Many ways to earn well deserved recognition in our club

Winners Abound In EPS Activities

Congratulations go to Norm Cholewinski, EPS Photographer of the Year, and a host of additional EPSers (see complete list on next page) who were honored for their competition efforts in 2012 at our annual banquet on March 2.

Congratulations also go to Gene Cleveland for the shot of his granddaughter taken while volunteering to shoot fun activities in parks managed by our club facility host, the Willamalane Park and Recreation District. His shot has been chosen to be the cover photo for their next events catalog.

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The FIRST RULE OF PHOTOGRAPHY...“BE THERE!”
Winners continued

There are thirty-seven standing EPS awards (side bar) presented at the end of each year to the folks whose work is judged to be the best after entering head to head monthly competitions with digital and print images.

Additionally, each month EPS enters a digital competition sponsored by the Columbia Council of Camera Clubs (4Cs) our connection to thirty other camera clubs in Oregon, Washington, Idaho and one club in California. This competition is open to all members including those not entering our club’s in-house digital competition.

Also each year fourteen theme-related images are chosen for our club calendar project (p7) produced in cooperation with TechnaPrint printing in Eugene. Our club annual Fun Night (p5) provides three more opportunities for folks to go home with prizes again for images judged to be the best for that event.

So, there are many ways to have fun in EPS with your camera as you explore new ideas and techniques for creating outstanding images you might not have thought possible the evening you decided to join our photo club.

Congratulations to all who received awards and to many other winners who learned something at EPS during the year that you now know makes you a better photographer.

Bruce Bittle

Winners for 2012

Photographers of Year (combined monthly Digital & Print scores)
Top Gun, Norm Cholewinski, 1,364 total points
Best New Gun, Rick Lurie, (1,096); Nature, PoY, Bob Petit (918); Pictorial, PoY, Buzz Summers, (726); Ab/Ex, PoY, Norm Cholewinski, (434); Floating, PoY, Buzz Summers, (485).

Digital Photographers of Year
Digital PoY Norm Cholewinski, 709 points
Digital PoY by category: Floating-Stephanie Ames; Ab/Ex-Norm Cholewinski; People-Buzz Summers; Pictorial-Walt Biddle; Nature-Bob Petit.

Print Photographers of Year
Print PoY, Norm Cholewinski, 655 points
Print PoY by category: Floating-Buzz Summers; Ab/Ex-David Becker; People-Buzz Summers; Pictorial-Walt Biddle; Nature-Bob Petit

Digital Images of Year

Judges Choice Awards, “Ohh Jacob” by Norm Cholewinski; “Death Valley” by Rick LeBrun; “Kodak No.1 & Film” by Mike Van De Walker

Print Images of the Year

Judges Choice Awards, “Orchard & Stream in Snow” by Walt Biddle; “Stroke” by Kevin Caldwell; “59 Eldorado” by Norm Cholewinski

President’s Awards (for special club work)
Kurt Pratt, Kathy Baker, Mike Van De Walker, Bruce Bittle
**Q&A With Tim Grey**

**Q:** My workflow is about 80% Lightroom-only. I open images in Photoshop if I need to use layers, assemble panoramas or other features that Lightroom does not do well. Once done with an image and save as a .psd, it appears in Lightroom next to the original image. What next? Can I make [further] adjustments in Lightroom then re-open in Photoshop?

**A:** This is a very important issue. You can’t mix and match smoothly between Photoshop and Lightroom, because the two applications use different adjustment options. This makes a less-than-ideal workflow, but if you’re aware of the issues you can work around them.

Lightroom isn’t able to read the information contained in Photoshop layers.

You have two options. [Make no] adjustments in the Lightroom Develop module [after creating] those Photoshop layers to preserve the layers so the image can be refined later.

Or choose to not worry about the layers [then] apply any [further] adjustments you want in Lightroom.

Once you’ve edited a photo in Photoshop via Lightroom, you should work on the image only in Photoshop unless you’re willing to lose the layers.

My recommended workflow is to [do final] editing in Photoshop, then save and close it when finished so it will be included in the Lightroom catalog as a separate image. From that point forward if changes [are needed], I send it back to Photoshop, using Edit In then choosing Edit Original option. I [never] apply any [after the fact] Lightroom adjustments on a layer-based image.

It is possible to apply adjustments in Lightroom after you’ve adjusted an image in Photoshop, [but only if you’re willing to lose the layers] for that image.

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**Q:** Do you have any recommendations for reducing panorama file size (when shot RAW) without significant quality loss?

**A:** Select all of the images and double-click one of them to open all images in Adobe Camera Raw. Click Select All (top-left of the dialog) and apply adjustments to the active image. Optimize all of the images (with the same basic adjustments) click Done to preserve them without actually opening the RAW captures.

Then [stitch] the composite panorama in Photoshop and you’ll [then] have a large 16-bit per channel composite. There is no benefit keeping it in 16-bit mode. Choose Image > Mode > 8 Bits/Channel to convert. This cuts the file size in half, [with] no impact on quality.

