



As Thoreau said, "It's not what you are looking at. It is what you are seeing."

Meeting Times: 6:00 p.m. Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m. Scoring and Classes
Meeting Dates: 1st Wednesday – Board Meeting and Projected Images • 2nd Wednesday – Digital Users meeting
3rd Wednesday – General Meeting and Print Images • 4th Wednesday – Workshop
Unless otherwise noted, meetings are held at Corbin Senior Activity Center, 827 W. Cleveland Ave.

Coming Events

Friday, January 5

First Friday Art Walk
Print Display by John Moore at Gina's Design Center, 1 N. Browne St.
Print Display by Pat Schilling at Interplayers, 174 S. Howard St

Wednesday, January 10

Digital Users Group, SFCC Photography Bldg., 7:00 P.M., led by David Sams and Don Horton

Wednesday, January 17

Color and B&W Print scoring & critique, 7:00 P.M. Corbin Senior Center

Saturday, January 20

11:00 A.M. at the MAC; photography display by Edward S. Curtis "*Photogravures of American Indians*" as explained by Dr. Rich Pokorny, MAC docent. Exhibit closes January 31, so don't miss this opportunity. MAC membership or single admission charge. Have noon lunch at the MAC and enjoy the many other exhibits after lunch.

Wednesday, January 24

"Motion" workshop, SFCC Photography Bldg., 7:00 P.M.

Saturday and Sunday, March 31 - April 1

Annual Spring PSA Seminar, at SFCC on Saturday and SCC on Sunday. George Lepp, presenter, is the founder of the Lepp Institute for Digital Photography, and one of the most prolific digital photographers, and most frequent presenter of workshops and seminars in the world. Includes lunch. Full details and registration fee will be publicized soon.

Saturday and Sunday, April 14 – 15

Rocky Mountain School of Photography Seminar with Elizabeth Stone, Tony Rizzuto and Tim Cooper, at the Ag Center. One day \$109, both days \$169. Contact Barbara Murray for group payment of 5 or more people to save \$10 per day on registration. Lunch is NOT included.

Digital Scoring Debuts

The Digital Scoring machine, coupled with a laptop computer, was used for the first time December 20. It functioned superbly, totaling and transmitting the three scores to David Sams for record-keeping.

The Digital Scoring provides accurate and rapid scoring of all of the images and gives anonymity to each scorer. Scorers enter a "0" whenever their own image is being viewed, and the machine automatically averages the other two scores, rounds it up, and adds that average to give the equivalent of three scores. Very impressive, and it even allows re-scoring if the wrong number is accidentally pressed!

Mid-Year Evaluation

The board conducted a mid-year evaluation of successes and problems, with these observations:

Five major successes:

- 1) Digital projection of images, thanks to Paul DeRocker and Will Murray.
- 2) Digital scoring, coordinated by David Sams and Tony Horpel.
- 3) Continuing Education, spearheaded by Barbara Murray.
- 4) Digital Users Group for all levels of interest, presented by David Sams and Don Horton.
- 5) Community service. Cannon Hill Historic District, chaired by John Moore, and "First Night", chaired by Paul DeRocker.

Three problem areas noted were

- 1) Communication: an updated monthly newsletter is necessary to inform ALL members of activities on a timely basis; a current yearbook is vital to facilitate fellowship and explain "Policies" of the club, especially with all of the changes made this past year.
- 2) Member Care: retention of existing members, follow-up on non-renewals, and simplification for new members to join.
- 3) Set-up and tear-down at Corbin Senior Center. Sharing of the work load is needed.

Upcoming Community Opportunity

**National Junior Disability Championships,
Spokane, July 21-28, 2007**

Co-sponsored by Shriner's Hospital for Children and St. Luke's Rehabilitation Institute, physically disabled athletes ages 7 to 21 will compete in nine sports, from archery to wheelchair basketball, with venues at SFCC, SCC and EWU.

Already, 12 Spokane Camera Club members have generously volunteered to photograph the action and gift prints, slides, or digital images to each athlete. The Photography Coordinator for last year's NJDC, in Tampa, Florida, has advised us that at least 80 hours of photography will be required, so Spokane Valley Camera Club and Inland Empire Chapter, PSA members will also be invited to participate. A workshop on Sports Photography will be scheduled to sharpen our sports action photo skills. Please contact Otto Stevens, Coordinator, (509) 327-8954, or ottostevens@msn.com to volunteer.

Digital Image Submission Change

To encourage participation, and help those of us having trouble adapting to the new schedules, the deadline for submitting digital images is now midnight of the Saturday before the 1st Wednesday of each month, submitted to **both** Paul DeRocker and Will Murray. Contact either one for a revised full sheet of instructions for submitting the images.

Member Participation Has Declined

Dramatic Decrease In Number Of Images Entered For Scoring And Critiquing, Compared To Average Of Last 4 Years.

SCC Secretary Terry Appling advised the Board that the Number of Images entered in the last three months has decreased by 26%, compared to the monthly average for the prior four years.

On average, only 28 individual photographers have submitted images per month, compared to 41 individual photographers during the prior four years.

Color prints entered have decreased by 55%.

