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MEETING PLACE AND TIME

**Liberty Lake Sewer and Water District
 (Denny Ashlock Bldg), 22510 E. Mission, Liberty
 Lake**

Behind Albertson's, Corner of Mission &
 Country Vista

Slide Judging and Business Meeting -- 2nd Monday
 7:30 PM (Submit slides by 7:15 PM)

Print Judging and Program -- 3rd Monday
 7:30 PM (Submit prints by 7:15 PM)

**NOTE: See CALENDAR OF EVENTS below for
 any date or activity deviations.**

VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(red denotes club activities)

**Mar 13th Slide & Digital Imaging Judging
 Business Meeting
 Subject: 'Winter'**

**Mar 18th Scavenger Hunt
 Potluck & Results -Orchard Crest
 Retirement Center**

**Mar 20th Print Judging
 Program: "PSA Tops"& "Northwest
 Challenge"- Slide Sets
 By Jerry Biggs**

April 3rd Board Meeting

**April 10th Slide & Digital Imaging Judging
 Business Meeting
 Subject 'Rusted or Busted'**

**April 17th Print Judging
 Program "Flash Photography"
 By Bob Griffith**

SCAVENGER HUNT

Special thanks to Irene E. Dye, FPSA who began the Scavenger Hunt in 1983 as part of a field trip agenda. Irene suggests the participants choose 22 subjects they want to photograph (for those who like to be challenged. Try to photograph all 24 subjects). Those who are using digital cameras, please be "on your honor" – film users bring your unopened box of slides.

1. Film – put a 24 exposure roll of film into your camera and make ONE exposure for 22 of the following subjects. Digital – bring photos on CD, keep file in JPEG format and keep under 5 mega bites.
2. Subjects need NOT be photographed in the order listed.
3. Get your film processed before the March 18th potluck. DON'T PEEK AT THE RESULTS! Bring the unopened box of slides and the CD's with your potluck contribution to Orchard Crest Retirement Center, 4th and Evergreen, Spokane Valley. We will dine at 5:30 pm and then view our creative efforts. Everyone is welcome! Special thanks to those who submitted subjects.
1. Steeple – Rhonda Archer
2. Wood Detail – Rich Batchelder
3. Large AND small – Rich Batchelder
4. Wild Animal or Bird – Larry Berreth
5. Red Hot – Cynthia Betts
6. Snow Scene – Claudia Biggs
7. Zoom telephoto in or out during exposure – Jerry Biggs
8. Vehicle detail – Jerry Biggs
9. Candle/Candles – Rosemarie Bisiar
10. View from Steptoe – Rosemarie Bisiar
11. Nails – Harvey Brown
12. Nute – Harvey Brown
13. Subject beginning with the letter "E"- Jan Hannink
14. Macro – Donna Hinrichsen
15. Horse – Lynn Love
16. Sunset – Larry Miller
17. Rust - Larry Miller
18. Child/Children – Alan Park
19. Doors – Alan Park
20. Reflection – Bob Rosin
21. Subject W/Angels – Bob Rosin
22. Shadows – Dorothy Rosin
23. Cloud Formations – Dorothy Rosin
24. Foot self – portrait – Ray Ward

Due to technical difficulties, print scores will not be available for print until the month of April

Creative

TOP SLIDES FOR FEBRUARY 2006

Subject:

1 st Jerry Brooks	'Adelies in White-Out'
2 nd Cynthia Betts	'Angel Hair'
3 rd Rosmarie Bisiar	'Engine 492'

General:

1 st Bob Griffith	'Tundra Swan Pair'
2 nd Fred Betts	'Fit To Be Tied'
3 rd Fred Betts	'Surprise!'
HM John Dean	'Chinese Rice Farmer'

