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Trivia May 2015

Hey, this month I would like to change the direction of the column and talk about creative images. Wow - the give and take at the last meeting in April on creative photography was great. I cannot remember another time, when so many members participated and shared their views. A special thanks goes out to Carol for suggesting we have the discussion after the judging.

There is value in having an exchange of ideas about creative images. It may be naïve of me, but I think talking about creative images will help judging in future competitions. I would also like to think that having a better understanding of what a creative image is may lead to more individuals submitting images for competition.

For fun I thought we could look at some standard definitions of the word "creative". Although it is the computer and Internet age, I love books. It just so happens I have a small collection of dictionaries, so here goes -

Webster's Seventh New Collegiate Dictionary

"having the power or quality of creating; having the quality of something created rather than imitated."

Oxford New American Dictionary

"showing imagination and originality as well as routine skill, creative work."

Webster's New American Dictionary

"having the power to originate."

The Giant Book of Essential Knowledge

"producing from nothing; to cause to exist: to form or make by investing with a new character."

The one from the Oxford New American Dictionary is my favorite. It certainly applies to creative photography as more than routine skill is required.

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To get a little more philosophical, I thought it would be nice to throw in a quote from Carl Gustav Jung:

"Without this playing with fantasy no creative work has ever yet come to birth. The debt we owe to the play of imagination is incalculable."

I cannot begin to tell you how many times I have been jealous of other photographers' use of imagination. It certainly comes into play with creative photography.

One last reference is from *Art/Search and Self-Discovery*, a book from my college art appreciation class. (I hardly ever throw away a book.)

"Creative action, which makes up a work of art, is dependent upon active involvement of the individual during the working process. Through manipulation and constant choice, the idea to be expressed, material and process combine in a fluid action rather than a rigid sequence..... Thus, art cannot be predetermined; the final result evolves though discrimination and constant choices...."

So now let's get down to the nuts and bolts of defining creative photography. Listed below are the definitions of creative images from OCPA, the 4C's Gold Book, and PSA's Creative Interclub Competition.

OCPA

Creative Electronic - digital file images that obviously display an altered reality through color, shape or form like: abstracts/impressionisms, composites, HDR, highly manipulated, etc., e.g. images that are not recognized as "realistic" or "straight" photography.

4C's Gold Book

Creative Photography - Depicts photographic subjects in a substantial departure from realism. This may be accomplished through control of content, the photographic process, or post-processing. Examples include abstracts, derivations, diffraction, distortions, black light, bas-relief, impressionism, symbolism, montage, dye coloring, color key, multiple exposures, solarization, posterization, tone separation, surrealism and unreal color. The purpose of any techniques used should be to alter reality to the point where the picture is non-objective in quality.

PSA Creative Interclub Competition

The PSA definition of creative is "altered reality". The image must obviously display a change in natural color, form, shape, or any combination of the three. High Dynamic Range (HDR) images without further changes are not considered "altered reality".

Original images must be made by the entrant on photographic emulsion or captured digitally. All images must be original and may not incorporate elements produced by anyone else. Original images must be altered by the maker; art work and computer graphics generated by the entrant may be incorporated, if the original photographic content predominates. Images may not be constructed entirely within a computer. Image's core content must be identifiable. Non-creative images are not eligible for this competition. Any subject matter is acceptable as long as the altered reality guidelines are apparent.

Well there you go. Now you can shoot and judge creative images based on these definitions. I am sure we all understand what a creative image is now, right???

CALENDAR OF EVENTS –MAY & JUNE 2015

PHOTO THEME/IMAGINATION CHALLENGE: MAY – Blossoms or Blooms

PHOTO THEME/IMAGINATION CHALLENGE: JUNE – Summer Colors

MAY 2015

MONDAY, MAY 4 - Meeting
6:30 PM North Bend Medical Center
2nd floor conference room
Scavenger Hunt Rules Announced
Talks -n- Training –Show & Tell, Critique, After & Before, Monthly 4Cs Entries Accepted (all divisions/classes)

MONDAY, MAY 11 - Board Meeting
6:30 PM Peggy Coopers Home

SATURDAY, MAY 16-18
Scavenger Hunt - Empire

MONDAY, – MAY 18 - Meeting
6:30 PM North Bend Medical Center
2nd floor conference room
Scavenger Hunt Turn In
Talks -n- Training – Roundtable - What's in your bag! Bring your gadgets and tools.
Show & Tell, Critique, After & Before
50/50 Raffle, Printed Material Exchange

SATURDAY, MAY 29 & 30 – OCPA YARD SALE
9:00 AM to 4:00 PM
See article

JUNE 2015

MONDAY, JUNE 1 - Meeting
6:30 PM North Bend Medical Center
2nd floor conference room
Scavenger Hunt Judging
Talks -n- Training – TBA
Show & Tell, Critique, After & Before
Photo Theme Challenge discussion

MONDAY, JUNE 8 - Board Meeting
6:30 PM Peggy Coopers Home

MONDAY, – JUNE 15- Meeting
6:30 PM North Bend Medical Center
2nd floor conference room
Scavenger Hunt Winners Announced
Round Table Discussion – Coos County Fair
Show & Tell, Critique, After & Before
50/50 Raffle, Printed Material Exchange

NOTE: Last minute schedule changes can be found on Facebook and/or the OCPA website. We will post any cancelations or changes as they happen.

