

PENWICLE

Peninsula Wilderness Club meets on the second Monday of every month at 7:30 pm at the Kitsap Unitarian Fellowship Church on Perry Avenue in East Bremerton. The public is cordially invited.

December 1995

PENWICLE GETS NEW LOOK!

Prepare yourself for a few months of visual surprises as the PENWICLE undergoes a metamorphosis. The newsletter will be evolving through the next few issues, as the newsletter editor gets acquainted with her new computer and publishing program. Various layouts, fonts, logos and art will make upcoming appearances. If you see something you particularly like (or don't), feel free to provide comments to the editor at 373-6781.

December 11th Exploring the Swiss Alps

Dennis McDaniel will be presenting slides and memories from his years bicycling, hiking and exploring the Austrian, German and Northern Italian Alps. Images from Munich's Christmas Market will add a special brilliance to December's presentation.

Dennis spent seven years of his career as a Russian Translator in Germany. Join him as he shares stunning images and amusing tales from his days trekking through the rich culture and landscape of the region.



Elk Watching on the Elwha

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2nd; Join Doug Savage as he goes elk watching on the Seek Way and Anderson Ranch Trails in the Elwha River Basin. The total mileage for the day will be about 7 miles with minimal elevation gain. For a fun fall outing, contact Doug at 698-9774.

Annual Beginners' Cross-Country Skiing

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9th; Doug Savage will take beginning skiers to Reflection Lakes on his annual beginner's cross-country ski trip. This scenic and easy trail near Mt. Rainier, is ideal for first time skiers. Doug (and other skiers who like to make this their first relaxing outing for the season) will provide guidance and support. Contact Doug at 698-9774.

Skiing at Hurricane Ridge

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17th; Enjoy the cool, crisp snow of Hurricane Hill. Hurricane Ridge provides excellent opportunities for advanced beginners/easy intermediate cross-country skiers. Contact Dave Cossa at 871-5577 or Chris Bell at 876-4800.

Day Hike on the Lower Dungeness

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16th; Join Joe Weigel as he hikes the Lower Dungeness Trail. If a car swap can be arranged, the 5.8 miles can be traveled in one direction only. There is only 850 feet of elevation gain; the high point of the trail is 2500 feet so encountering snow will depend on the snow level. The trail affords a variety of viewing pleasures including excellent views from the canyon along the river and old growth forest. Call Joe at 871-0291.

Skiing at Crystal Mountain

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27th; Doug Savage will be spending the day at Crystal Mountain Ski Resort. Bring your downhill or telemarking skis and spend a day playing on the slopes. Contact Doug at 698-9774.



Backcountry Telemarking in North Eastern Oregon

DECEMBER 28th thru JANUARY 3rd; Join Pam Sargent in the Wallowa Mountains and Eagle Cap Wilderness in North Eastern Oregon. Moderate to advanced telemarkers will be traveling hut to hut with *light* packs. Skins, shovels and transceivers are required (but can be provided by the guide). The cost of \$386.25 includes meals, lodging and guide service. A deposit of 50% of the cost is required by December 1. Contact Pam at (360)697-5545



Snow Camping at Reflection Lakes

JANUARY 13th thru 15th; Spend the long weekend snow camping near beautiful Reflection Lakes in Mt. Rainier National Park. The four mile cross-country ski trail is easy access for first time snow campers. members will need a four season tent and appropriate winter equipment. Contact Doug Savage at 698-9774.

Bon Jon Pass

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6th; Join John Knott for cross-country skiing at Bon Jon Pass in the Olympics. This is a great trip for beginners with very little elevation change. Call John at 792-2440.

Climbing at the Vertical Club

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14th; Spend the day climbing at the new Vertical Club near Freemont. Bring your own shoes, harness and chalk bag, or rent equipment at the facility. For more information, call Bill Boileau at 613-5263.

Paddling Around Blake Island

MONDAY, JANUARY 15th; Get on the water with Bill Boileau as he kayaks from Manchester around Blake Island and back. This trip is open for experienced paddlers. Contact Bill at 613-5263.



Day Ski to Mowich Lake

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27th; Cross-country skiers will enjoy this intermediate trip to Mowich Lake on the north side of scenic Mount Rainier. Call Chris Bell for more information at 876-4800 or 871-9414.