SLIDE SCORES FEBRUARY 2006

Maker's Name	No. of Prints	Total Points
Fred Betts	12	117.0
Jerry Brooks	12	117.0
Jerry Biggs	12	113.5
Rosmarie Bisiar	12	111.5
Bob Griffith	12	111.5
Harvey L Brown	12	109.5
Leo Young	12	104.0
Jan Hannink	12	102.5
Rich Batchelder	12	101.0
John Dean	12	101.0
Cynthia Betts	12	97.5
Dorothy Rosin	12	95.0
Larry Miller	12	92.5
Kathleen Roche	12	92.5
Dorinda Young	12	91.5
Bob Rosin	12	89.5
Frank Martin	10	88.5
Larry Berreth	12	87.0
Sharon Elliot	10	80.5
Estel Harvey	10	79.5
Donna Hinrichsen	10	75.5
Allen Park	10	75.5
Joy Peterson	10	74.0
Susie Middaugh	9	67.0
Mort Shecter	8	66.0
Aage Anderson	4	33.0
Mike Rojan	4	32.0
Roger Hartman		20.0
Tony Roche	2	18.5
Lucy Anderson	2	13.0
Joanne Harvey	1	8.5
Peggy Rushing	1	7.0
Ray Ward	1	7.0

TOP DIGITAL IMAGES FOR FEBRUARY

General

1 st	<i>Hibiscus</i>	Harvey Brown
2 nd	<i>Wyoming Sunset</i>	Tony Roche
3 rd	<i>Boudoir Builder</i>	Rosemary Bisiar
HM	<i>Downy Woodpecker</i>	Bob Griffith

1 st	<i>Winter Sunset</i>	Kevin Madsen
2 nd	<i>Bloomsday Wheeling</i>	Ray Ward
3 rd	<i>Daisy Meltdown</i>	Lynn Love

TOP DIGITAL IMAGES FOR FEBRUARY

General

1 st	<i>Pica</i>	Bob Griffith
2 nd	<i>Western Bluebird</i>	Harvey Brown
3 rd	<i>Falling Water</i>	Frank Martin

Creative

1 st	<i>Silver Crystal</i>	Mort Schecter
2 nd	<i>Dazzling</i>	Rosemarie Bisiar
3 rd	<i>Elizabeth Headed Home</i>	Ray Ward

Yellowstone to Yukon: Freedom to Roam

Award-winning photographer, Florian Schulz, has devoted the last decade to documenting one of the last intact mountain ecosystems in the world. His photography showcases the beauty of the wild lands stretching from Yellowstone to Yukon—including the Columbia Highlands—and demonstrates the value in connecting vital wildlife habitats.

Join Florian for a photographic journey through the wild heart of North America.

Wednesday, March 7

7:00 PM, Free

Gonzaga University

Globe Room, Cataldo Hall

427 E. Boone Avenue

“The great Yellowstone to Yukon corridor is a dream worthy of the North American people. The superb photographs by Florian Schulz give substance to that dream and added hope that it can be realized.”

-Edward O. Wilson, *University*

Professor Emeritus, Harvard University

Sponsors: Conservation Northwest, Gonzaga Outdoors, The Mountaineers Books and Out There Monthly.

For more information, visit

www.ConservationNW.org, or contact Crystal Gartner, 509-747-1663, crystal@ConservationNW.org

[AND JUST A LITTLE EXTRA](#)

PSA CHAPETERS SHOWCASE, 2006

March 17th is the closing date for submittal of images for the 2006 Chapters Showcase competition. As before, the two images from each member will be judged and the ten top scoring images from 10 individual makers will represent our Chapter. Pick your best and send them to Bob Griffith, 4801 S. Bella Vista Dr., Veradale, WA 99037. Last year we finished in 3rd place in a close race as we were only 3 points below the winning Chapter.

Images may also be entered digitally. Send these as e-mail attachments to bdgriff@comcast.net Use JPEG format 1024x768 pixels, quality 10.

The final 10 will be scanned (if slides) and submitted in digital format this year. This is the only format that will be accepted. Another change will require photographer's releases from the selected 10 makers.

[Arctic author, film maker to tour country by fuel efficient train](#)

Arctic Quest and Arctic Melting Author and film-maker Chad Kister will launch another speaking tour mostly by train from January 31 to March 23; down to Florida then to the West Coast and ending with presentations on the East Coast in the ongoing quest to protect the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge and move toward greater energy efficiency and renewable energy sources.

Kister will perform his classic Arctic Quest presentation, his Arctic Melting presentation, about the horrific impacts of climate change on the Arctic and Alaska, and will have showings of his new film, Caribou People through every corner of America and through Canada.