Black & white prints entered have decreased by 38%.

Slides entered have decreased by 65%.

Digital Projected Images is a new category this year, but the *total* number of images is still down 26%.

WHY? What can we do to rejuvenate interest? Please respond with your thoughts to our Officers, Board, Editor Terry Appling (terry@twappling.com), or Reporter Otto Stevens (ottostevens@msn.com). We'll print them in the Ground Glass and the Board will listen to your recommendations.

Columbia Council of Camera Clubs

Steve Shining needs more slides for the remaining five months of competition.

In the December competition, Spokane Camera Club scored 109 points, for 4th place for the month. We are still in 4th place, year-to-date.

We had no ribbon winners for the month, but Pat Schilling received an "Alternate", with "*Storm Approaching Sedona*".

November results were: *Mukilteo Lighthouse*, by David Sams - 18; *Bite of Cherry*, by Deke Cloyd - 20; *Suspension in Yellow*, by Pat Schilling - 20; *Lower Antelope Canyon*, Donna Larsen - 21; and *Toronto Skyline*, Otto Stevens, - 22, Honorable Mention.

Kudos ...

- to Paul DeRocker for chairing an exciting and successful "First Night" of paparazzi and print exhibit for the Spokane Camera Club.
- to Barbara Murray, whose dream is to be a published garden photographer. "*Fine Gardening*", one of the three best gardening journals in the U.S. has published four photographs by Barbara in the February 2007 issue, pages 30 through 33.

"I have often thought that if photography were difficult in the true sense of the term -- meaning that the creation of a simple photograph would entail as much time and effort as the production of a good watercolor or etching -- there would be a vast improvement in total output. The sheer ease with which we can produce a superficial image often leads to creative disaster."

Ansel Adams

December scorers were Sister Madonna Buder, Mardelle Shagool, and Otto Stevens. Critiquer, Deni Linhart, "Art of Photography", Post Falls, brought the perspective of a professional portrait and nature photographer in evaluating and making suggestions for improvements of our images. Thank you very much, Deni.

January Scorers are Barbara Murray, Terry Appling, and John Klekas. Critiquer is Al Berger of Cunningham Studios, whose many tips for improvement of composition and digital modifications are always helpful.

How do professionals see all of those glitches in our "perfect" images?

"High Key"

Internet definition for our February 2007 subject is "*Most of the picture is medium gray to white.*"

Volunteers Needed:

- Mentors to assist new members by explaining Club Policies, technical photography suggestions.
- Chairperson willing to lead four or more field trips per year.

Thanks To Our Members

Paul DeRocker wishes to thank the following members for their excellent assistance and participation in First Night:

Images: Leroy Nielsen, Mardelle Shagool, Otto Stevens, Steve Shining, Brian Crow, Tim Bailey, David Sams, Donna Larsen and Paul DeRocker. Tony Horpel – images I accidentally left out of the print display.

Photo Display: Steve and Patty Shining, Leroy Nielsen, Otto Stevens and Paul DeRocker

Paparazzi: Otto Stevens, John Moore, Cara Keller, Rob Hansen, Debbie Hayes, Sr. Madonna Buder, Brian Crow and Paul DeRocker

Web Resources

National Geographic Traveler recommends these Websites to improve our photographic skills - all reliable, honest and free:

FOR INSPIRATION:

www.masters-of-photography.com - Images by photographic greats, e.g. Ansel Adams.

www.loc.gov/rr/print/catalog.html - One million digitized images at the Library of Congress.

www.photomuse.org - Classic photos from New York's International Center of Photography and the George Eastman House.

www.corbis.com -70 million images to see what a place looks like before going on a trip.

www.gettyimages.com; www.magnumphotos.com; www.viiphoto.com; www.auroraphotos.com - Stock agencies for new ideas.

BEFORE YOU BUY NEW EQUIPMENT:

www.steves-digicams.com - 10 years' review of digital cameras.

www.cnet.com - Pro models & entry-level cameras, with user ratings & price comparison.

www.dpreview.com - New software as well as camera equipment.

www.slrgear.com - Single lens reflex accessories, especially lenses.

New Members and Recent Visitors

We are pleased to welcome new members Virginia Hottell, Doug Oriard, and Frank Cejka to Spokane Camera Club. We encourage you to get involved with workshops, seminars and field trips, and for every member to reach out to these folks.

Recently, Dallas Dixon, Shara George, Rob Hansen, Debbie Hayes, Emily Hawks, Cara Keller, Dean McGill, Richard Peterson, Jennifer Raudebaugh, Rebecca Tiff, Bill Trujillo, and Tom Sippl visited our club meeting.

Please watch for them and welcome them, introduce yourselves to them, and encourage them to become members.

