



## OCEANSIDE PHOTOGRAPHY SOCIETY WELCOMES VISITORS

Visitors may attend two free meetings before deciding to join. Please sign in at the membership desk as you enter. Iris, the Membership Director, can answer your questions about membership.

## MASKS

Masks are encouraged but are optional.

## MEETING TIMES

General Meetings are the first Wednesday of the month from 7:00 to 9:00 pm in the Qualicum Beach Civic Centre.

Education Meetings generally take place on the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm in the Auditorium at the Qualicum Beach Civic Centre except during July, August and December.

Education Meetings are back in full swing again and we hope to see you participating. Contact the management team for more information.



## USING THE LIGHTROOM CLASSIC MASKING TOOL

by John Critchley

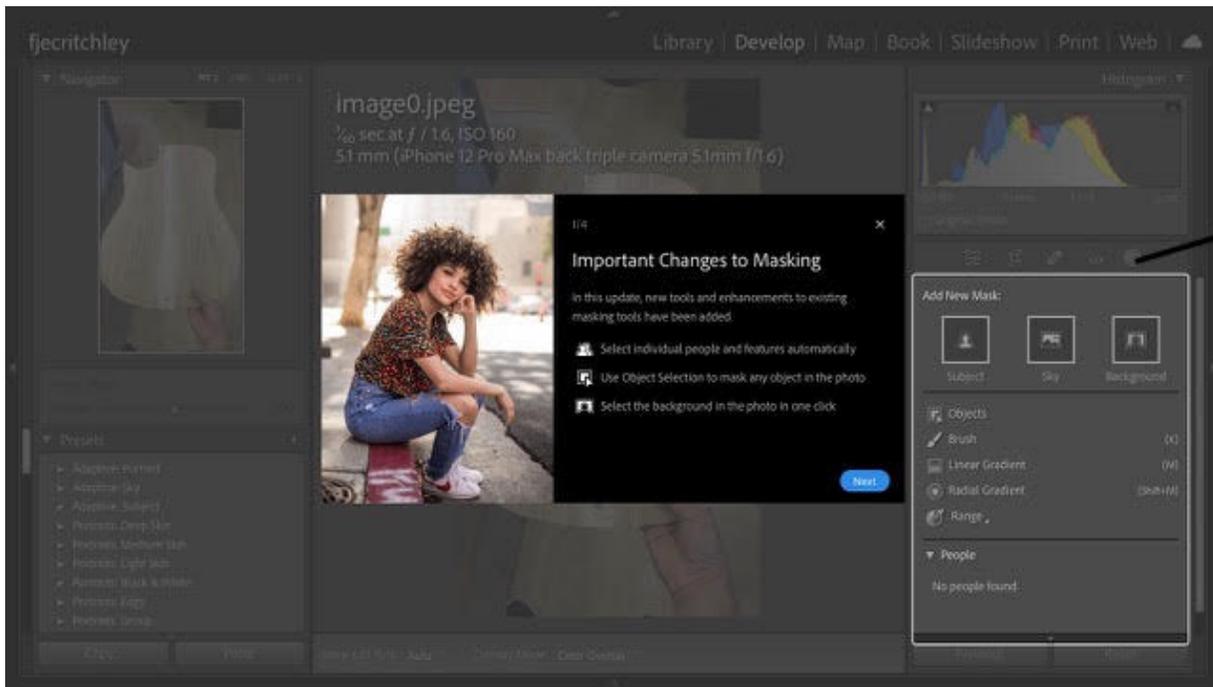
Hello everybody! Well it has been a long time but here I am again trying to make sense of the new upgrade to Lightroom Classic, especially the masking tool - with AI. It all sounds a bit like a 70's-ish commercial, remember?

“Try the NEW improved WIZZO soapsuds, now with AI!”

Nevertheless here we are with another amazing tool to enable great editing of images and in record quick time! (Your mileage may vary depending on the speed of your processor.) But as investigated on my MacBook Pro, it is really fast at rendering the edited image.