Arctic Quest is a powerpoint presentation about his 700-mile journey by foot and raft through the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge and the subject of his first book, which received high praise from famed authors Farley Mowat, Bill McKibben, Jeffrey St. Clair and Bernd Heinrich.

In addition to his first odyssey Kister began at the oil fields of Prudhoe Bay, documenting the massive impacts there, and how it has harmed the caribou, Bowhead whale and almost every other

species living there. He then backpacked into the Arctic Refuge, living off roots, berries, greens and fish. But it was not until he was far away from the oil pollution that he caught fish. The author was flushed down a flooded Arctic river while he tried to raft it, and almost died.

Kister returned to the Arctic in 1993 and climbed Misty Mountain. He again returned to the Arctic in 2004 and in 2005 with a video camera, and recently released his first film, Caribou People, with Gwich'in and Inupiat pleas to protect the Arctic Refuge to save their way of life. It also has amazing wildlife footage of the refuge. Call or email for a free copy.

"Having worked on this issue for more than 15 years, I have never seen the intensity of concern on the part of the Gwich'in people who live off the 130,000 caribou that have their calves on the coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge," Kister said. "This is among the last native culture on Earth that we have not yet destroyed. Can't we leave this one place, and this one culture be?"

Economists have found that drilling in the refuge would likely have no impact whatsoever on the price of gas. It is such a small amount of oil on the world market as to have virtually no effect, and OPEC countries would likely just cut their production to adjust for the tiny amount that could come from the refuge. With three percent of the world's oil reserves, the United States consumes 25 percent of the world's oil production.

Sensible conservation measures, such as increasing the Corporate Average Fuel Economy to 39 miles per gallon would save a hundred times more oil than could come from the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. Doing that would greatly decrease the price of oil. Such efficiency measures would save American drivers an even greater amount at the pump because they would use so much less gas.

"My car gets 50 miles per gallon yet carries hundreds of books and other items for my month-long speaking tours," Kister said. Still, Kister does most of his speaking tours by train, which get up to 40 times better fuel efficiency than cars or airplanes.

The coastal plain of the Arctic Refuge is the heart of the last intact Arctic ecosystem left in the world, an ecosystem the size of California. Drilling for oil would sprawl throughout the million and a half acre coastal plain with thousands of miles of roads and pipelines, gravel mines, airports, living quarters for thousands of people and undoubtedly hundreds of oil spills a year as we see at Prudhoe Bay.

“Just as if something happened to your own heart, you would die, the same would happen to this whole ecosystem,” Kister said. “Seventeen Gwich’in villages depend upon the caribou, and they are fighting for their lives as they never have in their 30,000 years living the farthest north of any Athabaskan peoples.”

Oil companies already have 95 percent of the North Slope of Alaska. There are some places such as the heart of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge that are just too important to destroy with industrial sprawl.

Gwich’in people drummed every day in front of the American Indian Museum in Washington DC this past fall with a solar-powered microphone calling upon people to protect the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge that supports the caribou that the Gwich’in eat.

After touring the museum, Kister said, “We desperately need to protect the great Arctic Refuge to save America’s last living native peoples still living as part of an intact ecosystem, so that we do not have to see them in a museum of our legacy of shame.”

Arctic Melting

In his second book, *Arctic Melting*, Kister shows how the permafrost has caved in with 20-foot-deep sinkholes, glaciers have melted 8 miles in the last 16 years, open water formed over the North Pole, Native American villages have crumbled into the sea along the Arctic Ocean and Bering Strait and pack ice has retreated hundreds of miles and decreased more than 40 percent in thickness in 50 years.

Millions of acres of forest have died because of climate change induced insect outbreaks causing record fires, and the most well known Arctic animals like polar bear, walrus and seal are threatened with extinction.

With Global Warming Bush pushing for yet more subsidies to the doomed fossil fuel industry that is the cause of climate change, *Arctic Melting: How Climate Change is Destroying One of the World’s Largest Wilderness Areas* details not only the horrific problems, but also the solutions to this massive crisis.

