EPS Helps Local Free Photo Project

The Free Photo Project is an ongoing community service project supported by EPS. Project creator, Aloma Loren, makes this service available for the homeless folks in the area. EPSers have donated time, funds, materials and equipment to help her take portraits and give prints to folks who would otherwise never have any as keepsakes that most of us take for granted.

Director, Aloma Loren, (center) with new EPS supplied banners.

First 2013 Field Trip Called For Encore

At Walt Haring Snow Park on Saturday, January 19th, 4, 6, and 8 dog sled teams raced the clock through the woods and past checkpoints to the delight of the dogs, their owners, and the visitors. There was plenty of snow and sun, and even a

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THE FIRST RULE OF PHOTOGRAPHY...“BE THERE!”
Dear Editor,

refreshment trailer with drinks and food.

Brave skiers took part in a sport called, “Skijoring” where they strapped themselves to energetic hounds and were pulled across the groomed trails.

The action was fun to capture as the mushers and dogs pushed themselves to their limits, and the snow provided an interesting backdrop.

Snowshoes weren’t even needed, as the organizers allowed the public to walk on the edges of the groomed trails.

It was a fun day of photography and a wonderful respite from the gloomy gray cover that’s persisted in the Willamette Valley.

A big thanks to Ron Seguin for setting up this field trip.

Jeff Green

[Ed Note: Three EPSers, Jon Parker, Gina Reynolds and Susan Starr had so much fun on Saturday they drove back for an encore on Sunday. This is only the second time in EPS history that a field trip was so good that folks went back for more. The lesson to be learned? Don’t miss out on EPS field trips!]

Bruce Bittle
Special $30 Upscale Frames Almost Gone

Twenty expensive frames for purchase by members to help generate funds for our club are almost gone. They are all of an unusual size and will need mats cut to non-standard sizes, but they have been evaluated by a frame shop and approximately 70% of retail value for just the frame and glass.

Seventeen have been purchased so far for a members agreed upon price of $30 each, all of which goes directly to the club. The following dimensions denote the inside viewable area with beautifully finished frames measuring an additional 1-3/4” all around.

- 12 3/4” x 19 1/4”
- 15” x 18 1/2”
- 16 1/4” x 20 1/4”

Call me, 541-343-2386 for purchases.

Bruce Bittle
Our club is currently in first place in the annual interclub digital image competition among twenty other clubs in the Columbia Council of Camera Clubs (4Cs).

The 4Cs is our regional parent organization that puts the best images from each club in competition so each can judge how their local members are doing compared to the best from all other clubs.

This is the first time in three years of competing that EPS has been in the top position. However, the competition year is far from over and the Forest Grove club judged all images this last month. Why is that important to note? Two reasons. First, the judging club gets to submit two months worth of images next month. Second, the Forest Grove club has dominated this competition for many years. Stay tuned for next month’s numbers.

Thanks to Walt Biddle and his judges for making good decisions and with EPSers continuing to submit their stunning images, we might just make the other clubs take notice that EPS has some outstanding shooters.

Bruce Bittle, EPS, 4Cs Representative
Tim Grey Q & A

Q: When doing adjustments [in Lightroom 4] to a year old photo in the Develop module the adjustments are from Lightroom 3. When I go to a newer photo the adjustments are from Lightroom 4. What’s the reason for this? Is there a way to use the new set for older photos?

A: This may lead to confusion, but it’s actually a good feature. Lightroom 4 includes a significant overhaul to adjustments in the Develop module. Names of sliders changed and functionality changed in many ways. The question was how to deal with images processed with prior versions.

What Adobe did is simply update the Process Version for the Develop module (and for Adobe Camera Raw as well). This means that Lightroom now knows which Process Version was used for any image, so it presents the “old” controls for earlier images, and the “new” controls for images that have never been adjusted.

The great thing is that the appearance of images you’ve worked on won’t change, but all new images will get the benefit from the very much improved controls.

You can indeed update older images to the new Process Version. Go to the bottom-right of the image in the Develop module and click the exclamation point icon. A dialog allows you to choose the update to All images on the filmstrip, only the Current Image, or Cancel.

Appearance of an earlier processed photo can change slightly by updating, so I prefer to update and fine tune older single images one at a time, on an as-needed basis.

It’s possible to change from the new to an older version, but I don’t see any good reason for doing that.

Q: How do you use Smart Objects? I converted a layer to a Smart Object and then tried to apply a filter and got this error message: “Could not complete because the selected area is empty.”

A: I rarely make use of Smart Objects in Photoshop, they’re just not smart enough.

Any change to a Smart Object layer is retained by that layer alone. And a change in any other layer will not appear in a Smart Object layer.

I suspect you have added an empty image layer and then converted that layer to a Smart Object. Instead, convert an actual pixel layer into a Smart Object.

I often say that Smart Objects make for a great demo, but don’t really hold up in real world scenarios.

Q: When I “Print to JPEG” in Lightroom is the brightness slider adjustment saved with the JPEG file?

A: Yes, indeed! When using the “JPEG File” option from “Print To” in the “Print Job” right panel, the resulting JPEG image will appear as the printed image would look.