<https://helpx.adobe.com/lightroom-classic/help/whats-new.html>

What is it? Select the Develop Module and look at the top right hand side. You should see the circular icon just beneath the histogram. After you install 12.1 and click on the icon, this screen appears

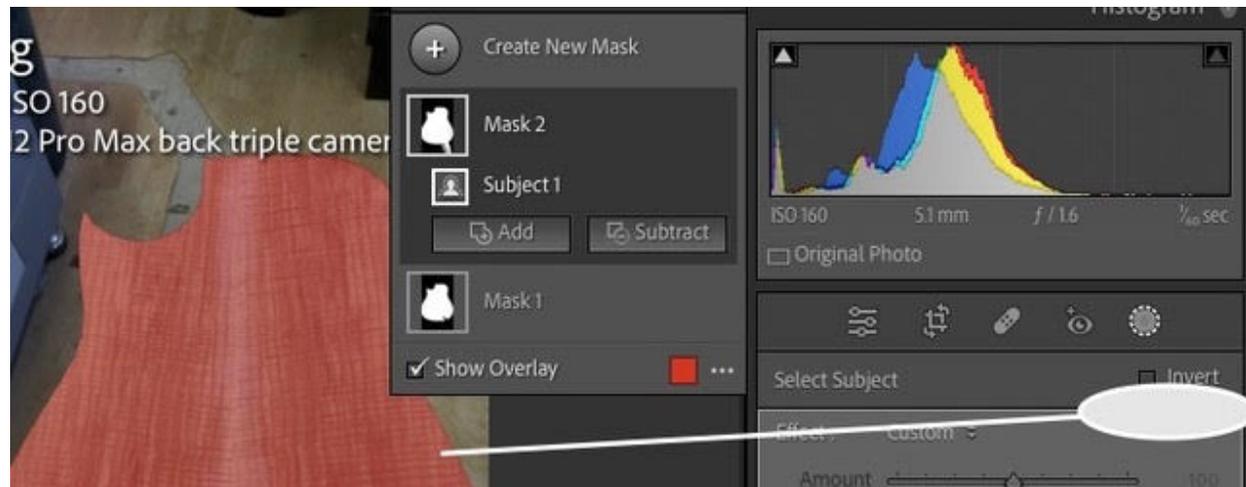


Choose one of the 3 boxes Subject, Sky or Background depending on your requirements.

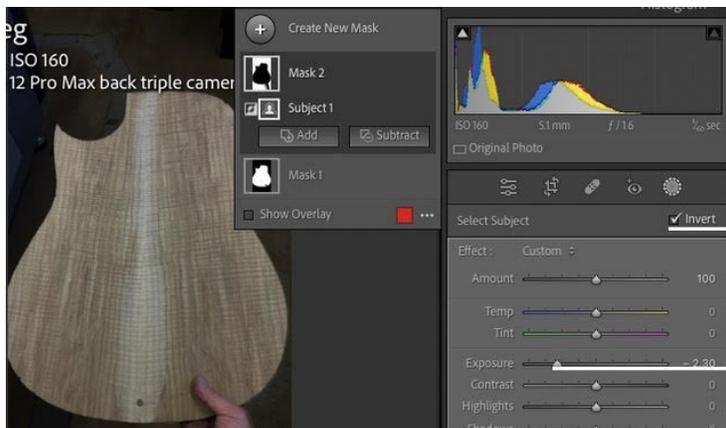
Examine the selection of the AI and use the sub-tools below the 3 boxes to modify the masked area to fit your subject accurately. (Brush) You can change the tools and their size, all the usual suspects, opacity, fill etc etc.

Experiment with the subsequent slider positions to achieve the desired masked effect.

