

MEET LOIS SINGLETON



Cascade Fox,
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Castle Geyser,
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Big Horn Sheep,
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Lois Singleton has served as the club's Secretary and has been a regular contributor of images to and an evaluator at Monday night meetings. She also served the Northwest Council of Camera Clubs at the registration desk during the 2009 conference. She has been very involved in club activities and supportive of her fellow photographers. Here is a first person look at her background in photography.

I was first introduced to photography when I lived at home in Minnesota. My father was the one that took all the photographs in our family. I don't remember what kind of camera he used, but I remember he always used slide film. Most of the photos were of my brother and sisters, but occasionally he'd have photos he took from other countries, where he traveled with his job. It not only stirred my interest in photography but also in traveling.

My first camera was a point and shoot instamatic and I also shot slide film. Most of my early photographs were of my son and daughter and our home life. I loved being able to capture "moments in time" and look back at them later.

I enjoy nature and landscape photography the most, as well as photographing my grandchildren. I love being able to capture the beauty I see in nature and sharing it with other people. I didn't have much time to study photography when I worked full time, but since retiring, I've been able to spend a lot more time on it.

I have three cameras, a Canon Rebel XT, a Canon 10D, and a Canon 5D Mark II camera.

Last winter, while up at Mt. Rainier, I photographed a beautiful red fox that was licking the ice in one of the parking lots. A few minutes later I saw the fox was gagging. I didn't realize the significance of this until later. Inside the visitor center, I told one of the rangers about the fox and offered to send her a copy of my photos. At home that night, after downloading the photos, I saw that the substance the fox was licking was red. When I saw the photo of the fox gagging, I realized that red substance was probably antifreeze or some other harmful substance leaking from cars. I sent a letter to the ranger along with my photos and stated my concerns about the fox licking the antifreeze. A month later I got a phone call from that ranger. She said that due to my photos and concerns, they have now established new policies and procedures for handling wildlife when they see the animals doing something that is unnatural behavior. She also said that my photos would be used to educate the public on the proper way to interact with the animals. I was very pleased that my photos and were used to make a difference in protecting wildlife.