



SOPA NEWSLETTER - September, 2020

WELCOME BACK! - From SOPA President, Barbara Tricarico: "I hope you had a relaxing summer. There will be a few SOPA changes, as expected, during this time of COVID. First, we will continue "meeting" via our computers rather than in person. Details below. We have temporarily discontinued programs, so hence we will not have a "second Tuesday" meeting. There will be no Print competitions, in following with the 4C's (Columbia Council of Camera Club) guidelines, since those images would have to be seen and judged in person. We also have new guidelines for submitting EIDs (with three new categories, as per 4C's--see below). There will be no EID themes. EIDs must now be submitted on Friday night before the competition. There will be no annual 4Cs Convention this year. And, we are offering a reduction of dues to \$25 per person."

NEXT "VIRTUAL" MEETING - As we've done for the last few months, we will once again be meeting and viewing images on "Global Meet" which is similar to Zoom. Al Ingersoll will conduct the meeting. The difference this month is that *ALL IMAGES WILL BE JUDGED IN ADVANCE* by other clubs! That will allow more time to discuss images and learn from them.

VIRTUAL EID COMPETITION LOG ON INFORMATION - Until we meet again in person, here are the instructions for GlobalMeet. The meeting will begin at **7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 1, 2020**, but you may log in around 6:45 p.m.

1. Go to <https://mymeetinghelp.com> This should take you to GlobalMeet Download Center – Support
2. Go to Downloads
3. Go to GlobalMeet Desktop Apps
4. Choose Mac or Windows, download, install, create username & password
5. Login: on *Sign In as Guest*, click *Later*. for people who have already been to our meeting, to to: <https://free.globalmeet.com/Web/AlanIngersoll>
6. Go to Meetings in the left column and click on Al Ingersoll's name. For first timers the meeting code is **3751844873**. Once you get to the "main" page where there's a column on the left with your name at the top, click on your name, then click on settings, make sure Launch at startup is turned off, otherwise GlobalMeet will launch every time you turn your computer on.
7. Under *Join a Meeting*, hit *Enter*.
8. Choose *Use My Computer*, choose your *Mike and Speaker* on the next page, then *Connect Me*
9. If you don't have both a speaker and mic, have your cell phone handy and call 646-307-1479. Be ready to enter the meeting code from above.

10. Please "Mute" your speakers, and turn off your near-by cell phones so there are no distractions during the meeting.

10. If you have any questions or problems, contact Al Ingersoll at alanw46@charter.net

NEW DEADLINE FOR EIDS - August 28 - In the past, Sunday night before the SOPA meeting was the deadline for submitting EIDs to Al Ingersoll via the SOPA webpage. New this year: the deadline will be the *FRIDAY night before the first Tuesday of the month* (August 28.) This will give judges the opportunity to pre-judge over the weekend. Al will enter the scores, and we'll view winners and critique images during Tuesday's on-line meeting.

WANT A CRITIQUE? - By having EIDs pre-judged, we're hoping the extra time can be used to critique images after viewing them and seeing winning images. If interested in feedback, you can **check the box** next to your image when you enter it at the SOPA website. (It's on the same page where you type in your title & upload your image.) If you forget, you may also ask for feedback after members have viewed all the images. We won't critique your photo without your permission, but we will highlight positive features of winning images as a learning tool. We'll start with one image per person, and if there's time, we can critique more.

DECREASE IN DUES - Since we aren't meeting in person, the SOPA Board has voted to decrease the dues this year from \$45 to \$25. Once we start meeting in person again, we may increase the amount, if needed, to cover room rental and other expenses. ***Paid membership is required in order to compete.***

SEND DUES TO NEW TREASURER, ANDI SHAPIRO - Please send your membership checks, payable to *SOPA*, to our Treasurer, *Andi Shapiro, 7122 Highway 66, Ashland, OR 97520*. We hope you will support our club whether we are meeting or not.

NEW EID CATEGORIES - The 4C's has come up with new competition categories for all clubs: *Traditional, Altered Reality and Monochrome*. (This is similar to the Quarterly EID competition.) The SOPA Board has decided that each SOPA member may submit up to **FOUR** images. (You may "mix and match"--i.e. all four can be in one of the categories, or you may have one or two photos in one category and one or two photos in another). The top-scoring **10** images (previously only 5) from each club will be forwarded to 4Cs for further competition among dozens of clubs in the Pacific Northwest.

COLUMBIA COUNCIL OF CAMERA CLUBS (4C'S) WEBPAGE AND "GOLD BOOK" - Learn all about our umbrella organization at: <http://columbiacameraclubs.org/> There you'll see winning EID images submitted from all the clubs in the Council as well as Quarterly EID winners. There are instructions for entering Quarterly EIDs, as well as the updated "Gold Book" at the 4Cs website. (Changes from the previous year are highlighted in yellow at the site.) The following excerpts should be noted:

- The entrant must be the **full owner** of all rights of the submitted works. The use of any image, **in whole or part**, not the property of the entrant is not allowed.
- Electronic Image Division: This division consists of electronic images presented by digital means, e.g., displayed on a computer or digitally projected onto a viewing surface. **Image capture must use a camera or scanner**, but no distinction is made between film and digital cameras. Images are not limited to those created and/or modified digitally: images may also be acquired on film and then scanned, modified if desired, and entered.

NEW COMPETITION CATEGORIES:

- **Traditional:** Depicts a subject based on a reasonable fidelity to reality. Manipulation, if any, only

artfully or delicately enhances reality.

