

# Photography Association of Wenatchee

## Purpose:

The Photography Association of Wenatchee (PAW) is an organization of people with a common interest in photography, dedicated to educating all of those who want to benefit from learning, teaching, sharing, participating, and showing photography on a regular basis to those living primarily in Chelan and Douglas Counties, and also promoting the Wenatchee Valley Museum & Cultural Center Association as an official affiliate.



*"Spirit of America"* © Guy C. Crilly, 2002.

New members are invited to attend.



## About:

The Photography Association of Wenatchee, a non-profit organization, meets every fourth Monday of the month except July and August in the Wenatchee Valley Museum and Cultural Center (127 S. Mission St.) Swing Room (rear entrance) from 7:00pm to about 10:30pm.

Meetings begin with member's sharing photos. Members typically bring no more than 15 slides, prints, or digital files to share with the group. Next, a presentation program is delivered, followed by a reading of the last PAW minutes, moving on to a treasurer's report, ending-up with a review of old and new business. Afterwards, the meeting is adjourned.



## History:

The Photography Association of Wenatchee was founded in 1981 and met at the Cumbo residence on Western Ave. Originally it was called "The Wenatchee Color Slide Club." After four or five years it was suspended and then restarted in East Wenatchee where it met for another five years. In 1991-1993 we met at the Wenatchee Valley College Lyceum. Finally, we found a home at the Wenatchee Valley Museum Swing Room in 1993 and have remained there now for over a decade. At that time we changed the name to the "Wenatchee Photography Club" and met only once a month instead of twice. In the spring of 2004 the name was again changed to its present name to cover more divisions of photography and increase membership by attracting new members. Currently, PAW is a Photographic Society America (PSA) "club" (#030131), going into its 24th year and averaging about 15 members.

<http://www.photographyassociationwenatchee.org>

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“Night Train” © Ivan Christensen, 2002.

## Newsletter:

Four times a year, the Photography Association of Wenatchee electronically publishes the “Apple Flash Bulletin.” The latest bulletin is the Winter 2004 issue and is available on PAW’s website.

The bulletin informs members of both upcoming events and past highlights (new snapshots).

## Benefits:

- ✿ A possibility for your photo to be nominated “Photo-of-the-Month” on PAW’s website.
- ✿ Often, reduced fees at PSA sanctioned workshops.
- ✿ Occasions to compete with the association in photo contests.
- ✿ Able to become more informed with what is going on in the world of photography by a sharing of information and techniques.
- ✿ Community involvement.
- ✿ Leadership opportunities.
- ✿ And, most importantly, a chance to meet with others and share their enthusiasm for photography.

## Activities:

Some activities in the recent past, include: supervising the Chelan County Fair photo exhibit, participating in the record-setting largest apple pie project, gathering of the Tribes, photographing the apple bin races, entering the “Best of the Northwest Challenge” slide competition, submitting slides as a group to Nature’s Best photo contest, judging a local photo contest, and holding a Nature Photo Seminar. Several times a year we invite practicing photography professionals and others to give presentations at the monthly meetings. Additionally, small groups (2-5) attend PSA Seminars in Spokane (Inland Empire Chapter) and make field trips to photogenic sites, ranging from the Sand Hill Crane Festival, held in Othello, WA, to riding and photographing the trains in Canada. We are always searching for new opportunities in photography and people who can share with us their enthusiasm for photography.

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