



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

See page 2 for details

April 16

Digital Users Group, 7:00 pm, SFCC
Photography Bldg.

April 23

4th Wednesday Workshop, Part 2 of
video with Galen Rowell and Franz
Lanting. 7:00 pm, SFCC Photography
Bldg.

April 26

Annual Spokane Camera Club Salon, at
Mukogawa Fort Wright Center, SFCC.
Doors open at 5:15 p.m.; dinner at 6:30.

May 7

Change - Combined Board and General
Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

May 23 – June 6

China Photo Expedition

Last week of June OR August

Alaska Grizzly Boat photo trip

September

Spokane Interstate Fair, Photo Exhibit
Volunteers needed

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Visitors

March 19 – Curt and Jackie Forney, Doreen Hoover

Photography, as a powerful medium of expression and communications, offers an infinite variety of perception, interpretation and execution.

Ansel Adams

Member Feedback

Submit articles, news, or ideas for the Ground Glass to Terry Appling, terryapp@gmail.com.

Digital Image Submissions

Email digital images to both Paul DeRocker and Will Murray. The steps needed to “size” digital images is described on the Spokane Camera Club web site. (1024 pixels wide for “Landscape” style images by 768 pixels high). It is OK to send images over-sized, but never under-sized.

Interstate Fair

Members, we are not getting the necessary participation to facilitate the club’s sponsorship of the Interstate Fair photo competition. We need at least 4 members each day to monitor the exhibit as Booth Hosts. We currently have 21 vacant spots in this area. We also need help in hanging the prints for the exhibit on the day before the fair opens. We need at least 4 more helpers in that area.

I know that the fair is a long time away, (September 5-14) but it is necessary to get commitments at this time, as it is difficult to contact members during the summer months when the club is not meeting.

The photo exhibit at the Fair is the premier photo event of the area with thousands of visitors being motivated by the display of images. The club benefits from this exposure by gaining new members. As an incentive, those acting as Booth Hosts get free admission to the Fair on the day they serve as host.

If we do not support the exhibit, the club will have to drop our sponsorship and lose our major advertisement for the club. Please contact LeRoy if you are able to commit some time for this activity.

LeRoy and Vicki Nielsen, Fair Superintendents.

Louisiana’s Hurricane Blues

Dr. Ivor van Heerden, of the Louisiana State University Hurricane Center will be speaking on April 24th, 2008, 7:00 p.m., in the SCC Lair Student Auditorium, Building 6.

The presentation will document events leading up to the hurricane Katrina catastrophe and how pertinent science was ignored. It will track the history of hurricane protection in the area as well as the nature and mechanisms of levee failures during Katrina. Thereafter we will look at the question of “How safe is it?” followed by aspects of a plan that would ensure the continued habitation of south east Louisiana. Dr. van Heerden will also discuss what coastal scientists have long called for in regards to the coastal restoration technologies needed as global warming speeds sea level rise into the 21st century. Dr. van Heerden is the author of *“The Storm - What Went Wrong and Why during Hurricane Katrina - the Inside Story from One Louisiana Scientist”* (Penguin/Viking).

Artluck Show

The Institute for Extended Learning, SFCC Photography Department, and the Spokane Camera Club are sponsoring the Artluck Show and are currently seeking submissions for this show.

Event Date: Thursday, May 29, 2008 at 6:30 pm at the Institute for Extended Learning Lodge, 3305 W Fort George Wright Dr. (across from SFCC)

Deadline for Submissions: May 2, 2008 at 5:00 pm.

The Artluck Show brings together artists, gallery owners, and others to view new or experimental work while building community. By combining a slideshow of a diversity of art from Eastern Washington and North Idaho artists with a light meal, we build an artist community. The Institute for Extended Learning will provide some food for the event but guests are asked to bring non-alcoholic beverages. There is no entrance fee or guest list except for a non-alcoholic beverage to share such as soda, juice, or water. After everyone has the opportunity to eat, socialize, and meet some new people, the lights are turned off and an amazing art show is revealed.

The event is open to the entire community. We encourage artists of all types, including photographers, painters, sculptor, pottery makers, and all others to submit work for the show. Presenters range from the very accomplished to the up and coming, but regardless of status, no one is allotted more than 5 minutes for their show. Participants are encouraged to take creative risks, in terms of content and presentation. Slideshows can be accompanied by music or commentary.

