

Through Their Lens

A Series of Interviews with Active Grand Photos Volunteers

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Barbara is a past Membership Director, and currently serves as a Monitor and a Chartered Club Peer Group Council member.

When did your interest in photography first begin? My Dad was a photographer and built a darkroom in our basement. I got my first “brownie” camera when I was 9 years old and was going off to the summer Girl Scout camp. I took lots of pictures and came home to learn how to process the film, print pictures, and then make enlargements. From that point on, I took snapshots of family, friends, and every life event (pajama parties, school, college, family) and vacations.



How did you arrive at Grand? I came to Grand for a vacation in October 2000, ended up buying a house in December, rented in Grand in April-July while the house was being built, and moved in August 2001. I became a Personal Trainer and Fitness Instructor for SCG and was active in Singles and Hiking Club until I met and married Larry in 2004.

What do you most enjoy about Grand Photos? I love the social connections I have made in the Club—wonderful friends. I transitioned from film to digital with Larry and learned to take better photos. I have taken classes in composition, post processing

and submitted for competition to become a better photographer. The talent and creativity of our members has challenged me to be more artistic in my photographic endeavors.

How did you find yourself becoming Membership Director? When Larry was nominated as VP, I decided it was time to give back to the Club. To support him as President, I volunteered to be Membership Director. I loved getting to know our new members and serving on the Board. This is a great way to really get to know the members who are truly enthusiastic about photography and are very talented. As a Monitor, I continue to promote opportunities to current and new members. As a past Executive Board member of Grand Photos now serving on the Peer Group Council, I am sharing the successes we have had in expanding our programs and membership. I love living in Grand and try to support our community so we all can continue to have a GRAND life!



What is it about photography that has maintained your interest so many years? I was really taking photos of “my life” family, friends, travels and events. That all changed when I started taking photos for artistic pleasure: landscapes, reflections, cityscapes, flowers, water, etc. Now I am stretching my subjects and compositions towards new directions in creativity. Photography is a way to enhance and remember your life experiences.

What are your favorite things to photograph? Since moving to the “wild west” and exploring this beautiful country, I have loved landscapes and reflections the most. I love mountains, vistas, rivers, creeks, lakes, beaches, rocks, and fields of flowers along the trails we have traveled on foot and in our trailer. What a joyous adventure it is with Larry.