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facebook.com/oregoncoastphoto

OCA Board minutes- **OCPA Board Meeting Minutes for April 2015**

Meeting came to order at 6:32 pm

Board members present: Tom Branderhorst, Kathy Chambers, Dick Chambers, Curt Benward, Elise Ciralo, Carol Todd and Renee Marcov

Guests: Peggy Cooper and Don Todd

Carol motioned to accept previous minutes and Kathy seconded to accept previous minutes. It was voted on and accepted. A big thank you to Kathy for taking the March meeting minutes!

Treasurer's Report:	Beginning Balance:	\$1655.76
	Income:	
	Dues:	\$200.00
	Scavenger Hunt:	\$28.00
	50/50 Raffle – Net:	<u>\$29.00</u>
		\$257.00
	Expenses:	
	Postage:	\$22.15
	Scavenger Hunt Prizes	<u>\$50.00</u>
		\$ 46.15
	Ending Balance:	\$1866.61

Treasurer's report was from November 11th 2014 to March 9th 2015. Was voted on and accepted as read.

Committees:

Coos County Fair: No Report

Pony Village: Hanging March 22nd @ aprox. 5:30 and show is March 23-26. Elise will get \$50.00 Cash to Bonnie for the cash box.

Shootouts: No shootout in April, May's shoot out will be the Spring Scavenger Hunt Fri, May 16-Sun, May 18 in the Empire area. June's Shootout TBA. We need volunteers to lead a shootout. Ideas thrown around were 1 person a month be responsible for the shootout ie deciding where to go, meeting at a location to lead to specific shootout area, et. Ideas thrown out were Macro shoots, Street Photography, paint by light, night shooting, stars, Steens mountains, etc.

Newsletter: Carol said it's going good. She really appreciates Curt's monthly article. She needs more photos. It was suggested that if you write an article for the newsletter, you could claim "I've been published!". Scavenger hunt rules will be published in the May newsletter.

Talks-n-Training: Pony Village Round table at the April 20th meeting. Maybe some people could use their member's only pictures and mount them to show in the PVM show.

4C's: No Report

Electronic/Print Competitions: No Report

Projectionist: Laptop is working ok now. No other report.

Website: No report.

Facebook: No Report

Old Business:

Garage Sale news will be in the newsletter. Garage Sale will be held May 30th. We will have a potluck at noon. We can bring stuff to Carol and Don's the 28th. Please price your own things and when the day is over pick up your unsold items. Curt is doing a no rain dance for May 30th! Everyone wants to see him perform! We need some publicity, maybe in church fliers, Coos Bay FB sales groups, The shopper.

Judging methods were discussed. We will try to have a competition in May or June to try said different method out. Creative Competition definition was discussed. Altered reality that starts as an image. Maybe people can bring in samples of their Creative Images

New Business:

Meetings. It was suggested that we do theme, before & after and show & tell before we member's only competitions. Critiques are taking too long. Maybe we can ask for volunteers to have their photos critiques instead of doing all of them. Kathy wants to start doing "photographer" of the year again. Points would be given for participation in member's only, theme, show and tell, critique as well as placing in the member's only competition and more!

The meetings need to be more enthusiastic and have more humor. They need to be FUN! Perhaps we can do some games during meetings, Where am I photos, What is this photos, quizzes etc.

Meeting adjourned at **8:27 pm.**

Respectfully Submitted, Renee' Marcov, OCPA Board Secretary

4C's Monochrome Print Results from April 2015

Large Prints Score

Timeless by Elise Ciraolo 18
 Dreamin' by Elise Ciraolo 17

(Needed a score of 21+ to place)

Small Prints

Lake Lemolo, Elise Ciraolo 17
 Hallsgrimkiakja, Elise Ciraolo 18
 Dunes at Last Light, Carol Todd 18
 Fence Jumper, Don Todd 17
 Yesterday in Bodie, Don Todd 18

(Needed a score to 21+ to place)

We only entered three months in this competition year. Hope we can do better next year.