Note the 'Invert' option at stage 2 above. Select this to make changes to the area of the photo NOT covered by the mask, ie, move exposure to darken background and remove unwanted clutter, hi-lites, distractions etc



When finished, select “Close” from the bottom right of the adjustment panel or your edits will not be incorporated.



And there's Uncle Bob again! A really effective and quite simple to use tool that has the potential to make your photos really pop!

This tool has much potential. With it you can remove unwanted objects or people from your photo. The fill function is content aware and supported by the AI.

Happy Snapping,

## SUBMISSIONS

The newsletter team welcomes suggestions, questions, ideas and photos that illustrate club activities.

Sold an image? Exhibiting? Win a photo contest? Been travelling and have a story and images to share? Other members would be interested in hearing about it.

Please send material to the newsletter at:

[newsletter.opc@gmail.com](mailto:newsletter.opc@gmail.com)

## FRAGRANCE FREE

Due to allergies, asthma and other conditions, we request that you do not use any fragrance when attending club meetings.

## REMINDER

If you haven't already done so please pay your 2022 membership fees. This Covid year the fees are reduced from \$40.00 to \$20.00 to reflect a reduction in services. The easiest way to pay is by electronic transfer to:

[treasure.opc@gmail.com](mailto:treasure.opc@gmail.com)

**Note: it is treasure not treasurer**

**Any questions about the Newsletter should be directed to:**

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## COFFEE AT THE FARM

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by Lynn Page

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Friday, the last day of September, saw a congenial group of Oceanside Photography Society members gathered for the bi-monthly Coffee Klatch. The morning was sunny and warm with only the slightest hint of Autumn, as we gathered for what could possibly be our last meeting at the Farm this year.

Mingling and chatting for a one and a half hours, the time passed very quickly. Thinking other members might enjoy seeing a photo of the event Lynn has included one for your enjoyment.

Inclement weather will see us again meeting every second and fourth Friday at Quality Foods, in Parksville, Upstairs. Please feel free to join us as it is a very casual time and gives us time to chat about things other than photography as well.



Coffee meetings have resumed on the second and fourth Fridays of the month upstairs at Quality Foods in Parksville at 10:00. Please join us for a really enjoyable time getting to know one another in a less formal environment.

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## NEW MEMBERS NOTES AND CURRENT MEMBER REMINDERS

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Welcome to Oceanside Photographic Society or OPS or OPC for short. You will find that is a very active club with many regular monthly activities and some special annual activities (more on these activities later).

You are encouraged to participate in as many of these as your time permits. You will find our members open to new members and very willing to assist you with club related questions and problems.

Our members are amateur photographers with a wide variety of cameras, equipment and skills. Please don't feel intimidated by the few high-end cameras that you will see on club outings. Most of us started with simple "point and shoot" cameras with no computer software for processing images. We grew from very simple beginnings to a group of active and enthusiastic photographers.

There is no specific camera manufacturers or models used in the club. In fact, some senior members progressed from point and shoot cameras to professional level cameras and lenses and have now returned to using simpler lighter cameras for a host of reasons.

**Activities:** Over a month you will receive email reminders of these regular club activities, please participate. Most of this information can be found on the club's website.

**General Monthly Meeting:** Is held on the first Wednesday of the month, 7:00 pm at Qualicum Beach Civic Center. There is normally a speaker and regular club business is conducted, including slide shows of the monthly field trip submissions, assignment submissions and your favourite images. This is a great time to meet other members of the club over a coffee and cookies.

**Monthly Education Meeting:** is held on the third Tuesday of the month, 7:00 at the Qualicum Beach Civic Center (September through to June). This a great opportunity to learn about the topic which interest our members and ask questions about your camera or photography. Coffee is served, which is a great time to enjoy the camaraderie of other photographers.

**Monthly Field Trip:** The monthly field trip is usually to a unique local location, alternating Saturdays and Sundays on the second weekend of the month. This is a casual affair. Club members show up at the location and shoot to your hearts content. You can submit up to 5 images through the club website under "Members Only" for a Field Trip. Up-loading instructions are posted on the website. These images are used in the slide show at the General Meeting. There is no judging or critique of images, so submit the work you enjoy.

