



2010 Annual Report

From the President

Happy New Year!

As we* start off this new year we want to make your photographic experiences in the club more beneficial to all our members. Accordingly we urge you to let us know how we can improve what the club offers its members. And in this spirit consider “Not what your *club* can do for you, but what you can do for your *club*”. We’re all in this together and trust that you will volunteer your time and talents for the good of all. *(NOTE – the use of “we” refers to all the board members and is not an “imperial we”.)

We had our first board meeting on Saturday and considered a number of ways to improve what we do and how we do it. And while a few of you, who are not board members or special chairs did attend this meeting, I recommend that you bring your ideas to future such meetings, or at least let any of us know in advance what you are thinking and would want us to consider.

As your new OPCC president I promised to overcome my “prior life” reputation as a “benevolent dictator” and simply to be benevolent. So, my New Years beneficence prompts me to give you something as a token of my pledge. Since it is necessary to reduce the file sizes of all digital images that you submit in competition, here is a free program you can download from the internet. It can be especially useful if you do not already have a post-processing tool like Photoshop Elements, Photoshop, or any other such tool.

FastStone Photo Resizer is an image converter and renaming tool that enables users to convert, rename, resize, crop, rotate, change color depth, add text and watermarks to images in a quick and easy batch mode. Drag and Drop mouse operation is well supported.

- Convert and Rename images in batch mode
- Support JPEG, BMP, GIF, PNG, TIFF and JPEG2000
- Resize, crop, change color depth, apply color effects, add text, watermark and border effects
- Rename images with sequential number
- Search and replace texts in the file names
- Preview conversion and renaming

- Support folder/non-folder structure
- Load and save settings
- And much more...

To download this FREE program go to "http://www.faststone.org/FSResizerDownload.htm". I know it works for Windows-7 and it most likely will work on Windows-Vista and maybe Windows-XP. But I don't have any idea about whether it will work on MACs, although in PC mode it might work on MACs. Good luck with it.

And so my friends and photographic colleagues, let get on with a wonderful new year of fun on the fieldtrips, in your post-processing lightrooms, and in our club meetings.

Ed Marx, OPCC President

Program Night Presentations

January 23rd – Jim Martin and Bill Kuss will give a presentation on matting.

February 24th – Dave Woodcock with Greywolf Photography will give a presentation and talk about his work. Dave is an aerial photographer and did the book "From the Air" with Tim McNulty (available at Costco). He will bring his equipment and tell how he makes his images.

March 24th –
The presenter will be Randall Tomares.
Details will be provided later.

Special Subjects for Competition

February 10th - Faces (or other body parts)
Members are asked to show decorum.

March 10th - Motion

April 14th – Black and White

May 12th - Table Tops

June 9th - Opposites

July 14th - Shadows

August 11th - Glass

September 8th - Water

October 13th - Color

November 10th - Buildings (architecture, windows, doors)

Competition Summary – 2010

Contributed by Bill Black, Competition Chair

The year 2010 continued the participation, quantity and quality of the images submitted for competition. Many of our newer members were very successful and contributed new ideas and techniques as well as served as judges.

There were 321 prints entered during the year or an average of 29 per month. Digital images totaled 462 or an average of 42 per month, showing strong interest in both categories.

The top award winners were as follows:

Group A Projected Images –

1st Place - Tim O'Neill

2nd Place - Bob Reavis

3rd Place - Keith Ornduff

Group B Projected Images –

1st Place - Jeanne Phelps

2nd Place - Tim Snyder

3rd Place - Steve Bailey

Group A Prints –

1st Place - Bill Kuss

2nd Place - Larry Barnes

3rd Place - Bob Schlechter

Group B Prints –

1st Place - Roy Kropp

2nd Place - Scott Erickson

3rd Place - Jonas Benjamins

Awards for Photographer of the Year were given to those who attained the highest combined point total in both prints and projected images in each group.

This year's winners were Tim O'Neill in Group A and, for the second year, Jeanne Phelps in Group B



Tim O'Neill and Jeanne

2009 OPCC Service Award

Contributed by Bill Black, Competition Chair

Each year our club recognized one of our members who have performed long-time service and devotion to the club and the betterment of photography. The selection committee is composed of three past recipients designated by the current club president. This year the committee consisted of Jim Martin, Bob Reavis and Bill Black.

They selected Tim O'Neill who has led several field trips, eminently handled the digital projection and written several articles for our newsletter.

OPCC Annual Competition Results

First Place - Witta Priester
For "Eagle Dispute"



Second Place – Valerie Henschel
For "Salmon Steaks"



Third Place – Bill Kuss
For "Sterling"



Honorable Mention – Barbara Lippert
For “Reach for the Sky”



Honorable Mention – Bob Schlechter
For “Egret Taking Off”



Honorable Mention – Duane Babinski
For “Surfs Up”



Honorable Mention – Jeanne Phelps
For “Organized Diftwood”



Honorable Mention – Larry Barnes
For “Cape Flattery Predawn

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Honorable Mention – Jonas Benjamins
For “silver”



Honorable Mention – Sue Rhein
For “Buddies”



Honorable Mention – Rich Sherman
For “Autumn in the Gorge”



Honorable Mention – Roy Kropp
For Funtastic Arches



Honorable Mention – Tim Stenning
For “Sands #1”

