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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

April 13, 2017

3 Regular Competition Images

3 Challenge Images — Birds

To: jbasingerokie@comcast.net

3PSA Travel to: lightle@comcast.net

SEND ALL IMAGES

No later than

April 11, 2017

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

Program:

John McAlpine -Local photographer

www.johnmcalpineart.com/



April Refreshments
Greg Thomas

Pilchuck Camera Club March Meeting Minutes



Pilchuck Camera Club Meeting Minutes

The monthly meeting of the Pilchuck Camera Club was held on March 9, 2017 and called to order by Vice President Paula Kelly in the absence of President Tracy Carson at 7pm. There were 16 members present and no Guests.

Treasure Greg Thomas reported \$1872.89 in the Treasury.

Vice President Paula Kelly presented certificates to the winners of the monthly competition.

The Judges were: Sonya Lang, Greg Thomas and Paula Bailly

There were 37 Reg, 29 monthly challenge images shown.

Program for the evening was commentary judging with Sonya Lang, Paula Bailly and Renata Kleinert as judges.

Paula Kelly stated that the Annual Banquet will be held on March 12 2017 at 4pm at O'Donnell's Restaurant. The choices for the dinner are the combo line and dessert as we have had in the past years. Reservations were closed on March 3, 2017

Steve and Jim Basinger are planning a trip to eastern Washington to the Migrating Crane Festival, for more info contact Steve.

Sonia Rahm sent get well card from the club to Sharon Ely as she recuperates from knee surgery. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Renata stated that there will be a NWCCC meeting in Tacoma on March 11, 2017.

Old Business: Members were to read PCC By-Laws and send in any suggestions but there was no date due so no suggestions were received.

New Business: Doug Goodman has a friend that presented several new images of the PCC club logo if a new logo is desired. The logos were reviewed as presented and the club members in attendance voted to adopt a new image, the motion to accept the new image was made by Greg Thomas and seconded by Doug Goodman. All in attendance in favor. The design credit goes to designer Rex Houston.

It was suggested that new name badge holders with snaps be purchased to replace the ones being presently used. (These are the pin on)

It was suggested that Dues be paid in November so that members are in good standing for the January image submissions.

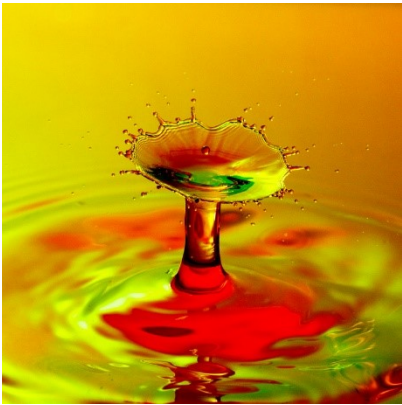
Meeting adjourned 9:00pm

Respectfully Submitted

Sonia Rahm

2016 – 2017 PSA Projected Image Division Round 3 Group B Results

March 2017



"Catch that Small Drop"

© Steve Lightle

14 PSA Pts **AM**



"Here's Looking At You"

© Sharon Ely

13 PSA Pts **AM**



"Mt. Shuksan Blue"

© Sonya Lang

10 PSA Pts



"Mt. Shuksan"

© Renata Kleinert

13PSA Pts



"Spirit Island"

© Bill Schwarz

8 PSA Pts



"Territorial dispute"

© Greg Thomas

8 PSA Pts

February 2017



**"Coquille River Light-
house Bandon Ore-
gon"**

© Sonya Lang

9 PSA Pts



"Moab Pictographs"

© Kevin Siefke

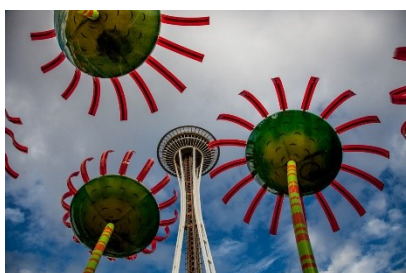
6 PSA Pts



"Mono Lake Sunset"

© Steve Lightle

8 PSA Pts



"Space Needle"

© Bill Schwarz

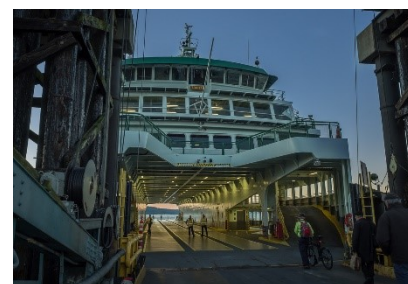
9 PSA Pts



"Taking A Break"