Wednesday Telemark Classes

Snoqualmie Pass offers Wednesday night telemarking classes for all skill levels through the Mountain Spirit program. Prices for this year are unavailable at time of publishing. In addition to the courses, Snoqualmie Pass has cheap night rates of \$14 for telemarkers and \$16 for downhillers during the week. Contact Pam Sargent for more information at (360)697-5545.

Winterfest 96

FEBRUARY 17th thru 19th, 1996; Members are making their reservations now for Winterfest 96' at the Inn of Packwood near White Pass. Be sure to indicate to the reservation clerk that you are with the PWC group, so that club rooms can be reserved in one general location of the Inn.

Consider organizing some roommates and reserving a large room (max. occupancy 6) to serve as a gathering spot for evening relaxation and socializing. Two other members have already reserved two of the three larger accommodations.

The Inn has many other rooms with varying sleeping arrangements; all have private baths. The Inn also has a heated indoor swimming pool and hot tub for unwinding after long days of winter fun.

The White Pass area offers opportunities for downhill and cross-country skiers, as well as, snow-shoers and other winter enthusiasts. Snow Park permits are required. Drivers must travel via Highway 12 through Morton due to winter road closures.

Make your Saturday and Sunday night reservations by calling (360)494-5500. The Inn prefers checks over credit cards for deposits on reservations.

Chris's Canadian Escape



MARCH 13th thru 17th; Call now to reserve a spot on Chris Bell's winter adventure to Lake Louise in Canada. This breathtaking resort can be reached via Canadian Rail or by carpooling. members can enjoy both cross-country and downhill skiing. There is potential for some technical ice climbing in the area, as well. The approximate cost for the excursion is \$350. Contact Chris as soon as possible in order to make the necessary arrangements, 876-4800 or 871-9414.

Costa Rican Tour



Ralph Carlson, who presented images from EcoTeach's guided tours of Costa Rica to the club in November, has extended an offer to PWC members. A special group rate of about \$1700 (or less, depending on airfare) can be offered if 15 to 20 members take part.

The trip is one week guided, with the option of an open ended airline ticket to allow members to stay longer on their own if they desire. Going as a group means the tour can be designed around PWC's specific interests and capabilities. Some suggested time frames for travel are mid-March, early April or June.

All interested members should contact Teresa Miller at 373-6781 as soon as possible, so planning can begin.

Mt. Constance Clinics

Mt. Constance Mountain Shoppe offers numerous **FREE** clinics on various recreational topics. The schedule for December events at the Bremerton Shoppe is:

Tuesday, Dec. 5th; How to get a custom fit on your boots using minimal materials. 7:00pm to 9:00 pm.

Thursday, Dec. 7th; Cross-country and telemark ski clinic for individuals interested in getting started. 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

Tuesday, Dec. 12th; How to tune your own skis. 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

Thursday, Dec. 14th; Snowboard tuning and maintenance. 7:00 to 8:00 pm

Tuesday, Dec. 19th; Outdoor survival class. 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

Call Mt. Constance Mountain Shoppe at 377-0668 for more information.



Telemarking at Purcell Lodge

MARCH 1st thru 6th; Act fast to reserve a place at the Purcell Lodge in Golden BC. Deluxe lodging, meals and guide service is included in the package price of approximately \$700 to \$900, (depending on your choice of accommodations). Moderate to advanced telemarking/touring skills are required. Participants will helicopter in and out. A \$200 deposit is required by Dec 7th; contact Pam Sargent at (360)697-5545.



Mt. Tahoma Ski Trips



Here are the lucky members chosen for the 1996 Mt. Tahoma ski hut outings. Thanks to all the interested members, and better luck to those who missed out this year.