Monthly Competition

Color Print Division

Maker's Name	No.	Total Dec	Total Year
Donna Larsen	8	29.0	108.0
Barbara Murray	8	30.0	96.0
Will Murray	8	25.0	96.0
Marilyn Bashore	8	26.0	95.0
Tim Bailey	8	25.0	92.0
Tony Horpel	7	13.0	90.0
Mardelle Shagool	8	18.0	83.0
Sr. Madonna Buder	8	20.0	77.0
Bobbi Zorn	6	22.0	64.0
Otto Stevens	4	21.0	41.0
Clif Caldwell	4	10.0	35.0
Terry Appling	3	--	35.0
Dennis Biggs	2	29.0	29.0
John Klekas	2	11.0	26.0
David Sams	2	25.0	25.0
Margaret Hunter	2	--	23.0
Stephen Dawson	2	--	20.0
Georgia Nelson	2	--	19.0
Rebecca Tifft	1	12.0	12.0
Brian Crow	1	--	12.0
Tony Hollobon	1	--	11.0

Monochrome Division

Maker's Name	No.	Total Dec	Total Year
LeRoy Nielsen	8	30.0	107.0
Will Murray	8	25.0	101.0
Ted Wiley	8	26.0	100.0
Barbara Murray	8	26.0	91.0
Mardell Shagool	8	22.0	84.0
Sr. Madonna Buder	8	21.0	75.0
David Sams	6	--	57.0
Bobbi Zorn	4	--	40.0
Terry Appling	2	--	26.0
Paul DeRocker	2	--	21.0
Georgia Nelson	2	--	18.0
Tony Horpel	1	12.0	12.0
Otto Stevens	1	11.0	11.0
Rebecca Tifft	1	11.0	11.0
John Klekas	1	--	10.0

Slide Division

Maker's Name	No.	Total Dec	Total Year
Steve Shining	8	27.0	107.0
Donna Larsen	8	26.0	103.0
Otto Stevens	8	22.0	92.0
Clifton Caldwell	8	23.0	90.0
Pat Schilling	8	21.0	90.0
Sr. Madoona Buder	8	21.0	78.0
LeRoy Nielsen	4	23.0	40.0
Paul DeRocker	2	19.0	19.0
David Sams	2	--	15.0
Rich Pokorny	2	13.0	13.0
Cheryl Blake	1	--	9.0
Will Murray	1	--	8.0

Digital Division

Maker's Name	No.	Total Dec	Total Year
Donna Larsen	8	23.0	105.0
Steve Shining	8	23.0	102.0
Barbara Murray	8	23.0	99.0
Will Murray	8	24.0	97.0
Tony Horpel	8	23.0	97.0
David Sams	8	24.0	93.0
Mardelle Shagool	8	23.0	92.0
Doug Herrman	8	25.0	88.0
Doug Oriard	8	23.0	79.0
Terry Appling	6	26.0	72.0
Stephen Dawson	6	23.0	69.0
John Moore	6	24.0	68.0
Kenneth Kelling	6	--	62.0
Paul DeRocker	5	14.0	60.0
Claudia Biggs	5	--	58.0
Brian Crow	4	14.0	49.0
Dennis Biggs	5	--	49.0
Rich Pokorny	4	19.0	38.0
John Klekas	3	18.0	30.0
Alice Garland	2	--	29.0
Mort Shecter	2	--	23.0
Tony Hollobon	2	--	18.0
Pamela Barber	1	15.0	15.0
Rich Hawks	1	--	8.0

Digital Division

Maker's Name	No.	Total Jan	Total Year
Steve Shining	10	28.0	130.0
Barbara Murray	10	28.0	127.0
Donna Larsen	10	22.0	127.0
Tony Horpel	10	26.0	123.0
Will Murray	10	26.0	123.0
Mardelle Shagool	10	27.0	119.0
David Sams	10	22.0	115.0
Doug Oriard	10	23.0	102.0
Doug Herrman	9	13.0	101.0
Terry Appling	8	26.0	98.0
Stephen Dawson	8	22.0	91.0
John Moore	8	22.0	90.0
Claudia Biggs	7	25.0	83.0
Paul DeRocker	7	21.0	81.0
Brian Crow	6	26.0	75.0
Kenneth Kelling	7	12.0	74.0
Dennis Biggs	7	21.0	70.0
John Klekas	5	22.0	52.0
Rich Pokorny	4	--	38.0
Alice Garland	2	--	29.0
Bobbi Zorn	2	24.0	24.0
Mort Shecter	2	--	23.0
Tony Hollobon	2	--	18.0
Pamela Barber	1	--	15.0
Paul Waymire	1	10.0	10.0
Rich Hawks	1	--	8.0

Slide Division

Maker's Name	No.	Total Jan	Total Year
Donna Larsen	10	30.0	133.0
Steve Shining	10	24.0	131.0
Otto Stevens	10	24.0	116.0
Pat Schilling	10	25.0	115.0
Clifton Caldwell	10	18.0	108.0
Sr. Madoona Buder	10	17.0	95.0
LeRoy Nielsen	6	19.0	59.0
Paul DeRocker	4	22.0	41.0
Will Murray	3	26.0	34.0
Rich Pokorny	4	20.0	33.0
David Sams	2	--	15.0
Cheryl Blake	1	--	9.0

December Subject: Opposites

December Scorers:

Otto Stevens Sr. Madonna Buder Mardelle Shagool

January Subject: Still Life

January Scorers:

Barbara Murray Terry Appling John Klekas

**The subject for February is:
High Key with a Strong Subject**

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