© Sharon Ely

9 PSA Pts



**"Whidbey Island
Ferry MV Tokitae"**

© Greg Thomas

9 PSA Pts

Club Standings – PSA Travel After 2 Rounds

1 St. Louis Camera Club	70	79	149
2 Saguaro Camera Club	78	67	145
3 Lehigh Valley Photography Club	61	73	134
4 Hoylake Photographic Society	63	69	132
5 Grand Photos	72	59	131
6 Kitsap Photography Guild	63	67	130
7 Vienna Photographic Society	68	60	128
8 Wirral 20 Photographic Club	65	62	127
9 Photography Club Of Beaufort	62	64	126
10 Lancaster Photography Association	69	54	123
11 Photographic Guild Of Nova Scotia	63	60	123
12 Loveland Photographic Society	62	58	120
13 Housatonic Camera Club	62	58	120
14 Cape Fear Camera Club	56	63	119
15 Western Reserve Photographic Society	61	56	117
16 Pilchuck Camera Club	59	50	109
17 Lake County Camera Club	56	52	108
18 Nevada Camera Club	35	69	104
19 Palmerstown Camera Club	66		66
- Stella Polaris Photo Group			-

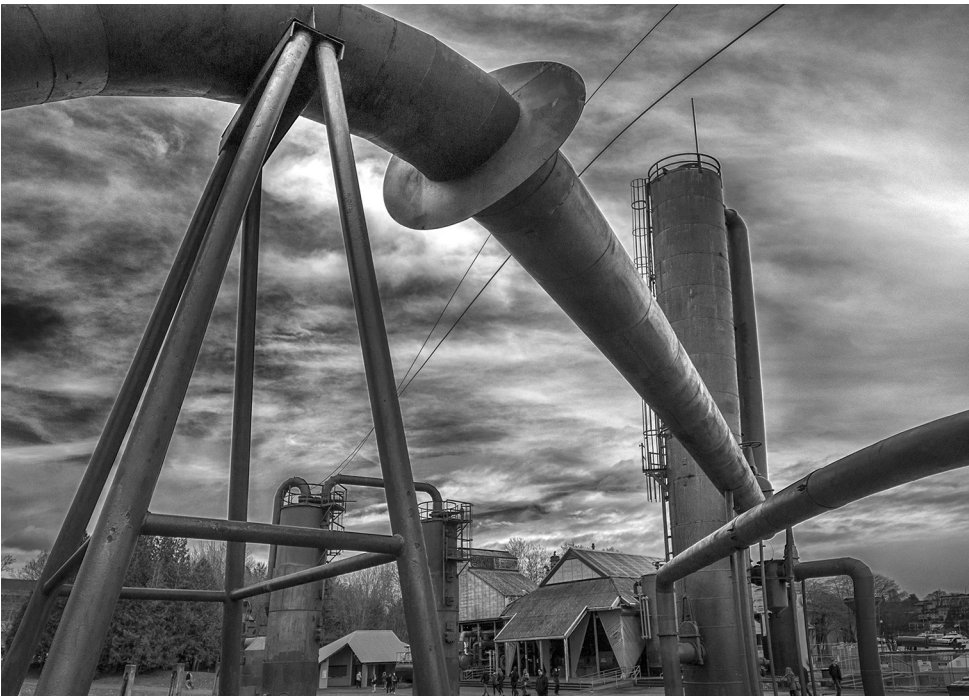
Naming images/files for competition

Bill Schwarz has written a program for Jim B. so that he doesn't have to type all of the information into spreadsheets. Please follow the naming conventions as outlined in the PCC Handbook.

Example - Pretty Rose-Joe Smith

Do not use a hyphen anywhere else on your file name or it will not work. Use the same name every month—Example Not B Schwarz one month and Bill Schwarz another month.

Thank you for your assistance to make this easier for recording the high volume of images.



**March Challenge -
Industrial**

**Gasworks Jungle
By Sonya Lang**



**Cover Image
Pencil Sharpener
By
Senja Yakovleff**

Saturday, February 11, 2017. Canon Rebel XTi with the kit 18-55mm lens. The photo was taken about from about 8-10 inches away, on a tripod, using automatic exposure bracketing at +/-2 exposures. Afterward it was processed in Photoshop CS5 using the Merge to HDR process and fine tuned and tweaked in the tool.

This photograph was taken at the Georgetown Steam Plant while on the camera club field trip. I was wandering around, and it caught my eye and made me think of school and my memories of those old pencil sharpeners. I really wanted to

capture the age of the sharpener as well as the fact that there were still pencil shavings caught in it. It also appealed to me as a small mundane item in a space where most people seemed to be looking for the more conventionally industrial photographs

March COMPETITION WINNERS



First Place
Yachats Sunrise
Sonya Lang



First Place
The Orange Trio
Greg Thomas



First Place
The Church and the Mountain
Greg Thomas



First Place
Bathing Flamingo
Sonya Lang

March **COMPETITION WINNERS** cont.