- **Altered Reality:** Depicts photographic subjects in a substantial departure from realism. This may be accomplished through control of content, the photographic process, or post-processing. (See Additional Guidelines in Part III of the Gold Book for examples.)
- **Monochrome:** Monochrome images are defined to consist of only white and black, as well as all shades of gray in between. Toning is allowed, but must cover the entire image and be of a single color; e.g. sepia toning. Images with spot color, selective color or that are colored with two or more colors must be entered in the Traditional or Altered Reality Categories.

NO EID THEMES - The SOPA Board has decided **not** to have "themes" this year (i.e. Portraits, Night Photography, Insects, etc.)

BORDERS AND MANIPULATION ARE "OK" IN "TRADITIONAL EID CATEGORY" - The SOPA Board amended its guidelines in August, 2020. The use of HDR, Panoramas, filters like Nik, Topaz, and adding a border is now acceptable in the "Traditional Category." However, manipulation, if any, should *only artfully or delicately* be done to enhance reality. (If the image does not look "real", it should go in the "Altered Reality" category.)

SOPA FIELD TRIP - Our Publicity/Field Trip Chair, Terry Tuttle, has procured the **Steamboat Inn** in the Umpqua Valley for October 23-25, 2020. If interested in joining a small group of SOPA members for the weekend, contact Terry at terrytuttle@charter.net There are plenty of outdoor shooting opportunities in that region, including several waterfalls and lakes. <https://www.thesteamboatin.com/>

HIGH POINT WINNERS 2019-20 - Twenty-nine members competed electronically (EIDs) in the 2019-20 year. Scores were tallied for the full nine months. Each individual's lowest monthly score was then subtracted. Below are the top net scores for the year:

- 1st Place** - Howard Hunt 897.5
- 2nd Place** - George Peterson 881.5
- 3rd Place** - Gary Hill 867.5
- Honorable Mention** - Randy Bryan 867
- Honorable Mention** - Neal Thompson 862
- Honorable Mention** - Barbara Tricarico 859

SOPA 2019-20 END OF YEAR EID WINNERS - At the end of the 2019-20 year, the Portland Camera Club collectively judged SOPA's winning images for the year. (The top 5 winning SOPA images each month that were sent to 4Cs.) The End of Year Winners may be seen on the SOPA webpage: <https://www.sopacameraclub.com/2020-end-of-year-winning-eids/>

- 1st Place** - Dogwood & Springtime - Alana Starkweather (photo below)
- 2nd Place** - Got A Yellowjacket - George Peterson
- 3rd Place** - Cherry Blossoms - Alana Starkweather
- Honorable Mention** - Garden Party - Alana Starkweather
- Honorable Mention** - The Smithy - George Peterson
- Honorable Mention** - Window to Mt. Hood - Randy Bryan
- Honorable Mention** - Dragonfly - Howard Hunt
- Honorable Mention** - Fickle Finger of Fate - Neal Thompson
- Honorable Mention** - Never More - Howard Hunt
- Honorable Mention** - Still Life Circle - Alana Starkweather
- Honorable Mention** - Stop the Rain - Howard Hunt



EID of the Year

"Dogwood & Springtime" by Alana Starkweather

SOPA WEBPAGE - Be sure and check out Randy Bryan's hard work on the SOPA webpage at www.sopacameraclub.com. There you'll see winning images, instructions on entering images, and previous newsletters. Randy hopes to restructure the website over the winter. He welcomes feedback. Randy's email is r8bryan@gmail.com

QUARTERLY EIDS - QEID Competitions are *individual competitions* from all 4Cs clubs. Awards are given to the individual participants for that particular competition. The next deadline is October 31, 2020. There are three categories: Altered Reality, Monochrome, and Traditional. **Note:** Any image that has been entered in a 4Cs' competition in a given Division and/or Category may be re-entered in a different Division and/or Category in future competitions. Any image in a given 4Cs' competition Category/Class that does not win an award (Award of Merit or Honorable Mention) may be re-entered in the same Category/Class in future competitions, but not during the same competition year. **Images that have received an award (Award of Merit or Honorable Mention) in any previous 4Cs' competition year are not eligible to be re-entered at anytime in the same Category/Class.** For more information, go to http://columbiacameraclubs.org/content.aspx?page_id=22&club_id=772283&module_id=273056

THINK TANK PERKS - SOPA participates in the *Think Tank Affiliate Program*. Use this link to receive free gear and free U. S. shipping on all orders over \$50. (And SOPA will receive a commission!) www.thinktankphoto.com/?rfsn=140625.b44041

BOARD MEMBERS - Thanks to all of you who voted by email for the incoming slate of officers, below. **Welcome to Andi Shapiro, our new Treasurer and George Peterson, our new Print Chair!** Feel free to volunteer in the future and ask questions of any of us:

PRESIDENT – Barbara Tricarico - btricarico@gmail.com

VICE PRESIDENT – Judy LaNier - bensonlanier@charter.net

SECRETARY – Susan Quinn - quinns1@mac.com

TREASURER – Andi Shapiro - andieagle@gmail.com

ELECTRONIC IMAGING (EID) CHAIR – Al Ingersoll - alanw46@charter.net

PRINT CHAIR – George Peterson - sgpeterson1@msn.com

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WEBMASTER – Randy Bryan - r8bryan@gmail.com

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4C's REPRESENTATIVE – Vivian McLeavey - Vivian@ViviansViews.com

PROGRAM CHAIR – Vacant

NEWSLETTER EDITOR – Vacant