A Message from the President

Welcome back members for another exciting year with the Washington Park Camera Club. I am extremely honored to serve as Club President for the next two years. Thank you all for the tremendous vote of confidence in electing me to lead the organization. We are very fortunate to have a dedicated and capable steering committee in place; with Jerlyn Maloy as vice president, Philip Thomas as secretary, Vanessa Thomas as treasurer and Paul Carson serving as financial director.

My hope is to build on the solid foundation already established for WPCC. We will have a focus on increasing our membership, both in size and diversity. We will offer many how to workshops to help build skills and expose members to a wide variety of photographic techniques. We will augment our photographic knowledge with sessions with fantastic speakers. There will be several photo field trips and member participative shoot and show events to showcase our members fine work.

Our relationship with the Washington Park Field House continues to flourish. We now enjoy the use of...
alternative meeting rooms to better fit our needs and look forward to establishing a greater presence in the Field house with both temporary and permanent displays of our members images. We will develop a digital print lab with the Washington Park Field House aiding in converting our existing dark room into a multi-functional print and instructional room.

A new relationship has been established this fall with the U. of Chicago Arts Incubator. We have enjoyed the use of this fantastic venue to welcome renowned speakers Terrance A. Reese and Charlie Thomas. We look forward to welcoming to this venue, award winning photojournalist Bob Black in the coming weeks. Please look for upcoming announcements and invite friends, family and potential new members to our fantastic guest speaker series.

Please join in my enthusiasm for the Washington Park Camera Club and have fun and camaraderie as we develop our photographic eye and skills. WPCC is *Where Great Minds Click*.

Below are the committees and chairs:

**Print** - Co-Chairs Artie Harris and Kathleen Sims  
**Digital Projected Images** - Duane Savage  
**Historical** - Fred Lott  
**Program** - Leslie Howard  
**Equipment** - Ken Mitchell  
**Communications** - Philip Thomas  
**Fund Raising** - Mike Schwartz  
**Hospitality** - Gerri Tripp  
**Set-Up** - Elbert Harris  
**Membership** - TBD

[ Photo | Portrait of Duane Savage | by Kenneth Mitchell ]

**WPCC Featured in South Side Weekly**

The Washington Park Camera Club was featured in an article titled "Great Minds Click Alike" that was produced by Amelia Dmowska of the South Side Weekly here in Chicago. Dmowska who attended the October 8, 2013 Print and Digitally-Project Image competition not only covered the evening but the club’s history and some of the activities the it will be involved with during the 2013-2014 year.

The South Side Weekly is a weekly newsprint magazine produced by the students at the University of Chicago, for and about the South Side of Chicago. You may read the entire article at:

http://southsideweekly.com/great-minds-click-alike/
Terrence Reese - "Reflections"

On September 10, 2013, Washington Park Camera Club officially kicked off it's year with a seminar that was held at University of Chicago Arts Incubator (located at 301 E. Garfield Boulevard). Guest Presenter Terrence Reese, spoke about his documentary-style photography series, "Reflections".

In this series, Terrence utilizes strategically placed mirrors in the environment of 63 noted persons of film, dance, politics and celebrity in order to capture them in their own private worlds. He spoke about the photo session and stories behind each photo he presented.

Club members had a chance to ask Terrence what it was like to photograph these prominent individuals, what his techniques he employed and the book that currently is in circulation featuring his work.

[Photo | Club President, Duane Savage, shakes hands with guest speaker, Terrence A. Reese | Collage of Event Images | by Philip Thomas]

Charles Thomas - “Digital Innovations”

Charles [Charlie] Thomas, President of Hyde Park Jazz, Jazz Historian and talented photographer spoke about his years in the Jazz music environment and some of the digital innovations he’s utilized for presenting his photos. He highlighted the fact that the “days of the slide show” are now replaced with slide computer software that afford the photo-presenter with the ability to add special effects and transitions to their presentation.

During the Q&A session, members had the opportunity to interact with Charlie to get his feedback and ideas on how they could “spruce up” their presentations.

[Photo | Guest speaker, Charles Thomas | Collage of Event Images | by Philip Thomas]
Washington Park Bird Watchers

On Saturday, October 14, 2013, members of the Washington Park Camera Club joined the Washington Park Conservancy group for its Bird Walk in Washington Park. There are four migratory bird walks per year (two in the spring and two in the fall). Members of the group traditionally meet up at the Refectory in the park.

[ Photo Collage | “Washington Park Bird Watchers in Action” | by Fred Lott ]
Redskins Win The Mum Bowl

The 2013 Mum Bowl Championship was won by our own Washington park Redskins for a record 13th time on Friday, October 18, 2013 at the Soldier Field stadium in Chicago, IL. This year makes it the third time (in a row) that the team has won this title. Harold Juanes, our own former president, coached the team many years ago.