**Field trips** are a social affair, so we regroup after the shoot at a nearby restaurant for lunch. We dine as a group with an a la carte menu, with plenty of conversation.

**Coffee Get Togethers:** twice a month we get together on a Friday morning and have coffee together. In the summer months it is at Morningstar Farm and in the colder months it is upstairs at Quality Foods in Parksville.

**Monthly Assignments:** Are posted on the club’s website and announced at the General Meeting. To assist members in their assignments, the Education Director attempts to coordinate the prior month education topics with the next months assignments. This is your chance to get creative and expand your skills.

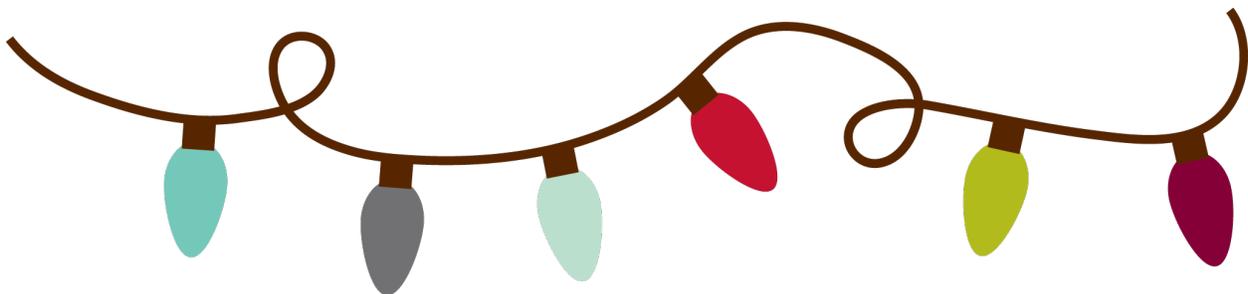
**Assignment** images are up-loaded to the club’s website through the “Members Only” section which also contain up-loading instruction and image specification. If you need assistance, ask a member or Director. They are more than willing to help you. So please participate.

**Mailchimp “Chatter”:** Comes via email, one or three times a month with up-dates on club activities. If you don’t receive them check your “JUNK MAIL” and if nothing is in this mail box, contact the memberships director to ensure your name and email address have been recorded correctly.

**Website:** The club’s website is maintained by the Technical Director with up-dates from several other club directors.

### LIONS GATE WINNING SCORES

Airborne Lunch!	Iris Schurz	25.5
Bringin' Home The Bacon	Diane Spaidel	25
Grizzly Sow Success	Wayne Duke	24
Mount Assiniboine Enviros	Bob Christopher	23
Taking Flight	Mark Macey	22
One Eyed Wonder	Ed Dunnett	20



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ASSIGNMENT WINNERS - NOVEMBER

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LIQUIDS

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COLOUR

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First Place

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*Splish Splash Pepper  
Was Taking A Bath*

*Bob Christopher*

Second Place

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*Drip Drop*

*Gay Winn*





Third Place

*Liquid Gold*

*Paula Barnsley*

Honourable  
Mention

*Droplets'*

*John Potter*



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ASSIGNMENT WINNERS - NOVEMBER

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LIQUIDS

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BLACK AND WHITE

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First Place

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*Nature's Art*

*Iris Schurz*



Second Place

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*Putting a Squeeze On*

*Mary Watts*

Third Place

*Go With the Flow*

*Paula Barnsley*



ASSIGNMENT WINNERS - NOVEMBER

LIQUIDS

DIGITAL ART



First Place

*The Famous Blue  
Raincoat*

*Bob Christopher*



Second Place

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*Vino! Vino! Vino!*

*John Potter*

Third Place

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*Waves*

*Wayne Duke*

