

SKAGIT VALLEY CAMERA CLUB

RESOURCES FOR PHOTOGRAPHERS

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GROUPS & CLUBS

- Northwest Council of Camera Clubs or NWCCC (SVCC is a member) -- <https://nwcameraclubs.org/>
- Photographic Society of America or PSA -- <https://psa-photo.org/> (many resources; largely focused on different competitions and feedback opportunities)
- Columbia Council of Camera Clubs or CCCC (SVCC is not a member, but their annual convention is open to all) -- <http://www.columbiacameraclubs.org/>
- Mt. Baker Camera Club or MBCC -- <http://mtbakercameraclub.com/> (meets 3rd Fridays in Burlington)
- Bellingham Photography Club or BPC -- <https://bellinghamphotographyclub.zenfolio.com/> (meets 2nd Wednesdays in Bellingham)
- Northern Virginia Alliance of Camera Clubs or NVACC -- <http://nvacc.org/home/> (the only camera club organization we've found so far that has a strong emphasis on abstracts)

LOCAL INSTRUCTORS

- Bill Ray -- <https://billrayimages.zenfolio.com/classes> (beginner photography + Milky Way)
- Tim Boyer -- <https://www.timboyerphotography.com/> (bird photography)
- Andy Porter -- <http://andyporterimages.com/> (local landscapes + night photography + beginner training)
- Pacific Northwest Art School (Coupeville, WA) -- <http://pacificnorthwestartschool.org/> (photography classes and tours at reasonable prices for various levels)
- Schack Art Center (Everett, WA) photography classes -- <https://www.schack.org/classes/view/medium/photography-video/>

ONLINE TRAINING

- Creative Live -- www.creativelive.com -- free live online training or one can buy copies to download for anytime access
- Adobe -- <https://helpx.adobe.com/lightroom-classic/user-guide.html> (LR Classic User Guide) and <https://helpx.adobe.com/lightroom-classic/tutorials.html> (LR Classic tutorials) -- lots available; these are links to some basic LR Classic training. Julianne Kost has also done many basic and not-so-basic training videos.
- Laura Shoe -- www.laurashoe.com -- outstanding Lightroom training at reasonable cost
- Tim Grey -- <http://www.timgreyphoto.com/> (mostly Lightroom)
- Lynda.com -- <https://www.lynda.com/Photography-training-tutorials/70-0.html> -- many videos on various topics and for various levels; free for 30 days, then \$.

- Lightstalking.com -- various articles, plus older Lightroom tutorials (<https://www.lightstalking.com/lightroom-tutorials/>)
- Photoshop Essentials -- <https://www.photoshopessentials.com/> -- free tutorials (\$ for subscription to download pdfs of training)
- Art Wolfe blog post on composition -- https://artwolfe.com/2017/10/10/technique-tuesday-composition-angkor-wat/?mc_cid=53453b057d&mc_eid=e30da78313 -- fascinating walk-through by a master on how he arrived at his final composition
- Scott Kelby -- <https://kelbyone.com/> -- comprehensive training materials for Lightroom and Photoshop, but they cost \$
- Aaron Priest -- <https://galleries.aaronpriestphoto.com/> -- lots of free training on night photography, time lapse, pano's, etc.
- PiXimperfect YouTube videos -- <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMrvLMUITAImCHMOhX88PYQ/featured> -- lots of basic-to-advanced Photoshop training videos (set aside some time because it's hard to watch just one)
- PHLearn -- <https://phlearn.com/free-tutorials/> -- free Photoshop tutorials for photo enhancements and fun effects

ALTERNATIVES OR ADD-ONS TO LIGHTROOM AND PHOTOSHOP; OTHER SOFTWARE

- ON1 -- www.on1.com -- free videos with how to use the software
- Topaz Labs -- <https://topazlabs.com/> -- various programs to enhance photos in creative ways
- Nik Collection by DxO -- <https://nikcollection.dxo.com/> -- a suite of plugins for Photoshop and Lightroom to enhance photos, the best known of which is Silver Efex for black & white images. DxO also makes excellent raw conversion and photo correction software.
- Helicon Focus -- <http://helicon.dstudiosoft.com/index.html?gclid=CKym7tjMrrsCFYZi7AodzKjYAjw> (focus stacking)
- Zerene Stack -- <https://zerenesystems.com/cms/stacker> (focus stacking)
- Photomatix -- <https://www.hdrsoft.com/> -- HDR software
- The Photographer's Ephemeris -- <https://www.photoephemeris.com/> -- planning sun and moon positions
- Moon Calc and Sun Calc -- <https://www.mooncalc.org> and <https://www.suncalc.org> -- moon and sun planning, respectively
- Photo Pills -- <https://www.photopills.com/> -- possibly *the* most popular app for planning night photography, especially Milky Way images
- Starry Landscape Stacker -- <https://sites.google.com/site/starrylandscapestacker/home> -- star stacking for noise reduction in night photography (Mac only)
- Sequator -- <https://sites.google.com/site/sequatorglobal/> -- star stacking software for noise reduction in night photography (PC only)