January 20th & 21st at Copper Creek:

Dave Cossa	Joyce Kimmel
Cynthia Engelgau	John Knott
Cheryl Gudger	Tim Rossiter
Melinda Hedger	Pam Sargent
Cindy Holben	Larry Thomas
Sean Johnson	Lindy Tompkins

Alternates: Bruce Candioto, Kate Carter, Mac Dowell, Lynn Howat, Dan and Pat Kirschbaum, Rick McNicholas and Alice Savage

February 10th & 11th at Snow Bowl:

Dave Cossa	Jim Pettis
Alyce Daniels	Tim Rossiter
Joyce Kimmel	Pam Sargent
Anna Pettis	Doug Savage

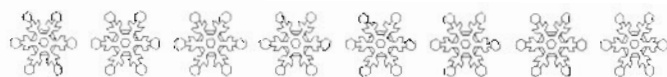
Alternates: Tom Banks, Bruce Candioto, Cynthia Engelgau, Sean Johnson, Craig Martin, Brian Steely, Larry Thomas and Lindy Tompkins

March 9th & 10th at Copper Creek:

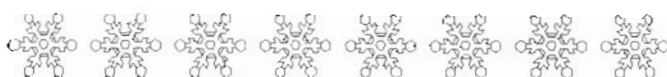
Tom Banks	Cheryl Gudger
Bruce Candioto	Melinda Hedger
Bert Cripe	Dan Kirschbaum
Diana Cripe	Pat Kirschbaum
Paul Dutky	Rick McNicholas
Pat Gleason	Alice Savage

Alternates: Chris Hildebrand, Joyce Kimmel, Dennis McDaniel, Pam Sargent and Janet Welch

NOTE: Participants need to provide club treasurer, Kevin Kilbridge, with a check MADE OUT TO THE PWC for \$25 to reserve their spot. Deposits will be refunded after the trip. Please provide the check by the end of the December Monday meeting on the 11th. The check may be mailed to Peninsula Wilderness Club; P.O. Box 323; Bremerton, WA 98310-0070, or given to Kevin at the meeting.



WANTED: Cross-country skis, 200 or 205 cm. Men's size 10 boots. Call Tim at 779-4450



FOR SALE: One pair Fisher GTS single camber, metal edge 205 cm skis. One pair Epoke 1000 touring skis, 205 cm. One pair Epoke 1000 touring skis, 190 cm. One pair Merrill XCD boots men's size 8 1/2. Two pairs Asolo Extreme Pro Tele boots, men's size 7 1/2 and women's size 6. Call 830-4746.

Rock Climbing at Pashastan Pinnacles by Alice Savage

Someone said 28 people showed up at the beginners' rock climbing near Leavenworth, October 7th and 8th. It was difficult to tell how many as we were quite scattered about. Most of us were at Pashastan Pinnacles but some went to Icicle Creek.

The weather was perfect; both Saturday and Sunday turned out sunny and warm. The Pinnacles are located about 5 miles east of Leavenworth, not far off the highway and easy to find.

This was my first experience with this kind of rock climbing. I had never before worn a pair of rock shoes; "Ouch," they are so tight. But, much to my surprise and delight I soon learned they really stick to the rock.

The experienced climbers led the pitch and set the rope for belaying the rest of us. Most of the pitches were 5.6 but some climbed 5.8 or better. I found it exhilarating to scramble up the steep rocks once I found out how it was done.

We camped overnight at Wenatchee River State park just east of Cashmere. Some of the group drove over Friday night to spend two nights. It was nice but noisy with a train rumbling through from time to time during the night shaking the ground.

Saturday night we headed for Leavenworth as a huge harvest moon climbed into the sky. It was bright and beautiful with wispy white clouds floating by.

The town was in a party mood with Octoberfest going full blast. We lucked out, finding a place for dinner that wasn't too crowded. Most of the people in the restaurant were in the bar cheering the Mariners as the game was playing on TV



After dinner we found a lively band playing for a street dance. It was fun to join in. How many times can one do the "chicken"?

Sunday started out cloudy but the sun came out as we headed for the rocks. We climbed until early afternoon then left for home.

The autumn colors were on display as we left Leavenworth and drove into the mountains past masses of bright red vine maple. Near the pass it rained but was dry as we dropped down the other side.

It was a great weekend and a big thank you to Tony Abruzzo and all you guys who gave their time and equipment to see that the rest of us had such an enjoyable time. I want you to know I certainly appreciated it.



Rafting the Rugged Tieton

by Teresa Miller

Saturday, September 23rd, I joined eight others on Cheryl Gudger's great adventure on the Tieton River near Yakima. The drive to the meeting place at the take-out allowed us a view of the awaiting river. The bubbling energy of our trip leader was a perfect match for the fast waters of the Tieton that day.

