

# YAMHILL CAMERA NEWS

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## CLINIC NIGHTS

It was a small but lively group that attended clinic on Tuesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>. There is so much to gain from the process of viewing and commenting on others work. If you are open to constructive comments and willing to give feedback to others this is a great way to improve your skills as a photographer.

When I started shooting four years ago I didn't know anyone who was into photography. It was lonely learning this all by myself, so I cruised the web and lurked at several online communities for photographers. Since my free time is limited I could only join one, so I chose Digital Image Café. I chose this site because of a feature called the Critique Corner, where you upload your image and receive comments on how the image could be improved. For every image you upload you have to comment on two others. This was where I learned about photography.

Was I ever nervous after uploading my first image for critique! But the comments I received were kind and helpful, and many were accompanied by Photoshop tips. I had to comment in turn, which was difficult at first. The process forced me to study other people's images and break out the elements that I liked, and identify those that could be improved on. This process is a powerful learning technique. By scrutinizing an image this way you gain valuable insights and learn techniques that will enhance your work as well.

Some tips on commenting that work for me. I start out with something I like about the image, such as the composition, color, lighting, mood, texture, subject matter, sharpness or softness. Then I look for what techniques or improvements I would try if it were my image. Some examples would be adding a catch light to an eye, cloning out a telephone pole or a branch, darkening or lightening an area, straightening the horizon.

We are hoping to see your photos at the March 14 camera club meeting. Bring your favorite photos related to the theme of Irish Beer. Looking ahead, the April theme is: HA HA

Meeting Location: *Chuck Colvin Auto Dealership*  
1925 N Hwy 99W McMinnville

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This process works at YVCC as well. Whether you are a veteran shooter or a beginner, your comments have value. A comment by our youngest member on an image I've been reworking for two years was just the inspiration I needed to turn a good photo into an award winner. Thanks Jeremy!

**Vice-President** Debbie Vorhees

## 2006 PHOTO SEMINARS

An exciting seminar is coming to Portland, Oregon. There are great speakers in store for this October, 2006 Outdoor & Digital Photo Seminar brought to you by Outdoor Photographer and PCPhoto.

- October 28 - George Lepp
- October 29 - Rick Sammon

President Stueie urges you to take the opportunity to hear George Lepp speak as he is an outstanding speaker. For details and to sign-up, please log on to [www.opseminar.com](http://www.opseminar.com)

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