the winners of prior competitions who were in attendance.

The program for this month's meeting is commentary by the competition judges regarding this month's regular competition images.

### Committee Reports:

Membership: One new member joined at this month's meeting.

Social: The Christmas Party in December will be a pot luck.

Sunshine: There is currently no Sunshine representative in the club.

PSA Representative: The November PSA Journal is available to members.

NWCCC: There will be a fall conference November 14<sup>th</sup> in North Seattle.

Field Trips: None are currently planned.

### Image Competition:

Image registration and projection: Steve Lightle Tabulation: Jim Basinger

Number of images: 36 Regular Competition, 32 Monthly Challenge (topic – Fall Color).

Judges: Renata Kleinert, Greg Thomas, Sonya Lang

### Announcements:

Old business: None.

New business:

Randall Hodges has offered to give the club a half day workshop at a reduced price of \$100 (normally \$150) if we can bring together at least 10 participants. The class would cover his in-camera processing photography technique and will most likely occur at Wallace Falls. Five PCC members indicated they were interested and Greg Thomas will check with the Mount Baker Camera club to see if they would like to participate.

Elections for club board positions were held in this meeting. All positions, with the exception of secretary, were open. The current secretary Tim Garton, will continue in this position for the next year to complete the 2 year term. The following people were elected to the indicated positions by club member vote and will take office on January 1, 2016.

President – Tracy Carson

Vice President – Sonya Lang

Treasurer – Greg Thomas

Secretary – Tim Garton

**Steve Lightle and Sonya Lang are to be removed from authorized signer for banking purposes. Tracy Carson, President, Greg Thomas, Treasurer are 2016 elected board officers and authorized signers for Union Bank account for Pilchuck Camera Club.**

Clubs membership dues will be due by January 1<sup>st</sup>.

Board meeting time and place – No meeting currently scheduled.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

# Cover Image Sandhill Crane

By Greg Thomas



In the last week of October this year, Chris and Stan Parmeter (members of Mount Baker Camera Club) invited me along on a trip to Reifel Island Bird Sanctuary on Westham Island near Delta, British Columbia, Canada. It was a great day. We arrived just before 7am, with the sun coming up to create beautiful golden light. We took pictures along the Fraser River until about 9, when the Reifel Sanctuary opened. While walking thru the sanctuary, we had all gone our own way, I turned the corner to find 2 Sandhill Cranes feeding not 25 feet from me. I stood still hoping they would not fly or run away....instead they started walking right at me. When I took this photo they were about 10 feet away and checking me out. I probably took 20 frames of them but this was the best. It is not cropped, the only processing was some slight color adjustments and sharpening. Hand held Olympus EM1, 40x150 F2.8 @ 100MM, F-4 @ 1/125 sec, ISO 200



## November Challenge Fall Color

Fall Color Tumwater  
Canyon 1  
By Steve Lightle



# NOVEMBER COMPETITION WINNERS



**First Place**  
**Stop to Smell the Flowers**  
**Sharon Ely**



**First Place**  
**Heron**  
**Renata Kleinert**



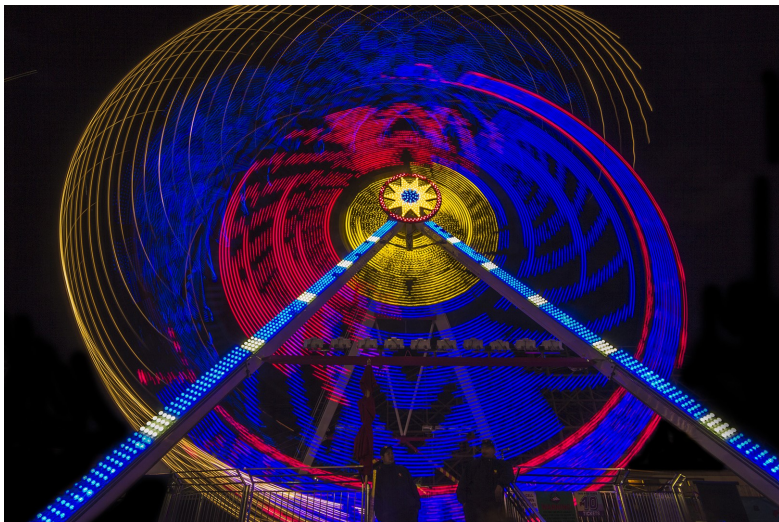
**First Place**  
**Maroon Bells**  
**Bill Schwarz**