For Sale

1 Epson Stylus Pro 7600 Printer with stand.
 (prints 24in wide)
 1 Dell Inspiron Slim computer system.

The price for both would be \$750

The printer and stand alone is \$400

The printer works best with Windows XP as its driver. This is what is loaded on the Dell. The computer also comes with a licensed Photoshop CS6 installed. If someone has a computer to drive it they need an older version of Windows. Pictures printed on the printer are displayed in the area of NBMC down from where the meetings are held.

Ralph Bixler email rbixpix @ hotmail.com or
 541-404 - 4402 for voice or text

4Cs March EID

Maker/Title	Judge 1	Judge 2	Judge 3	Total	Award
01DickChambers_OCPA_KlamathEagle7	6	6	6	18	
02DotyJohnson_OCPA_BusyBee	6	6	6	18	
03DeliaLyons_OCPA_Cocky	6	7	7	20	
04LarryMikulecky_OCPA_RascalCoyotee	6	6	6	18	
05PatStannard_OCPA_StandingStrong	5	6	6	17	
Club Total Score				91	

April's 4Cs' Monthly Electronic Interclub Competition was judged by Yamhill Valley Camera Club. There were 105 images from 19 clubs. The 11 winning (Award of Merit) images need a score of 23 (three images) or 22 (the blance of eight images). The three Honorable Mentions had a score of 22 (two images) and 21 (one image). OCPA remains firmly entrenched in 17th Place (out of 20) with 558 points and Forest Grove in 1st with 741 points.

OCPA Committees:

4C's EID – Tony Mason
4C's Mono Prints – Elise Ciralo
4C's Color Prints – Renee Marcov
Coos County Fair – Don & Carol Todd/Committee
Facebook – Jan Moore/Chris Malone
Members Only EID – All Divisions – Tony Mason
Members Only Prints - Carol Todd/Renee Marcov
Newsletter Editor – Carol Todd
Pony Village Shows – Bonnie Smith
Projectionist – Vacant
Backup Projectionist – Vacant
Publicity – Vacant
Scavenger Hunt – Board
Shootouts – Board
Talks and Training – Chris Malone
Web Maestro – Jan Moore

We welcome volunteers!

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Pony Village Show and Sale

The Pony Village Mall Show & Sale was totally awesome! Several prints and cards sold; and there were many inquiries about OCPA which, hopefully, will result in additional members. I just want to say, "THANK YOU, ONE AND ALL!" for submitting items for the sale, for "baby-sitting" the images, and the great ideas and input for future events. You all made the Show & Sale a successful event.

Bonnie, Pony Village Chair

The Pony Village Show and Sale went off well. Bonnie did a great job organizing it, and everyone's help made it a success. Eight members participated. Total sales amounted to \$1,063 among five artists.

Elise, Treasurer

SCAVENGER HUNT SPRING 2015

"The Rules"

Time Period:

- **Shooting** - 7 pm **May 15** until 6:30 pm **May 18**, 2015 ONLY.
- **Location** – Empire Area of Coos Bay (Cape Arago from Coos Bay City Limits To Woodland Ave at the North Bend City limits, Empire Lake to Ocean Blvd. approx.)
- **File Turn-in** - at OCPA meeting, **May 18** (or via email anytime earlier - electronic @ oregoncoastphotoclub . com).
- **Judging** – **June 1** (first meeting in June).
- **Awards** – **June 15** (second meeting in June).

Technical Specifications:

- **File Format** - JPEG (.jpg)
- **Longest Dimension** - 1024 pixels
- **File Size** - 500kb maximum
- **File Name** - Subject Number Underscore Subject Name/Title Underscore LastName FirstName (example: **01_CategoryName_PhotographerJoe.jpg**). *Note: no spaces, capital letters denote new word*
- **Other** - sRGB color space recommended

Camera Restrictions:

None*. You may use any type of camera (digital or film - although images to be judged must be in a digital format.

Software Restrictions:

The turned-in image files must be photographic images you shot during the allotted time frame at the specific location on the word list.

***NOTE:** NO added text or clipart in the image, images of found printed objects are OK. You may use **only** minor adjustments to your image: i.e. contrast, cropping, color adjustments and sharpening. Remember that the image should reflect the subject and may be scored low if the judging audience does not recognize it.

Who Can Participate:

Any/all members of OCPA in good standing. However, only those members who have paid the \$2.00 entry fee (fee covers list/judging sheet printing and prize costs) at or before the File Turn-in Date (May 18, 2015) are then eligible to have their imaged judged (June 1. 2015).

