

Tom Hierl

I got my first camera at age 12 just before a family vacation to the west coast where my first photos were taken in Yosemite Valley. By high school I had assembled a small darkroom in the basement and was the photographer for the school's newspaper and yearbook using a Speed Graphic. My interest in photography was progressively sidelined by family and work obligations which include starting several businesses along the way. My photography became re-energized with the purchase of my first digital camera, a Nikon CoolPix, in 2000.

After retiring in 2011, I was able to devote significantly more time to my photography. As I enjoy hiking and backpacking, much of my work has focused on landscape photography. I have been a curator on the Google+ Landscape Photography page as well as a panel member on the bi-weekly Landscape Photography Show. I was also an organizer for the now defunct Monterey Photography Meetup Group which organized photo shoots around the state. I am a docent and volunteer at the Center for Photographic Art.