# NOVEMBER COMPETITION WINNERS cont.



**First Place  
Sandhill Crane  
Greg Thomas**

**First Place  
Old Mill  
Renata Kleinert**



**First Place  
Carnival Ride  
Sonya Lang**

**PILCHUCK CAMERA CLUB NOVEMBER 2015 SCORESHEET**

| <b>Nbr</b> | <b>Title</b>                 | <b>Maker</b>    | <b>Score</b> | <b>Honor</b> |
|------------|------------------------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------|
| 1          | 2 RELICS                     | BOB PATRICK     | 19           |              |
| 2          | GREAT WHEEL REFLECTION       | TRACY CARSON    | 20           |              |
| 3          | A HUMMER 1                   | JIM BASINGER    | 24           |              |
| 4          | ASPEN                        | BILL SCHWARZ    | 20           |              |
| 5          | BITTERN                      | DOUG GOODMAN    | 20           |              |
| 6          | BRIDGE OVER THE RAVINE       | SONYA LANG      | 21           |              |
| 7          | DEER AT THE BISON RANGE      | STEVE LIGHTLE   | 20           |              |
| 8          | DUCK ON THE BLACKMAN         | JIM RAHM        | 21           |              |
| 9          | EARLY MORNING BREAKFAST      | SONIA RAHM      | 20           |              |
| 10         | FALL AT LAKE WENATCHEE       | SHERRIE TALLMAN | 20           |              |
| 11         | HARVEST TIME                 | GREG THOMAS     | 24           |              |
| 12         | HERON                        | RENATA KLEINERT | 26           | 1ST          |
| 13         | STOP TO SMELL THE FLOWERS    | SHARON ELY      | 26           | 1ST          |
| 14         | CLOSED SCHOOL                | BOB PATRICK     | 21           |              |
| 15         | GREAT WHEEL REFLECTION 2     | TRACY CARSON    | 22           |              |
| 16         | A HUMMER 2                   | JIM BASINGER    | 24           |              |
| 17         | MAROON BELLS                 | BILL SCHWARZ    | 26           | 1ST          |
| 18         | DECAYING LEAF                | DOUG GOODMAN    | 20           |              |
| 19         | CARNIVAL RIDE                | SONYA LANG      | 26           | 1ST          |
| 20         | FALL COLOR TUMWATER CANYON 1 | STEVE LIGHTLE   | 25           |              |
| 21         | ICICLE CANYON                | SHERRIE TALLMAN | 22           |              |
| 22         | ROBIN                        | JIM RAHM        | 17           |              |
| 23         | OLD MILL                     | RENATA KLEINERT | 26           | 1ST          |
| 24         | SANDHILL CRANE               | GREG THOMAS     | 26           | 1ST          |
| 25         | WHITE HEADED WOODPECKER      | SHARON ELY      | 25           |              |
| 26         | LITTLE CREEK                 | BOB PATRICK     | 20           |              |
| 27         | NIGHT CITYSCAPE              | TRACY CARSON    | 25           |              |
| 28         | A HUMMER 3                   | JIM BASINGER    | 21           |              |
| 29         | UNFINISHED WORK              | BILL SCHWARZ    | 21           |              |
| 30         | PARKING LOT LEAF             | DOUG GOODMAN    | 21           |              |
| 31         | RING TAILED LEMUR            | SONYA LANG      | 20           |              |
| 32         | MUSHROOMS LORD HILL PARK     | STEVE LIGHTLE   | 24           |              |
| 33         | ON THE RIVER                 | JIM RAHM        | 20           |              |
| 34         | ROAD SIDE BEAUTY             | SHERRIE TALLMAN | 20           |              |
| 35         | YOLK                         | GREG THOMAS     | 23           |              |
| 36         | HORSE SHOE CANYON            | RENATA KLEINERT | 21           |              |

# 2015 – 2016 PSA Nature Round 1 Group A Results



**"Egret "**  
**Sharon Ely**  
**11 PSA Pts**



**"Hokey Pokey "**  
**Sonya Lang**  
**12 PSA Pts**



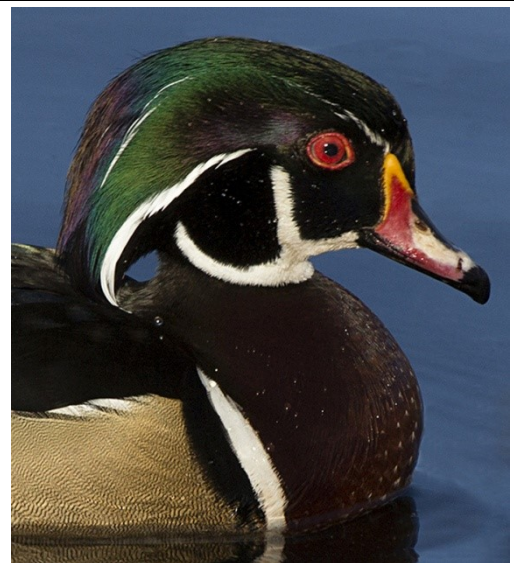
**"Saguaro Sunset"**  
**Bill Schwarz**  
**8 PSA Pts**



**"Seagull Ballet "**  
**Sonya Lang**  
**10 PSA Pts**



**"Skeletons**  
**Kevin Siefke**  
**11 PSA Pts**



**"Wood Duck "**  
**Renata Kleinert**  
**9 PSA Pts**





**PSA NATURE DIVISION  
DIGITAL INTERCLUB COMPETITION  
2015-2016 SEASON  
CONTEST #1 RESULTS**

The results for this season's 1st Nature Interclub Competition:

62 Clubs participated in the 1st contest, 26 in Class A, and 36 in Class B.

Oklahoma Camera Club held the judging for Class A Clubs. The judges were:

- J. D. McClung, nature photographer and judge.
- Inge Vautrin, starred exhibitor and judge.
- Jan Lee, APSA, EPSA, PID Rating C0-Director, ES Committee Chairman.