Submitting work: All artists must submit their work in digital format on a CD, mailed or delivered to Jim Mohr, Institute for Extended Learning (IEL), 3305 W. Fort George Wright Dr. Box 3090, Spokane, WA 99224 or deliver the CD to Spokane Falls Community College, Photo Building, Room 115. Contacts: Jim Mohr at 509-279-6081 or jmohr@iel.spokane.edu; John D. Moore, CPP, photos@spokanenightsscenes.com; or Will Murray, murrayco@murrayco.com.

Field Trips and Activities

Geological Opportunity

Wednesday, May 7, attend a free lecture, at 6:30 p.m. in the EWU science building, room 137

The Ice Age Floods Institute, Cheney-Spokane Chapter, is sponsoring a public lecture and membership meeting on Wednesday, May 7. The membership meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. and the lecture will follow on the Eastern Washington University campus in Cheney, Washington in Science Building, Room 137. You will discover during the lecture "Geology of the Grand Coulee: Washington's Grand Canyon," how one of Washington State's most scenic features formed. Giant floods of lava about 15 million years old were later gouged deeply by one of the largest floods of water known in the geologic record. Dr. Eugene Kiver, Geology Professor Emeritus, Eastern Washington University, will provide an illustrated talk on the topic. This will prepare you for the field trip that is scheduled for Saturday, May 10. For more information, contact Melanie Bell: mbell4242@comcast.net, or call 509.954.4242.

May 10, 2008 - Cheney-Spokane Chapter of Ice Age Floods Institute Field Trip. Gene and Bruce Bjornstad will lead a bus tour "Field Trip to Mars" (via the Lower Grand Coulee) to explore the Missoula Flood story. (Otto and Shirley Stevens have gone on two previous IAFI bus Field Trips led by Gene, and call the trip superb!) 8:00 a.m. Sharp until 5:30 p.m., Saturday. www.iafi.org

Club News

General Meeting, March 19

Announcements:

LeRoy Nielsen, Inland Empire Fair Photography Exhibit Chair: need volunteers as booth hosts, setup, and take-down.

Dennis Biggs, Inland Empire Chapter, PSA: Distributed brochures and solicited attendance at PSA's Spring Seminar at SFCC, Marc Muench, presenter.

Will Murray, Salon Chair: 80 dinners guaranteed @ Mukogawa on April 26. 50 people have signed up. Encouraged attendance, bringing guests. Need volunteers for April 19 - Setup for Judging by "outside" judges at SFCC Photography Bldg. @ 10 a.m., and for April 26 print setup @ Mukogawa at 10 a.m.

All monthly entries from September 2007- April 2008 club year are eligible to be entered. Entry forms, for indicating Categories that Images are to be entered can be printed on our computers.

Will Murray and John Moore, co-Chairs for "Art Luck Slide Show" request digital images for 3-5 minute projection with optional MP3 music on May 29 at the SFCC Lodge. The event is being co-sponsored by the Spokane Camera Club and the Community College's Institute for Extended Learning (I.E.L.). Dinner is provided free by I.E.L. Bring your own soft drinks. Another show is planned in November.

Scorers for March were Marilyn Bashore, Steve Shining, and Doug Herrman.

Our critiquer was Al Berger of Cunningham Studios, who announced that he has many "Table Top" and "Wall Muslin" backgrounds for sale, as he down-sizes his studio.

Favorable: Texture detail, complementary blue/orange colors, composition, contrast of color, telephoto compression to soften backgrounds, repetition of shapes, color tones, S-curves.

Problems: Lack of sharpness, eye placement and hand position in portraits, use as low an f-stop as possible to decrease depth of field and blur backgrounds, muddy whites, de-saturation of colors, "noise" losing detail, dust on prints, centered composition of subject, lack of black and white in monochromes, blue tones in B and W, color shift, cropping needed, no point of interest.

Thank you, Al, for your serious considerations and wealth of suggestions.

Board Meeting, April 2

Board Members present: John Klelkas, Will Murray, Dennis Biggs, Steve Shining, Doug Herrman, Donna Larsen, and Paul DeRocker.

