



STEVEN FISHER, APSA

Steve was born in 1948 in Dayton, Ohio. He became an Eagle Scout in 1965, and graduated from high school in 1967. He left Ohio the morning after graduation for a summer job as a Trading Post assistant manager at Philmont Scout Ranch, Cimarron, New Mexico. He joined the Navy in Albuquerque and became a mineman and was assigned a billet as a scuba diver on the PCH-1 Highpoint (experimental hydrofoil craft at PSNS in Bremerton. He received his honorable discharge in 1970. He completed a commercial deep-sea diving course in Oakland in 1971, and then entered PSNS in 1973 as a Welder Apprentice. He worked in that role until his retirement in 2006, after 36 years of federal service. He also received an Associate – Technical Arts degree from Olympic College in 1976. After his retirement, Steve began volunteering at the Seattle Aquarium as an “interpreter” to the underwater world, but does not do photography there.

Steve married Lynn in 1976. They have resided in Bremerton since that time, and have raised two children, Renee and Shellee, and have two grandchildren. Steve started underwater photography in the early 1980’s as a means to show others the life below the surface of the water. In 1987, he participated in the International Underwater Photographic Championships in Barcelona, Spain, and again on Cheju Island, South Korea, in 1994.

He joined the f:67 Camera Club in 1985, which Steve credits as causing him to become really involved in the art and enjoyment of photography. He has served in many roles for the club, including 5 years as its president. He currently is the PSA and Northwest Council of Camera Clubs (NWCCC) representative. He has been honored by PSA and the NWCCC for his work on various activities and support jobs. He assists with the NWCCC print show each year, and works for the equipment committee in support of the

PSA annual conference each year. He presented a program at the 2002 PSA International Conference in Pittsburgh entitled "Glimpses of Guam and Beyond". Steve always is willing to lend a helping hand to his fellow photographers. Many club members have had the benefit of his "taxi service" to get to and from various meetings and events.

Steve worked in the Olympic College Photo Lab until its demise in the early 1990's. He began entering PSA-recognized exhibitions in 1986. He has since earned stars in Photo Travel, Large Color Prints, 3 stars in Color (now the Color Projected Image Division), 5 stars in Photojournalism, and attained the PN-1 (Photo Naturalist 1) level in Nature for "Fishes in their Natural Environment". Steve was awarded his PSA Associate honor (APSA) in 2005. He still is shooting film, he says, but scans images for digital use. He insists on being fully submerged when practicing underwater photography. He is nationally well known as an underwater photographer and has produced projected shows which have always been well-received by his audiences. Steve has used his photographic skills to help judge local, regional and international exhibitions.