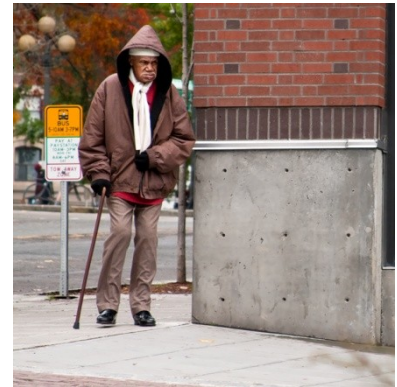


## MEET LON HOWARD



Lon Howard is originally from southeast Missouri, and is a retired U.S. Navy Chief Petty Officer with civilian careers in radio broadcasting, insurance and securities sales; and in addition had a brief stint with the Internal Revenue Service (he was one of the ‘good’ ones there). Following real retirement in 2001, he volunteered as a tutor with the Literacy Council of Kitsap and also as a Long Term Care Ombudsman. A fan of Japanese sumo wrestling since 1963, he served from 2005-2009 on the staff of Sumo Fan Magazine, an online magazine for English speaking sumo fans; as a staff writer, Fan Liaison Director, and as Editor.

While serving with the Navy in Japan in 1974, he married Itsuko Nagayama, a Japanese postal worker, and the two of them reside in Silverdale.

In 2008, he decided he needed something new to become interested in, and settled on photography, and so joined F:67 at that time. Since he didn’t become an enthusiast until that time, he concentrates solely on the digital side. Also, being still a relative newcomer, as he states: “I’m still changing my mind a lot about what I like and don’t like, so there will probably be many inconsistencies in my work for some time to come.”

Right now he is primarily interested in landscapes, human-interest street scenes and unusual perspectives and compositions. He does admit that he likes to break a few steadfast compositional rules once in a while, and requests tolerance from the more sagacious club members.