OCPA CREATIVE ELECTRONIC - APRIL 2015			
Maker	Title	AVERAGE	AWARD
Johnson, Doty	Getting Into Mischief	8.091	1st
Johnson, Doty	Bug's World Now	7.500	2nd
Wolff, Ray	Kool Cat	7.455	3rd
Mason, Tony	Curse Of The Gargoyle	7.318	4th
Wolff, Ray	Bird Not On A Stick	7.136	5th
Wolff, Ray	Porkypine Starfish	6.909	
Stannard, Pat	Petal Push	6.864	
Piatt, Suzy	Stamen Frost	6.818	
Mason, Tony	Morning Rise Monet	6.773	
Johnson, Doty	Me And My Shadow	6.455	
Ciraolo, Elise	Yellow Flames Of Hell	6.409	
Todd, Carol	Tulipssss	6.409	
Mason, Tony	Three Fingered Sunrise	6.318	
Piatt, Suzy	Astroblade	6.273	
Piatt, Suzy	Starlight	6.091	
Ciraolo, Elise	Down The Path #2	5.955	
Todd, Carol	High Noon At The River	5.955	
Todd, Carol	Pond Ducks	5.909	
Ciraolo, Elise	Red Flare	5.682	
Stannard, Pat	Swan Lake	5.682	



John Clark

Former OCPA member and long time friend of photography passed away April 2, 2015.

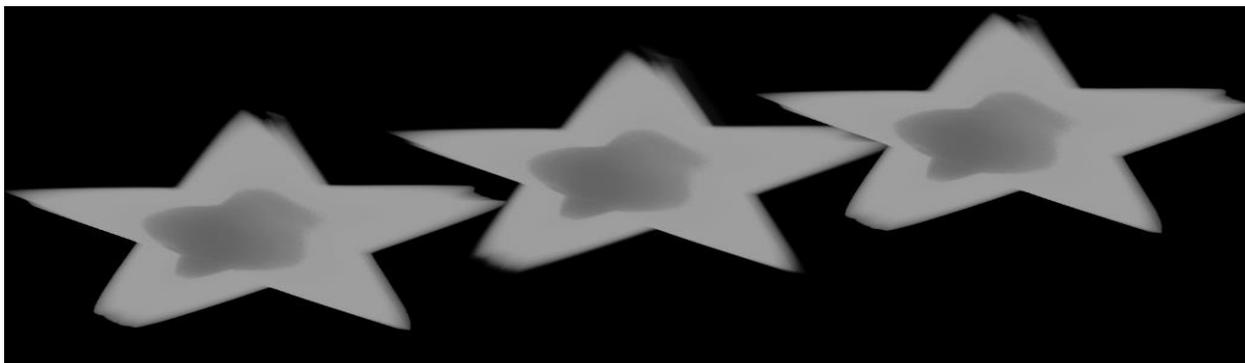
John is seen above repairing one of the many cameras and lenses he put back together for local photographers.

A long time resident of North Bend, he taught band, orchestra and classroom music for the Coos Bay School District for 18 years.

John will be missed.

with 22 members judging 20 images in the Creative Electronic. Judging was interesting, as it often is for Creative, as the interpretation of "creative" varied. With an average judge score of 6.6, one judge scored an average of 7.9 (awarding four 9's) and another 5.65 (awarding three 1's). One image had a score spread of 8 and two others had 7 point spread. After the judging and critique, we had a spirited round-table discussion on what is creative. While nothing was set in stone for a definition at this time, it was a very interesting discussion and any time you get people to talk, it is a good thing.

Fried Starz © AC Todd 2014



HUGE OCPA YARD SALE

OCPA YARD SALE MAY 29 & 30, 2015

It is time to clean those closets and garages. The OCPA will be holding a yard sale to help raise funds for our club. We will be looking for goods as well as labor for this event. Please bring your items to the "Todds" house anytime after May 22. Although we plan to be home it is a good idea to call first before dropping stuff off just in case we have to run an errand.

Please no large items (like sofas or washers) unless you are able to pick them up after the sale.

The sale will be in our backyard off of our alley which is also our neighbors drive way. Please park on the street or at Cranberry Sweets.

If possible please price your items before bringing them over or plan to help price on Thursday or Friday. **All proceeds will go to the OCPA** . Any items not sold will be donated to our local charities.

We plan to have a pot luck lunch on Saturday so bring a dish if you wish to participate. There will be plenty of coffee and tea as well.

Location:

1031 Salmon Ave
Coos Bay, OR
(right behind Cranberry Sweets, corner of Morrison and Salmon)

Phone 541 888-8633 or 541-297-1351

Sign up sheet will be available at the next two meetings.

May 2015

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How to Join the OCPA

Joining OCPA is very easy! Just come to one of our meetings and check us out. If you like what you see we'll take your membership dues and that is it! Dues are good for one year, from the month that you join.

If you want to join, but can't make a meeting, just write a check and mail it to us:
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Membership Dues are \$25.00 for individuals or \$35.00 for families (up to 2 adults and any/all children 17 years and under at the same address, everyone will have all membership privileges except only 2 votes per family) and are good for one year from the date you paid.

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"Learn the rules like a pro, so you can break them like an artist."

~Pablo Picasso