The Competition Chairman was Wally Lee with help from Troy Taylor.

The Class A club results were:

| CLASS A                               |             |                                     |             |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|-------------------------------------|-------------|
| Club                                  | Total Score | Club                                | Total Score |
| Greater Lynn Photographic Association | 83 1st      | The Photographic Guild              | 72          |
| Delaware Photographic Society         | 82 2nd      | Houston Photochrome Club            | 71          |
| East Troy Viewfinders                 | 81 3rd      | Gateway Camera Club                 | 71          |
| Grand Rapids Camera Club              | 80          | Hoise Camera Club                   | 71          |
| Photo Adventures Camera Club          | 79          | Paisley Colour Photographic Club    | 69          |
| Hoylake Photographic Society          | 79          | Saguaro Camera Club                 | 69          |
| Photo Guild of Nova Scotia            | 77          | Reno Camera Club                    | 67          |
| Ridgewood Camera Club                 | 75          | Mayslake Nature Study & Photography | 66          |
| Mount Baker Camera Club               | 75          | Cape Cod Viewfinders                | 65          |
| Wigan 10 Camera Club                  | 74          | Fort Meyers Camera Club             | 63          |
| Nevada Camera Club                    | 74          | Hockomock Digital Photographers     | 62          |
| Merrimack Valley Camera Club          | 74          | New Haven Camera Club               | 62          |
| Teaneck Camera Club                   | 74          | Pitchuck Camera Club                | 61          |

**Image of the Year,  
Wildflowers,  
Subject of the Year—Light Rays  
Due to sonyalang@hotmail.com by  
January 14th midnight**

**See club handbook for details on the three annual  
competitions or email Sonya**



Image by Tracy  
Article by Steve

Wednesday, November 11th – Week Day, Holiday, **Photography Day!** at Woodland Park Zoo. Weatherman's forecast for chance of showers is as usual wrong. It's a gorgeous beautiful day!

Sonya, Steve & Tracy arrived just before 9:00 AM; early before the zoo opens so we can do some photography in the Rose Garden. The parking lot is practically empty implying no crowds to disturb our photography. Bonus – the parking meeting won't accept payment. Free parking day. Paula and Sharon arrived a bit later and join us as the admission to the zoo open. We're off to photograph the animals.

The zebras, antelope and ostriches are too far away ☹ to photograph. The male lion is out but inactive, curled up on a rock. Wolves are lying down and mostly obscured by trees and brush but if you drop down a little and shoot under the branches – wolf staring straight at the camera.

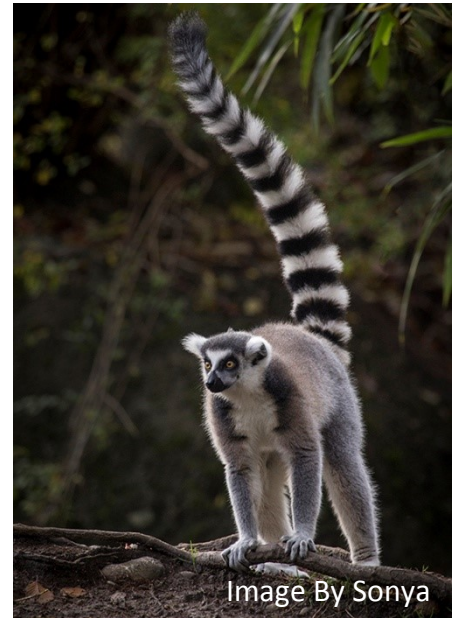


Image By Steve

Bear butts are not particularly photographic. A white mountain goat (name of Albert from Calgary Alberta) is out on top of the rocks, back side to us against blue sky. Not especially photographic. Wallabies and kangaroos are pretty cute bouncing across the grass sharing their space with an emu.



Image By Sharon



We meet up with Tim around 11:00 AM having arrived later than the rest of us. He found both of the Hippos available for a photographic encounter. Lunch time at the zoo – crowds have grown considerably since our arrival and lots of moms with kids. It's is afterall a school holiday and the weather terrific.

Now off through the jungle habitat for Leopards, lemurs and gorillas. The leopard is scrunched up against the glass, and no baby gorilla yet but the lemurs are out and about, very playful and very photogenic.

Terrific day, terrific outing. Thanks Sonya for organizing this.

You are never too old  
To set another goal or  
Dream a new dream  
-C.S. Lewis

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