Reducing [image size] cuts file size even more. Choose Image > Image Size, turn off Resample Image checkbox, set Resolution to 300 pixels per inch that [changes default print] size. If that size is larger than you’ll ever print, turn on Resample Image and enter a more appropriate [print size] in the Document Size [boxes] then click OK.

Saving the image as a Photoshop PSD ensures minimum file size without reduction in quality.

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Tim Grey is one of the top educators in digital photography and imaging, offering clear guidance on complex subjects.

Tim has written more than a dozen books on digital imaging for photographers. He has also had hundreds of articles published in magazines and is a member of the Photoshop World Dream Team of Instructors.

[Ed Note: These articles are being reprinted with permission.]
New Two-In-One Photo Equipment Cart

Sooner or later photographers who acquire equipment for all types of shooting realize they have a heavy load to lug around. There are many versions of wheeled bags available, but most are designed for negotiating airports and other smooth hard surfaces.

Clik company has produced the all-terrain cart for photographers who are not afraid of rough country but at the same time prefer not to put everything on their back. Along with easier rolling large wheels this rig also provides a stable, elevated platform for shooting over crowds, fences or vehicles. One could say this is a mini version of the Pontiac station wagon with roof mounted platform used by Ansel Adams in the often seen image with him on top behind his huge view camera in Yosemite.

The price of this rolling viewing stand is not cheap at $999, however it certainly appears serviceable.

Thanks to Graham Smith

New Research Camera Sees Nano-magnetism Working

Science Daily Mar. 18, 2013

— Using a new type of camera that makes extremely fast snapshots with an extremely high resolution, it is now possible to observe the behavior of magnetic materials at the nanoscale.

Research was carried out at Radboud University Nijmegen, Stanford, Berlin and Tokyo. [Using] a unique X-ray laser at SLAC National Accelerator Laboratory, essentially an X-ray laser, is like a camera with both an extremely high shutter speed of 100 femtoseconds (one tenth of a trillionth of a second) and an extremely high resolution of a few nanometers (one billionth of a meter).

The measurements show that the magnetic material behaves completely different at the nanoscale than at the macroscale.

These results will make it possible to develop ultrafast nanomagnets in the future optimized through nanostructuring. This will open up pathways for even smaller and faster computer magnetic data storage.

New Mats Available

New 16 x 20 inch outside dimension double white mats are now available with a center-cut opening for images at 12 x 16 inches rather than the regular opening of 10 x 15 inches. The regular 10 x 15 mats will still be in stock.

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“Fun Night” November 26, 2013

This year’s theme

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January - February  
Long Exposures

May - June  
Simplicity

September - October  
Business / Store Front with Window Display

March - April  
Yin and Yang

July - August  
(Summer Break, No meetings)

November - December  
Macro / Close-ups

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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

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Not Like These

More Like These

“Perfect Vacation Locations”

New theme for the 2015 calendar

Get a head start on this one with twenty months advanced notice. Same vertical format with center of interest in the top half of the image. Any of your favorite vacation spots for a winter or summer get-away will be the theme of fourteen images for this calendar.

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CLUE:
Thanks to EPSer Lorin Edmonds for finding these images.
April 2013
2 Print competition night
9 Ed. Night, Studio photos, Tom Bruno
Meeting will be held in studio at 1st & ???
16 Digital competition night
23 Social Night - Q & A, demo night

May 2013
7 Print competition night
14 Ed. Night, TBA
21 Digital competition night
28 Social Night - Q & A, demo night

June 2013
4 Print competition night
11 Ed. Night, TBA
18 Digital competition night
25 Social Night - Q & A, demo night

July & August
Summer Break
No Meetings – Happy Shooting

September 2013
3 Print competition night &
2014 Calendar Judging night
10 Ed. Night, TBA
17 Digital competition night
24 Social Night - Q & A, demo night

October 2013
1 Print competition night
8 Ed. Night, TBA
15 Digital competition night
22 Social Night - Q & A, demo night

• David Putzier has a solo show of, “Random Favs” at Dot Dotsons that can be seen until the middle of the month. Also: Several of his images are on display in the David Joyce Gallery at LCC.

• Keith Munson has a show in Harris Hall Lobby of the Lane Co. Courthouse that can be seen until the end of April. Hours 8-5, 125 East 8th Avenue.

• Cottage Grove, Show
Don Lown’s coordinated EPS “all comers” show at the Cottage Grove Community Center, is still viewable at 700 East Gibbs Avenue for another week.

• The Bruce Bittle, Tom Elder & Keith Munson show – “A Small Look at a LARGE Harvest” has been invited to a private, one-night, invitation-only showing at the Linn County Expo Center in Albany. The show will be part of an annual dinner promoted by the Oregon Women for Agriculture, Saturday evening the 20th.

• COMING in June
EPS all members show
The Harris Hall Lobby at the Lane County Courthouse in June. Theme, “Stunning Landscapes.” Show goes up Mon. 3rd, comes down Fri. 28th. Images must be in “old club standard” (blk frames, dbl wht. mats).

• Do you have a show?
Contact: <bittled70@gmail.com>

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