**Honorable Mention
Face Rock
Renata Kleinert**



**Honorable Mention
Heron in the Clouds
Renata Kleinert**



**Honorable Mention
Prosser Balloon Rally
Renata Kleinert**



**Honorable Mention
Panic Take Off
Greg Thomas**



Photo Safari to Othello, WA For Sandhill Cranes

By Steve Lightle



In Search Of Sandhill Cranes



and east so we knew which direction to explore. We subsequently discovered them on Paradise Rd about 1500 feet off Highway 17. For this AM we elected to skip the reservoir and go directly to paradise and await their arrival.

It's cold this AM. I think colder than the prior two mornings and maybe windier. The car makes a nice comfortable barrier against the wind.

The cranes arrive and land well away from our car. This has been the pattern these past three days. The birds seem to sense our presence and remain at a distance making quality photographs a challenge. Adding to the challenge are the large irrigators in the background, bald skies and other miscellaneous distractions (like houses and barns).



After feeding a while the cranes fly off further east so we move the car to the east edge of the field so that the birds will fly over us. They fly over the road to the north of us. We move a bit up the road to be under their flight path. They fly even further north or behind us. 😞 Always a challenge and in the dim, dreary morning light it's hard to get a shutter speed fast enough to stop their motion (and my motion) without boosting ISO to very high values.

Cranes, Ducks & Burrowing Owls

Our trip included multiple visits to a corn field near birder's corner (intersection of Frenchman Hill Rd & Dodson Rd about 5 miles north of HW 26) where Jim and I had photographed the cranes in 2016. Not a crane to be seen at this location. Some ducks and swans on the far side of Lower



Photo Safari to Othello, WA For Sandhill Cranes

By Steve Lightle



Crab creek. Documentary photos only here. We also stopped at ponds just west of Othello where in the past we'd seen numerous ducks. They must have taken a cue from the cranes. They were all very skittish and proceeded to swim away from us as quickly as possible as the car approached the ponds.

Mid-day we traveled the countryside looking for cranes, burrowing owls and other birds. No success with the burrowing owls. We pull up to a likely location where they'd have been in past years and Jim would 'call' to them with his phone bird app. Never saw a head poke out of a burrow.

Keeping Your Eyes Open – You Don't Know What You'll Find



During our travels we encountered a mare and foal on horseshoe road. While photographing the foal from the road the owner/rancher called out to us asking if we'd like to see the horses



close up. We accepted his invitation and were allowed out into the pasture where we could not only photograph the horses but actually pet them.

Then to top it off the rancher (his name is Don) asked if we'd like to see some additional foals at his daughter's place and if we wanted to he'd drive us up there. Again we accepted. Three mares and three foals along with proud daddy stallion 'Dude'.



Always on the lookout for interesting subject to photograph I couldn't pass up this rusting hulk of a Cadillac visible from paradise Road. Not a crane or other bird but a favorite subject of mine.

March COMPETITION SCORES

Title	Maker	Score	Honor
1 Austin	Sonya Lang	21	
2 Back Hallway	Senja Yak	21	
3 Bad Kids Club	Sherrie Tallman	20	
4 Baring 2	Bob Patrick	19	
5 boathouse	Patricia Garrison	19	
6 Calm, Quiet and Serene	Sonia Rahm	18	
7 Dandy	Bill Schwarz	20	
8 Face Rock	Renata Kleinert	22	HM
9 Heron In The Clouds	Renata Kleinert	22	HM
10 Heron Perched	Steve Lightle	19	
11 lakeside pier	Patricia Garrison	17	
12 leave NOW	JIM BASINGER	19	
13 Mount Baker	Gary Lingenfelter	21	
14 My shoes	Jim Rahm	20	
15 Panic Take Off	Greg Thomas	23	1ST
16 Snow Geese in Conway	Gary Lingenfelter	21	
17 Bathing Flamingo	Sonya Lang	23	1ST
18 Blue Eye	Bob Patrick	21	
19 Crumbling Away	Sherrie Tallman	20	
20 Gasworks Industrial	Sonia Rahm	18	
21 Hummer 1	Bill Schwarz	21	
22 Ironwork	Senja Yak	20	
23 PHEASANT	JIM BASINGER	19	
24 Prosser Balloon Ralley	Renata Kleinert	22	HM
25 resting seagull	Patricia Garrison	20	
26 Steam Plant Bolts	Steve Lightle	21	
27 The Church and the Mountain	Greg Thomas	23	1ST
28 Whatcom Creek	Gary Lingenfelter	18	
29 Fall in the Rain Forest	Sherrie Tallman	21	
30 hummer 3	Bill Schwarz	21	
31 Nonconformist 2	Bob Patrick	18	
32 Pencil Sharpener	Senja Yak	20	
33 SANDHILL CRANE	JIM BASINGER	21	
34 Spring is almost here	Sonia Rahm	19	
35 The Orange Trio	Greg Thomas	23	1ST
36 Wood Duck Reflection	Steve Lightle	21	
37 Yachats Sunrise	Sonya Lang	23	1ST



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