The treasurer reported an ending balance of \$1,745.

Committee Reports:

Salon Chair, Will Murray, reported that 50-52 people have signed up for the Salon Dinner. Contract is for a guarantee of 80 people, with \$1900 as the total cost for the dinner and setup. Menu same as last year. May need to increase the cost of the dinner from \$20 formerly publicized to \$25. Recommendation was made to require pre-payment to avoid "No-Shows."

Need more volunteers for Setup for judging on April 19, and a.m. April 26 (date of Salon).

Spokesman-Review and Inlander are interested in a total story on Salon and influence of Digital photography.

Salon will be open to the public between Noon and 5:00 p.m. for "Digital Showcase." New Digital camera will be a door prize, donated by Huppins.

Downloadable Entry Form for Salon is incorrect, since an 11th Category of "Abstract or Creative" has been established by the Board. Year-Book is correct.

All Slides, Digital Projections, Color and Monochrome Prints must be turned in, with Entry Forms, on Wednesday, April 9.

Meeting place for 2008-2009 is expected to change to SFCC, but not firm as to whether they can guarantee availability every night, and whether there will be a charge for its use.

President-Elect Will Murray called for a meeting at the SFCC Photography Bldg., at **6:30 p.m. (note change)**, prior to Digital Users, on Wednesday, April 16, to discuss Club Communications. Next Board Meeting and General Meeting (combined) will meet on Wednesday, May 7, at **7:00 p.m. (note change)** to choose Monthly Subjects for the 2009-2010 Club Year and evaluate Club Policies and Procedures.

General Meeting, April 2

Announcements: President Tony Horpel requested that members submit suggestions for the 2009-2010 Subjects of the Month, to be collected on April 9.

Sign-ups for Committee Volunteers will take place on April 9.

Inland Empire Fair, Co-Chair, LeRoy Nielsen requested Volunteers for Booth Hosts, Set-up and Tear-down.

Scorers for April are Stephen Dawson, LeRoy Nielsen, and Steve Shining.

Our April critiquer is John Dean., who commended lighting, cropping, composition, sharpness of focus, exposure settings, and color intensity.

Concerns were: Over and under-exposure, skyline slant, soft focus, inadequate cropping, distracting clutter, bright backgrounds, subjects extending out of margins, too much blank space, sky too bright, too much sky.

John astutely concentrated on the fundamentals of good photography, and we thank him for his time and long-term expertise.

Random Pixels

Note for slide shooters:

Chromastat is only processing color slide film on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. If the film is in by 1:00 p.m., the slides will be ready for pick-up by 4:30 p.m. on the same day.

Northern Lights

These are dates when Aurora Borealis will be most likely to be seen - usually more prevalent at the time of the Equinox than any other time. Active periods in the next period are: March 26-April 2, April 5-15, April 22-29, and May 2-12. During these periods, activity numbers will range between 3 and 5.

Spokane Camera Club
Community Services
April 2008
(Retroactive to January 1 2007)

Member name	Groups assisted	Hours, 2008	Hours, cumulative
Tim Bailey	1	0	129
Deke Cloyd	1	8	42
Brian Crow	2	5	22
Paul DeRocker	2	11	70
John Moore	8	13	210
Barbara Murray	2	10	20
Will Murray	6	9	20
Mardelle Shagool	2		28
Otto Stevens	21	79	391
Anonymous	5		279
Current totals	50	128	1218

Community groups assisted
(retroactive to January 1 2007)

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Artluck Slideshow 2008 • Community Minded TV • Friends of Spokane Falls • Habitat for Humanity • INCCC for Hospice of Spokane • Inland Empire Gardeners Assn. • Latah, Waverly, Fairfield Food Bank • March of Dimes • National Junior Disability Championship • PSA field trip leadership • Spokane Aids Network | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spokane area retirement communities • Spokane area church groups • Spokane First Night • Spokane Humane Society • Spokane Interstate Fair • Spokane Preservation Advocates • Spokane Public Schools (Rogers HS, Linwood Elementary) • Spokane Slideluck Potshow • The Krista Foundation • VA Nursing home • Whitworth Auxiliary |
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