After squeezing into our fashionable wet-suits and getting the standard safety lecture, we boarded a bus and headed for the top of the run. The enthusiastic guides serenaded us, intermingling horror stories of the river's condition with their singing.

The river was fast, and it seemed like my side of the boat got more than its share of waves and holes. It was exhilarating, to say the least. The paddling was fun. I found myself determined to flawlessly execute the commands the guide barked to us. This, of course, did not happen. But, it was certainly fun trying.



My only regret is that I didn't fall out and get to try any of the survival and rescue techniques the guides had drilled into our heads. My apprehensions had spurred me to actually pay attention and dedicate to memory the basic techniques, and I was sure I would be able to perform them with unmatched skill and grace, if needed.

The whole trip was tremendous fun. The weather was extraordinary; the river was fast and fun; the company was exceptional.

Thanks Cheryl.

FOR SALE: Pep's Dual Frequency
Avalanche Transceiver, \$100. Pam
Sargent, (360)697-5545.

FOR SALE: Tua Wilderness
Telemark Skis, 195 cm with Riva
Cable Bindings, \$100. Good beginner/
advance beginner ski, (360)697-5545
Pam Sargent.

CLUB BENEFITS

Don't forget that your club membership entitles you to a 10% discount at the Mount Constance Mountain Shoppe, as well as, the AJAX Cafe in Port Hadlock. PWC members Don Paulson and Kathy Mahan are co-owners of the AJAX Cafe. Just mention that you are a Peninsula Wilderness Club Member to receive your discount (does not apply to sale items or specials).

misc business

Interested Members Meeting

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14th; Share your ideas, help organize club business and establish upcoming trips at the Interested Members Meeting starting at 7:00 pm at Charlie Pomfret's home. New members will find this an excellent opportunity to acquaint themselves with other club members. Call Charlie at 479-7820 for directions.

New Members

The PWC welcomes the following new members for the month of November:

Dick Burge
Cynthia Engलगau
Jan Hunt
Carolyn LaFountaine
Al & Tanya Lindstrum
James Moravec
Nancy Shasteen
Lindy Tompkins
Chris Wilson

Door Prize

Barney Bernhard was the lucky winner of the November door prize, a Petzl Headlamp. Thanks, as always, to Mount Constance Mountain Shoppe for donating the monthly door prize.

**No December
Potluck due to
the Holidays**

Address Changes

To change the address to which your newsletter is delivered, notify Jim Luddon at the following address: 165 NW Alta Drive, Bremerton, WA 98310. You can also change your address at the time you pay your annual dues.



Newsletter Contributions

Articles, trip reports, interviews, announcements, etc for the PENWICLE can be sent to: Teresa Miller, P.O. Box 3163, Bremerton, WA 98310; Or, phone 373-6781. The deadline for inclusion in next month's publication is the 17th of each month. The earlier material is submitted, the better. Please include your name and telephone number with your submittals.

Carpooling

The Unitarian Fellowship Church, where monthly Monday night meetings are held, has construction underway in the upper area where parking has previously been available. Members are urged to carpool to help ease the parking crunch. Consider meeting fellow club members in nearby shopping center parking lots and carpooling from there.

For safety reasons, parking is allowed on only one side of the driveway to the church. Please adhere to 'No Parking' signs on the south side of the drive. Parking shortages should be alleviated in April when more parking space will be paved.

Mt. Olympus

by Matt Slaney

On Labor Day weekend, Scott Torve and I set out to climb Mt. Olympus Thursday night after work we boarded Scott's 1970's vintage Volkswagen bus and headed for the trailhead. As we got in the bus, I was kidding around about the wheels, "Where's your Grateful Dead bumper sticker? Will this thing make it there in one piece? How come you don't have a Peace Sign and flowers painted on the side?"

Since the trailhead is 4 hours from here, we arrived at the Hoh campground about 10:00 pm where I soon learned the value of this particular mode of transportation. We got out and I made the mandatory nature call. By the time I got back to the bus, Scott had the bed rolled out and ready to go. He even had a reasonably clean spare sleeping bag in place. (He always keeps it in the built in bed). So, we sacked out for the night in anticipation of the next day's walk.

