

Harvesting The Palouse

A Photo Adventure with Sharon and Laurie

**Field Photography Workshop dates:
August 12 through 17, 2016**

Tucked away in southeastern Washington and north central Idaho there is a unique area of rolling fields, buttes and forestland known as the Palouse. During harvest the Palouse comes alive and is buzzing with activity—articulated combines snake their way around the steep buttes and ravines harvesting new crops, truck after truck is driving to and from the grain elevators, and the brilliant blue skies, dotted with puffy white clouds, are filled with the sounds of a crop duster's plane as it passes over and over the fields—all this providing an abundance of amazing photographic opportunities.

We meet each morning hoping to catch the sweet light of sunrise dancing across the magnificent vista. We'll then car caravan around the Palouse stopping periodically to photograph the unique landscape, farmers harvesting their crops, the many barns, silos and cemeteries; have tailgate picnics while visiting some of the small and abandoned towns dotting the landscape, and (if we're lucky) seeing crop dusters at work. We'll end each day hoping for that beautiful, but elusive, stunning Palouse sunset.

You will have opportunities to meet and get acquainted with some of "the locals" where you can learn about their life in this farming community and possibly personal history about some of their ancestors—the early homesteaders.

We will hold one projected critique and Sharon and Laurie will shares tips about composition and post-production processing.

Tailored to the needs of photographers, from beginners to advanced, Sharon and Laurie will address your photography goals on a personal level to ensure you get the most out of the workshop experience. The elements of visual design will be emphasized and how they can be used to create the essence of an expressive image. With guidance from Sharon and Laurie, an artistic interpretation of the Palouse is well within your reach—regardless of the type of camera or lens you may be using or your photography skills.

You will be in a group of no more than 16 like-minded photographers. With both Sharon and Laurie available for instruction throughout the workshop you should get the best out of each location and have numerous opportunities for individualized attention catered to your needs.

Please join Sharon and Laurie and share a highly memorable experience photographing the Palouse during harvest.



The workshop leaders

Sharon Lavier O'Keefe, is Founder, Photo Adventures with Sharon; Director, Camerawork Gallery; Founder, Northwest Center for Photography and I Witness Gallery and Co-Founder Plates to Pixels Online Gallery. She was the regional Staff Photographer for a National company for more than 12 years.

A native of the Pacific Northwest O'Keefe has worked as a freelance photographer for over 40 years, and has been teaching photography classes—independently and through local colleges—for over 15 years. She's a gifted teacher and a talented photographer, inspiring her students to find new ways to see the world in a positive and encouraging environment. While O'Keefe takes photography very seriously, and is truly passionate about teaching and educating, she firmly believes having "fun" is essential to the creative process.

During the more than 15 years leading workshops in the Palouse, O'Keefe has befriended many families, and is considered part of the local community, which adds greatly to your workshop experience. They even call her Sheri.

Laurie Excell, is Founder of Excellent Photo Adventures, author of several highly informative photography books about composition and technique and has been selected as a presenter at *Photoshop World* several times. Excell has received numerous awards for photographic excellence and her teaching skills; she is a highly sought after speaker and an acclaimed Wildlife Photographer based in Oregon.

She leads *Excellent Photo Adventures* throughout North America taking small, intimate groups to amazing photography locations—such as Alaska to photograph coastal brown bears, Yellowstone, in all seasons, to capture the wildlife and landscape at their best, to Tornado Alley to chase super-cells and to many others amazing locations.

Her love affair with the camera began at the age of ten when her father handed her an old Pentax Spotmatic; she now uses all Nikon equipment.

About the workshop

Enrollment. Maximum participation in Sharon and Laurie's workshop is limited to 10 students. Minimum enrollment is 8 students.

Prerequisites. This workshop is open to those with a working knowledge of their equipment and a basic understanding of photography. A tripod is essential.

Accommodations: Participants are responsible for their own accommodations. The instructors home base for the workshop will be the Best Western, Wheatland Inn, Colfax, WA where we're reserved a block of rooms. Your reservations need to be booked directly with the Wheatland Inn prior to July 28 to get the group discount. *After that date availability cannot be guaranteed.*

Meals. Participants are responsible for all their own meals and should come prepared with whatever's needed for frequent tailgate picnics. Additional supplies may be purchased during the workshop at Rosauers, a large supermarket and deli located in Colfax.

Transportation: Participants are responsible for their own transportation to, from, and during the workshop, as well as trip, health and accident insurance.

Registration and Tuition. The Workshop Tuition is \$895 per person (\$845 plus a \$50 nonrefundable Registration Fee). *Tuition does not include transportation, lodging or meals.*

Application Procedure. Send your Tuition (\$895), the completed Registration Application and the signed Terms and Conditions and Waiver of Liability form ASAP to:

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Registrations will be processed in the order they are received. Once your registration has been completed we'll send a confirmation and additional information relevant to the workshop. A Wait List will be available.



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