Arctic Melting shows how climate change needs to be the central focus of policy makers, institutions and individuals to make the needed changes to ensure the diversity and quality of life as

we know it for our children. The book details massive, unquestionably and horrific changes that threatens the existence of the polar bear, walrus, seal, bowhead whale, caribou, scores of species of birds and some of the last native peoples still living off the land.

Arctic Melting provides the needed solution to this “creeping disaster” as Alaskan Senator Ted Stevens described climate change. Through solar, wind and biomass energy sources, and efficiency in every sector of energy use, we can easily meet all of our needs without changing our lifestyle. This would reduce and ultimately eliminate greenhouse gas emissions.

Arctic Melting details a Pentagon report under the Bush Administration that found climate change to be a much more serious threat than terrorism. That report likened the probably abrupt climate change that could easily occur in the next few years to the tipping of a canoe, that starts slowly and then overturns in a violent upheaval.

The media needs to act for the will of the people and common sense in repeatedly asking why Global Warming Bush’s energy policy gives billions of dollars to coal, oil and natural gas companies, while reducing subsidies to solar and wind energy production. Why is the average fuel efficiency of vehicles in the United States getting worse while in every other country on Earth it is getting far better?

Just by increasing the corporate average fuel economy to 39 mpg, we can save more than a hundred times more oil than could ever come from the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. And that would reduce greenhouse gas emissions while drilling in the Arctic Refuge would increase them.

Just eliminating the exemption of Sport Utility Vehicles from the Corporate Average Fuel Economy would save far more oil than could ever come from the Arctic Refuge. And this would not change the lifestyle of Americans: Ford now has an SUV getting 39 mpg using hybrid electric technology.

What this would do is help every American by saving us money at the pumps, employing more people in the auto industry to retool the industry and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. This would help our economy by importing less oil and improve our image as a world citizen in a very real way.

The United States, with 4 percent of the world’s population emits 25 percent of greenhouse gas emissions. Any energy policy needs to include real measures to begin the path of rectifying this

global injustice. The beautiful thing is that the solutions create such a nicer world and solves so many other environmental problems, such as mining, smog, mercury pollution, oil spills and extractive industrial development in pristine lands.

Arctic Melting shows through top scientists the massive potential of wind and solar energy to meet all of our needs. This will not take new technology or excessive monetary input, but can be achieved within our existing technological and economic limitations.

Caribou People

In addition to being an author, Chad Kister has released his first film, Caribou People about the need to protect the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to save the Gwich'in and Inupiat way of life.

It is very informative and scientifically based. It is about a critical issue and a most timely one to say the least. With proponents soon to be trying to open the area for development again, and how perilously close they are to winning, now is the time to let people know what is there, before it is too late.

It is the last entirely intact Arctic ecosystem with a free ranging caribou herd left in the world, and home to among the last cultures left on Earth still living off the land. The Gwich'in have lived off the caribou for 30,000 years in the harsh Arctic land, but have never been more threatened than they are now. The threat to their way of life is the proposed drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, right in the core calving grounds of the Porcupine Caribou Herd that feeds the Gwich'in and Inupiat peoples.

As this is a most pressing issue, and will come up in Congress again shortly, please give this a higher priority than normal, and consider the need for an informed citizenry, before we lose what we do not know we had.

This is the last corner of America that is still wild and free. Unless people know the amazing place, they will not know what we stand to lose for very little oil. We could save far more through conservation, and use alternative energy sources which the film details, and shows how that is also the solution to climate change.

This film is done mainly in the words of the Gwich'in and Inupiat peoples, and has some amazing caribou, grizzly bear, wolf and Gwich'in cultural footage. It is a very moving piece.

“We do what we can to protect the caribou, because the caribou give us life,” said Old Crow Chief Joe Linklater. “It is something our ancestors have past on for generations and generations, and you just can't let that go.”

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A Treat from Claudia Biggs

Claudia, plans to show a ten-minute digital show after the slide and digital competition at the March 13 meeting of the Spokane Valley Camera Club. The subject is the Spokane VA Medical Center dahlia display garden.

WITH GREAT APPRECIATION

Thanks to everyone for all the wonderful information for the February Lensletter.

Although technicalities somewhat delayed the availability of delivery, all available information has been included.

Your effort is greatly appreciated!

Peggy Rushing