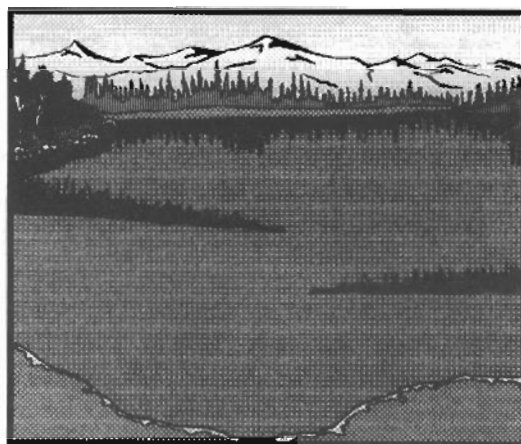
After signing in at the Ranger station we headed out. We made short work of the first nine miles since they had a net elevation change of all of 400 feet. While having lunch at Olympus Ranger Station we talked with three guys from Fort Lewis who had set out about 20 minutes ahead of us. They carried dinky army packs. It didn't look to us like they could possibly carry enough gear in those packs for a three to four day trip including a summit bid. But from the about 3/4" diameter static hemp rope on the outside of one of the packs, it was clear that was their intent.

One of them was admiring our packs (they looked fancy to him) and commented that he wished he had a hip strap on his too. His buddy laughed and pointed out that he did. He showed him how to unfold and use his hip strap and assured him that the trip would be easier now than the first nine miles had been without it. Scott and I privately decided that their odds of summiting didn't look too good.

We continued on after lunch and took our next break at the High Hoh Bridge. Being engineers blessed with fancy watches, we could not resist the opportunity to drop rocks off and time their fall to estimate the bridge's height off the creek below. After undertaking a considerable effort to square 3.4 seconds without a calculator (engineers don't carry them EVERYWHERE) we decided that the bridge must be about 170 to 180 feet high (guessing at the wind resistance).

That out of the way, we continued on to Elk Lake and camp. The weather was nice and the camp was dry so we spent a comfortable night resting after a long day. The next day we slept in then made the next two and a half miles and 2000 feet in a leisurely manner.

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We arrived at Glacier Meadows at about midday and set camp. While scoping out camp sites we met a guy named Mike and his girlfriend (I'll call her Leslie but I don't think that's right). They live in Ohio and were on vacation checking out the West. Since Leslie was tired from their trip in, she stayed in camp while Mike came with us to check out the glaciers on a day hike.

While walking, Mike explained that he is a Geologist who had studied glaciers in class but had never actually seen one. As we walked toward the glacier, Mike told us all about the geology of the terrain. It was very interesting to look at the STRIATIONS on the BOULDERS (Mike assured us that they were BOULDERS, not CLAY, SAND, PEBBLES or COBBLES) and see how the rocks had been scraped by the glacier and learn that they couldn't have been piled onto the MORaine by any MOUNTAIN BUILDING EVENT.

As our geology lesson progressed we got closer to the TERMINUS of the glacier. (Sorry, I had to get one last geology term in). The closer we got to the glacier, the more excited Mike got. He even explained (albeit in more graphic terms than I am about to use) that his excitement had progressed into a physical reaction usually reserved for excitement of a different nature.

After spending the better part of the day giving us geology lessons Mike decided that he just HAD to climb the mountain. We explained that it takes some technical skill and the right equipment. Mike was not to be denied, however. He asked if we would teach him what he needed to know and take him along if he could solve the gear problem. Scott and I discussed the issue at some length over dinner.

All reports from people returning from the summit were of very favorable conditions. No bare blue ice, all crevasses open and visible, the weather looked good, etc. We decided that his boots looked adequate and if he somehow managed to get an ice axe while 18 miles from the nearest road, and to get permission to abandon Leslie for ANOTHER day to go on a trip (which to her, never having seen a real mountain, must have looked ridiculously dangerous and futile) that we could teach him how to self arrest and tie him to the middle of our rope.

We figured Mike would have a hard time just talking Leslie into letting him go since taking the extra day was also going to use up all of Mike and Leslie's food. His chances didn't look good.