The Redskins benefit from the Junior Bear Football program which has been in existence since 1948 and has produced many high school, college and NFL players. The Junior Bear program is free, with all equipment, uniforms and transportation provided at no charge to the players. The program is funded through both the Chicago Park District and the Chicago Bears Bears-Care Grant.

The traditional Mum Ceremony precedes each game, where family members are presented a Mum flower to thank them for time and effort they provide to make the season possible.

Washington Park Camera Club supports the team by having its members photograph this event. This year's group of photographers included Fred Lott, Leslie Howard and Elbert Harris.

[ Photo Collage | Washington Park Redskins in Action at Mum Bowl | by Fred Lott ]

2013 Christmas Party

On Tuesday, December 3, 2013 at 6:00 PM, Washington Park Camera Club will celebrate the 2013 holiday season with it's annual Christmas Party at Japan Grill Buffet (4817-4827 W 76 St., Burbank, IL 60459). The restaurant includes an “all you can eat” dinner buffet for $11.59 (adults) which includes a beverage. “Bring your own bottle” if you would like to enjoy your favorite wine or liquor.

[ Photo | “Christmas Tree Light” | by Philip Thomas ]
2013 Summer Contest

Some said that the 2013 Spring Contest had "boring" categories, so the committee of Paul Carson, Duane Savage, Les Howard and Gerri Tripp went to work to come up with more challenging categories for the 2013 Summer Contest also called the "Summer Scavenger Hunt". Club members were given two months to gather shots from 20 categories: After Dark, Vehicles, Billboard, Bird(s), Close up or Macro, Covered Bridge, Doors, Eyes, Looking up a tree, Neon Signs, Rain Drops, Raised Bridges, Showing Motion, Silhouette, Something Ugly, Street Photography, The color Yellow, Windows and Water (any moving water). Entries had be photographed on or after June 26, 2013 and before August 31, 2013.

First place was awarded to Gerri Tripp who had a total of 196 points with the highest average score of 21.8. She also received the title of Best of Show. Duane Savage earned second place for total number of points with 188 and third place for highest average score with 20.9. Ken Mitchell held the second place for high average score with 21.3.

[ Photos | “Vehicle” Entry by Gerri Tripp, Best of Show; “Yellow” Entry by Kenneth Mitchell, “Chairman’s Choice” ]

The Train So Hard Mini Comp. Winner is...

During the summer, members of the Washington Park Camera Club were invited to come out and photograph the Train So Hard bootcamps that were ran by Justin Davis between April and September. A number of members participated and three members submitted photos for a mini competition. Kenneth Mitchell, Duane Savage and Elbert Harris received certificates of participation with Elbert walking away with the grand prize of $50. Judging was performed by Justin and the certificates and awards were presented on November 5, 2013.

The collaboration between the WPCC and the TsH group helped to expand the relationship between the two groups, afford members with the opportunity to photograph live action, athletic models at no cost and have their images posted to the Train So Hard blog (http://trainsohard.tumblr.com).

[ Photo | “Hill Workout” | by Elbert Harris ]
Club Trip to The Morton Arboretum

Club members participated in one of two trips to the Morton Arboretum on October 9 and 19, 2013. The goal was to capture fall colors for the 2013 season. Though it seemed that colors were late this year some members we able to capture some splashes of the season.

[ Photos | “Morton Arboretum Collage” | Contributions by Paul Carson, Preston Moore, Duane Savage, Michael Schwartz, Kathleen Sims, Geraldine Tripp ]

Recap: Summer 2013 Trip - Chicago River Walk
[ Collage | “WPCC Members Capture The Chicago Riverwalk” | by Philip Thomas ]
WPCC Print Competition Results

*Held on January 5, 2016*

**Print Small Color**

*Award* - White Water Lily - Mike Schwartz
*HM* - Fiat Racer - Anita Elion

**Print Small Monochrome**

*Award* - Antique Can Collection - Kathleen Sims
*HM* - Four photographers in a Row - Mike Schwartz

**Print Large Color**

*Award* - Off the coast of Brazil - Jerri Maloy
*HM* - Standing Tall - Kathleen Sims

**Print Large Monochrome**

*Award* - Outdoor Studio - Kathleen Sims
*HM* - Reflections in Art - Kathleen Sims

**Print Best of Show, Print of the Month**

Off the Coast of Brazil - Jerri Maloy

WPCC DPI Competition Results

*Award* - Japanese Water Basin - Anita Elion
*Award* - Ping Tom - Anita Elion
*HM* - Before the Storm - Fred Lott
*HM* - Going out in Style - Duane Savage

**Best of Show**

Inside the Dahlia - Gerri Tripp

CACCA Interclub Results

*Not Available*
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