INSPIRATIONAL PHOTOGRAPHERS

- Guy Tal -- <https://guytal.com/> (incredible nature abstracts)
- Clyde Butcher -- <https://clydebutter.com/> (*THE* black & white photographer of the Everglades)
- Jason Weingard -- <http://www.jasonweingart.com/photography-1-photography> (storms & weather)
- Adam Woodworth -- <https://adamwoodworth.com/> (night photography + Milky Way)
- Dave Morrow -- <https://www.davemorrowphotography.com/> (mostly night & landscape photography; big focus on workshops and training materials)

- Randy Dana -- <http://www.randydana.com/> (fine art floral still lifes; local guy who has shown at Scott Milo Gallery)
- Dave Brosha -- <https://davebrosha.com/> (inspirational northern artist)
- Paul Zizka -- <https://zizka.ca/portfolio/astrophotography/> (Astrophotography that usually features creatively placed human elements for scale and interest; great landscapes elsewhere on his site)
- Yousuf Karsh -- [https://karsh.org/overview/ - thumbnails](https://karsh.org/overview/-thumbnails) (classic black & white portraits of famous people; beautiful lighting and iconic expressions and poses)
- Lisa and Tom Cuchara -- <https://www.photographybylisaandtom.com/Creative> (highly creative, definitely not straight-out-of-the-camera fun imagery, for when you're bored with the same ol' stuff)
- Stephen D'Agostino -- <http://www.dagostino.ca/photo-impressionism/> (photo impressionism, with links to others doing different forms of photo impressionism)
- Syd Johnson -- <http://www.sydjohnson.com/> (artistic, painterly photos, with excellent tutorials in her blog posts)
- Harold Davis -- <https://www.digitalfieldguide.com/> (wide variety of subjects, with many landscapes, all high quality)
- Glenn Bartley -- <http://www.glennbartley.com/gallery.htm> (*BIRDS!* The images from Latin America are particularly unusual and striking)
- Jack Bayles -- <https://jackbaylesphoto.com/> (Idaho-based wildlife and landscape photographer who also leads workshops)
- John Barclay -- <https://johnbarclayphotography.com/> (wide variety of subjects; nice discounts through his website, too)
- Ron King -- <http://virtualvisionsart.com/> -- local guy who does funky painterly versions of ordinary scenes
- Scott Erb & Donna Dufault -- <http://www.erbphoto.com/> -- food photography and styling

BOOKS (not all still in print -- some only available on a used basis)

New Epson Complete Guide to Digital Printing by Rob Sheppard -- Covers everything you need to know to create beautiful digital prints: definition of a good print, printing workflow, monitor calibration, using ICC profiles, image prep for printing, sizing & sharpening, paper selection, printer selection, print longevity, B&W and panoramic prints.

Close Up Photography in Nature by John & Barbara Gerlach -- Covers everything: cameras and lenses, exposure essentials, getting sharp images, light and color, flash techniques, photographing flowers & butterflies and dragonflies, useful field gear.

The Art of Bird Photography - The Complete Guide to Professional Field Techniques by Arthur Morris.

John Shaw's Nature Photography Field Guide by John Shaw.

Tony Locke's e-books, such as Long Exposure Photography - Or How To Control Time -- <http://www.blameitonthelight.com/ebooks.html>

Evolution of an Image (also Exploring Photographic Exposure, Creative Visualization for Photographers, Exploring the Light) by Rick Sammon

Matt Kloskowski and Rob Sheppard both write excellent instructional books.

GOOD FOR BEGINNERS

The Beginner's Photography Guide by Chris Gatum -- The ultimate step-by-step manual for getting the most from your digital camera.

Creative Workflow in Lightroom by Jason Bradley.

The Adobe Photoshop CC Book for Digital Photographers (2017 Release) by Scott Kelby.

LOCAL SERVICES

How It Works (Anacortes, WA) -- <http://howitworks.com/>

Quicksilver Photo Lab (Bellingham, WA) -- <https://quicksilverphotolab.com/>

Northwest Camera Repair (Everett, WA) -- <https://www.northwestcamerarepair.com/> (well-known for sensor cleaning)

Kenmore Camera (Kenmore, WA) -- <https://www.kenmorecamera.com/> (well-rounded camera store that also offers classes and workshops, sensor cleaning and annual expo in early November)

Glazers Camera (Seattle, WA) -- <https://www.glazerscamera.com/> (well-rounded camera store that also offers classes and rentals and sensor cleaning)