Turn on the “Print Adjustment” checkbox, then when using the Brightness/Contrast sliders, the JPEG image is created in the process.

Remember there’s no preview for this, so you can see the effects only if you print from the “Print” module.

The “Print Adjustment” options should not be needed when you’re creating a JPEG image for print layout. Generally, turn off the “Print Adjustment” checkbox in most cases when choosing the JPEG File output option.

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Tim has written a dozen books, is a member of the Photoshop World Dream Team and has published hundreds of magazine articles.

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Now Prime Time For One Day FieldTrip

Located just fourteen miles North of the Columbia River and a mile West of I-5, the Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge is in prime photo time. These shots were taken last Sunday morning and were well worth the $3 entry fee. Rule says, “Stay in your car,” so bring your window rests.

It’s likely this time of year to be rainy, (it was on Sunday), but the birds didn’t seem to mind at all. Take your longest telephoto lens and attach your doubler for best results.

Then go just another seven miles North to the Woodland exit and travel East eight miles to the Cedar Creek Grist Mill. It’s still in operation from 1-4 PM Saturdays and Sundays.

The mill shot below was taken standing on the walkway of a covered bridge. You’ll see the beautiful little barn on the road before the turn onto Grist Mill Road that takes you to the mill.

Bruce Bittle

Swans numbered over a hundred.

Frog legs for breakfast. GBH catches frog, washes it off, then down the hatch.

This kestrel was hoping for leftovers while hovering over an egret eating a snake.

Immature bald eagle, hovering.
EPS 2013 Floating Categories

January - February
Long Exposures

March - April
Yin and Yang

May - June
Simplicity

July - August
(Summer Break
No meetings)

September - October
Business/Store Front
/ Window Display

November - December
Macro / Close-ups

2014 Calendar Theme - “Let There Be Light”

I’m not particularly interested in artificial light like city-scapes. However, sunsets, sunrises, sun breaking through the clouds...that type of thing is all fair game. In short, “natural” light or a combination with heavy emphasis on the natural as opposed to artificial. If we used this theme for 2013 we could have a re-run of the 2011 calendar on our hands. So, for the light theme, see the images below. Thanks, Eric Pearson

Not Like These

More Like These

We have 8 months to shoot for this 2014 calendar, which affords us ample time to shoot for the specific theme “Light.” As soon as we have notice from TechnaPrint of a new theme for 2015 we will post it.

Deadline for 2014 theme “Light” will be the first Tuesday meeting in September 2013.

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Stolen From The Internet

You think learning Photoshop and Lightroom is tough?

Cockpit of the Space Shuttles.

We think commercial airline pilot and EPS member, Jon Parker, is the only EPSer qualified to judge these photos.
**What To Know**

**February 2013**
- Print competition night
- Ed. Night, Star trails, Dave Putzier
- Digital competition night
- Social Night - Q & A, demo night

**March 2013**
- Print competition night
- Ed. Night, “Light Painting”
- Digital competition night
- Social Night - Q & A, demo night

**April 2013**
- Print competition night
- Ed. Night, Studio photos, Tom Bruno
- Digital competition night
- Social Night - Q & A, demo night

**May 2013**
- Print competition night
- Ed. Night, TBA
- Digital competition night
- Social Night - Q & A, demo night

**June 2013**
- Print competition night
- Ed. Night, TBA
- Digital competition night
- Social Night - Q & A, demo night

**July & August**
- Summer Break
- No Meetings

Next meeting, September 3rd
- Print competition &
- 2014 Calendar image judging night

**When To Show**

- **Keith Munson show has been extended**
  
  Keith has a Paris and France show in Harris Hall Lobby of the Lane Co. Courthouse that can be seen until the end of February. Hours 8-5, 125 East 8th Avenue.

- **Cottage Grove, Show**
  
  Don Lown is assembling an “all comers” show at the Cottage Grove Community Center, viewable for the next few weeks at 700 East Gibbs Avenue.

- **Show at NEDCO**
  
  “A Small Look at a LARGE Harvest” How Farming is Changing in the Willamette Valley. An educational photo show by Bruce Bittle, Tom Elder & Keith Munson. Hours are 8-5 week days at 212 Main St., Springfield.

- **NEXT June EPS all members show**
  
  The Lane County Courthouse lobby has been reserved for an all EPS members show next June. Theme will be “Stunning Landscapes.” This show will go up Monday the 3rd and come down Friday the 28th of June.
  
  All members welcome with two or three images matted and framed to “old club standard” (double white mats and black frames).

- **Do you have a show?**
  
  If you have a show going up soon or images soon to be seen in print, let us know the date and location where your work will appear.
  
  If we know where and when, we’ll let others know how to find and enjoy your efforts. Contact: <bittled70@gmail.com>

**Classifieds**

**Classified Ads**
Free to all EPS members

- **EPS buys local mats & frames in bulk**
  
  MATS 16x20 double whites, acid-free with stiff backers. White core, $6 - Black core $14
  
  Center cut opening accepts 10”x15” horiz. or vert. prints.

  FRAMES 16x20 Neilson quality aluminum Black or Silver with hardware & glass, $15 each.
  
  Two dollars from each mat & frame purchase are donated to EPS.
  
  Contact: Bruce Bittle 343-2386

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