

# Giving to PSA

Many members of the Society wish to help the Photographic Society of America (PSA) fulfill its important purposes through donations. Donations are greatly appreciated. It is preferred that donations be made to any of the following: the General Operating Fund, the Scholarship Fund, the PSA Endowment Fund, or the PSA Endowment Fund II.

■ **General Operating Fund.** Donations made to the General Operating Fund are used to fund the many and varied operations of PSA. Contributions have been used to support the *PSA Journal*, purchase equipment for headquarters, maintain the permanent print collection, support scholarships, and provide funding for youth programs. Future donations will be used to support similar projects.

■ **Scholarship Fund.** PSA has a scholarship and grants fund to support photography students and programs. The fund is under the administration of an active PSA Scholarship and Grants committee.

■ **PSA Endowment Fund.** Donations to the PSA Endowment Fund are used to provide for the needs of the Society in their day-to-day operations as well as to provide funding for special projects as needed. The principal may be made available in times of special need.

■ **PSA Endowment Fund II.** This fund is similar to the PSA Endowment Fund but the principal is not available for distribution. The interest and dividends generated by this fund are used to support the Society in its many and diverse activities.

## PSA Journal Mission Statement

The *PSA Journal* pursues fine original work for an ever-improving publication for the members of the Photographic Society of America and other readers. The *Journal* is committed to offering material of interest to classic photographers as well as digital photographers and in so doing, strives for quality submissions from Society members of both persuasions.

# On the PSA Website

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## First Year Members

I would think that PSA would be a little overwhelming for a new member. There's so much to do, so much to get involved in. How do you know where to begin? And how about long-time members who joined to participate in one event, but have never really explored other PSA benefits? This is a place for you too. The website has been set up to assist you.

Begin by logging into the PSA website, because many of your options are available to members only. Logging in will take you to the My PSA page. Instead of staying on that page, select the Membership tab and then select, from the left pane, "First Year Members." This will lead you to an excellent overview page.

This page is divided into the five following sections: Get Started, Earn PSA Awards, Volunteer, Take Advantage of PSA's Educational Opportunities, and Show Off your Photographic Abilities.

**Get Started**—This section talks about how to familiarize yourself with PSA, participate in a division's activities, and attend the PSA conference. It also speaks about the PSA New Member list. This page on the site lists the previous month's new members, organized by Area. It also lists the referring members. If you have referred a member to PSA, check to make sure you are properly credited so you can earn your Membership Stars. The New Members for previous months are archived and can be searched from this page as well. If you joined PSA during the month previous (June 2015 or before) and are not listed, please let someone in headquarters know. If you joined during this month (July), please wait until August 1 to see your name on the July list. You can see the most current New Member list at: <http://www.psa-photo.org/index.php?membership-new-members>

New Members from North America are currently featured on the bottom of State Pages for the previous month under a "Welcome New Members" headline. Plans are in the works to include these on the country pages as well.

**Earn PSA Awards**—This section describes how you can earn awards for your photography in either a division photo competition or in one of hundreds of available PSA-recognized International Exhibitions.

**Volunteer**—How better to get to know what PSA is all about than to volunteer for one of its activities? PSA is almost 100% volunteer run. All of its directors and chairs are volunteers and we could never exist without them. Consider filling out a volunteer form and let PSA know of your talents. We'll be sure to put them to good use!

**Take Advantage of Educational Opportunities**—Take an online course or access one of the PSA mentors or consultants. PSA Consultants are there to help you navigate through the PSA offerings – your best place to start if you have questions about a certain area of PSA.

**Show off your Photographic Abilities**—There are two ways to do this, without having to enter any competitions. Put your image into a PSA gallery or write an article for the *Journal*. This section will point you in the right direction. New members have a gallery specifically for them called the New Member Gallery. Each new member is invited to submit one image to the gallery. An upload form and a link to the current New Member Galleries can be found at <http://www.psa-photo.org/index.php?galleries-new-member-gallery>. New Member galleries, divided by month, remain on the website for one year.

Still overwhelmed with it all? Not sure where to begin? Contact your Area, State or Province Director; the one who sent you a welcome letter. Can't find the email? Go to your area page on the website, accessed through the Member Areas tab. Clicking the highlighted name of your membership director will allow you to email the director, who will be glad to assist you.

PSA welcomes its new members and encourages its more seasoned members to reap all the benefits of PSA. We hope to meet you all at the next PSA Conference!