

Jo's Originals
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I'm a photographer who has always wanted to capture nature as it is. The rivers, mountains and flora of Western Washington beckon to be captured on film. I specialize in scenic photography of the Northwest: rivers, mountains, flora, barns, farm scenes, and Skagit Valley tulips. My photo of Topping The Tulips (in the fog) was chosen by Wal-Mart and Fuji Film in their 2000 competition. My Misty Moisty Morn and Harmony photos have won ribbons in previous years. My seagull "Looking At You" won two ribbons including the Peoples' Choice. The photograph of "Maechen--Little Girl" was featured in Country Extra Magazine.

I have received an Inter-generational Photo Award from Generations United 2002 Intergenerational Photography Contest.

Several of my photos were used in the recently published book
Sharing Arms: Lessons from Children and Veterans About Breaking our Addiction to Violence

In addition to my interest in nature, I have used my profession as an Early Childhood Educator to take thousands of photos of children, candid action photos, as well as posed ones, many of which have been used in Educational Publications and posters.

I became interested in photography in the 60's when, as a college student, I helped my employer develop and critique his slides. Mary Gratreks, my aunt, mentor, and friend, (and also a great photographer well into her 90's) always encouraged me. I have taken some photography classes, subscribed to professional journals, and learned by trial and error.

My photography has been accepted into juried shows at the Skagit Valley College and the Depot in Anacortes. I have done several shows at Valley Photo in Stanwood, Washington as well as out of my studio. My work has been shown at Olde Country Floral, Gilbert Minnesota, The Skagit Valley College and The "Pickle Barn" during Skagit Valleys Tulip festival. Other shows where I have my work are "Art By The Bay" a July show sponsored by the Stanwood, Camano Art Guild.

I presently have my photography on display at Maxwell Chiropractic Bellingham, WA

I'm a member of the Skagit Art guild and the Stanwood Camano Island Art Guild.