It turned out though, that while we were eating dinner and discussing the matter, Mike was at the bottom of the summit route stopping everyone who came down in an attempt to buy an ice axe. He showed up at our campsite with an ice axe in hand!

He told us the story of how he had talked to one group but they were on their way up. They got uppity on him (his words) and tried to talk him out of this folly of attempting the mountain without first having been through the mountaineering class that they (the Seattle Mountaineers) offered. He abandoned them and continued in his search.

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☆Thanks Diana Cripe, and the clean up ☆
☆crew. Church administrators have ☆
☆reminded renters to be conscious of ☆
☆cleaning up. We are doing a terrific job! ☆
☆Remember to do your part by cleaning ☆
☆up after yourself, and volunteering when ☆
☆called upon. Thanks! ☆
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While Mike was negotiating with someone who WAS on his way down, one of the mountaineers stepped up and explained to the seller what a nice axe he had and that it was worth about \$80. At that point, the negotiation went bad for Mike and he ended up paying the \$80. Who would have guessed that he was carrying his entire vacation cache with him on the hike?

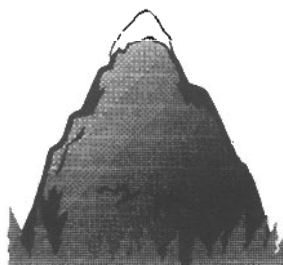
Well after all that, it was time to get some sleep. We told Mike to be ready bright and early so we could give him mountain-craft lessons. He was ready on time so off we went

It turns out that he was a quick study and we had him as ready as he could be after about an hour and a half of self arrest, tying in, and prussic lessons.

As expected by the earlier trip reports, the trip up was just a climb up the glacier, nothing too technical. It was, however, absolutely beautiful! With the late summer ice exposed in places and the occasional breakage of large chunks off in the distance, it truly was spectacular.

It turned out to be quite educational too, since Mike, "the geologist", is just as talkative as Mike, "the prospective climber", was determined. As we climbed, we bathed in the late summer sun while we watched the clouds creep up the valley below us.

While admiring the view from the summit we watched another group of climbers approach from a route different than our own. As they came close enough to recognize, Mike exclaimed, "There's that &#\$ who made me pay so much for the ice axe!"



When they submitted they were surprised to see Mike. It turns out that they were indeed as snobby as Mike had described. One of them stepped on our stuff as he brushed past me (accidentally?) bumping me hard enough to almost knock me over. Another one complained about the climbing register being placed by the Mazama's. After all, everything North of Mt. Hood is Seattle Mountaineer territory. We later had a laugh at their expense and agreed that despite their opinions to the contrary, the mountains belong to all of us.

As we quickly came down in an attempt to beat the darkness and the clouds which were approaching from below, we got some good glissading in. Mike would have enjoyed the glissade a lot more though, if it hadn't involved a couple of somersaults and a shirt full of snow. I guess that's to be expected from a man who just the day before had never seen an ice axe.

We got back to camp not quite in time to beat the darkness (we spent the last half hour walking in the dark) but just in time to beat the thunderstorm. We had a late dinner then scampered into the tent just as the rain began to fall. It turned out to be a night full of thunder and lightning, a dramatic light show to top off a superb day of climbing

The next day involved the long, wet, but uneventful 18 mile hike out. We never did see the guys from Ft. Lewis again and I'm sure we'll never see Mike again. I wonder if he still has a girlfriend? I think I want a Volkswagen bus...

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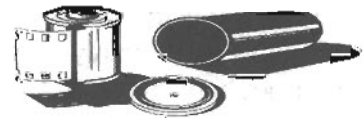
Ski Swap at the regular Monday night meeting; December 11th



Trade or sell the ski equipment, outdoor gear and recreational clothing that no longer fits you or meets your needs. Buyers, sellers and traders should come early, as transactions will be conducted before the meeting (7:00 pm to 7:30 pm) and during the break only.

Nature Photo Exhibit

Club member Don Paulson extends an invitation to see his color photography exhibit at the Kitsap Regional Library on Sylvan Way in East Bremerton. The exhibit is titled "Painting Nature Photographically" and will be on display during the month of December. The photographs in the exhibit are painting-like images of the natural world and include narratives describing the photographic techniques used to produce each image.



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