

# Ashland Photo Ops

Columbia Council of  
Camera Clubs  
Field Trip Opportunities.



*Welcome to the Annual Convention of Columbia Council of Camera Clubs to be held in the historic and scenic Rogue Valley. SOPA, the host club, welcomes you. The lineup of field trips can be found on these pages with links to the sites.*

## This Year's Convention Has a Fun-Packed Portfolio of Field Trips for All Kinds of Subjects – from Neon to Insects!

The crown jewel for Ashland is its [Lithia Park](#), shown above. Laid against the world renowned OSF- Oregon Shakespeare Festival, the Park is particularly splendid in fall.

There will be two scheduled sunrise, guided outings: Friday, the 6<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, the 7<sup>th</sup>. But you are also free to go on your own.

The shoot will include the Park and the adjoining Shakespeare complex with its famed Elizabethan Outdoor Theater.

The Park has two large greens, a [band shell](#), two duck ponds, a spacious playground, tennis courts, community buildings and, in winter, an ice skating rink.

It also offers miles of easy to moderate hiking trails. Lithia Park was designed by John McLaren, the same architect who planned San Francisco's Golden Gate Park. The Ashland Park, consisting of 93 acres, was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1982.

The [Oregon Shakespeare Festival](#) is a not-for-profit professional theatre founded in 1935. Its season runs from February through early November, and has three theaters: two indoor stages, the Angus Bowmer Theatre and the Thomas Theatre, and the flagship outdoor Allen Elizabethan Theatre, which opens in early June and runs through mid-October.



Check out all the outings on the next pages and register in advance to reserve.

- Neon Night – after dark in Medford with focus on street life.
- Belle Fiore, a stunning, architecturally rich hillside winery.
- North Mountain Park and Ponds - bugs, flora, critters and more.
- Pallet Wine Company - where grapes are turned into wine. Tasting option.
- The SOU (Southern Oregon University) campus - buildings, grounds, museum.
- Ashland Alleys led by David Winston (limited space).
- Wildlife Images Rehabilitation & Education Center in Grants Pass.



# Check it out!

Not to be missed!

Register now

Welcome to Ashland

## *Belle Fiore Winery*

### A Bit of Tuscany

Just a few miles from town lies an architectural treasure, the vineyards, chateau and tasting rooms of Belle Fiore. Set on a sun-drenched hillside your trip will include entry to the barrel rooms and the opportunity to sample some of their well-received wines.

The first trip is Thursday, the 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 and the second offering is Saturday, the 7<sup>th</sup>, at 4:30. As with all trips we will provide participants with convenient starting points and contact information for the guides.

[Click here to visit.](#)

*Friday night, the 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 we're off to Medford to capture neon lights. Dozens of signs and small city street scenes will provide a rich backdrop to a fun photo-packed evening in the County seat.*

## *Nature calls*

### North Mountain Park & Ponds

If macro photography is your thing then the [North Mountain Park Nature Center](#) field trip is for you. Lots of insects, amphibians, and by the time of convention, leaves will be starting their migration to autumn colors. There is never a guarantee, but NMPNC is usually a good birding location. Located next to Bear Creek, the Park encompasses the Nature Center, Demonstration Gardens, ponds and several

acres of wildlife-friendly open space and trails. Typically there will be a good number of deer and smaller critters to greet you.

Two trips: Sunrise, about 6:30, on Friday and Saturday. Neal Thompson will be on hand to discuss macro techniques. If macro photography is your thing then the North Mountain Park Nature Center trip is the place to be.

## *Campus cool*

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School's in session so not only can you capture the angles, lines, shadows and textures of the many splendid buildings and vast landscape of the 73 acre campus- home to our Convention- but no doubt find candid opps provided by a diverse and colorful student body.

Catch it all Thursday night at 6:00 or if you prefer the morning light then sign up for the Friday or Saturday trips at 6:30. [Click here](#) for an interactive map of the campus, useful for your entire convention experience.

## Pallet Wine Company,

an unusual moniker, is a unique enterprise at the center of the fast growing, highly rated Southern Oregon wine industry. LIVE Certified, they are the first and busiest custom crush facility in the region. Pallet boasts more than 25 client grape growers making over 1,000 wines. This urban winery offers a unique perspective for photographers interested in the inside scene of winemaking. Tastings optional.

One guided trip is planned for 7:00 pm on Friday, the 6th. [Click here for more info.](#)

## Ashland Alleys

A very special outing. David Lorenz Winston "Ashland Alleys: Probing the Ordinary" (Maximum 12 photographers.) David is a highly accomplished photographer whose works routinely sell for several thousand dollars. This trip explores hidden or unfrequented Ashland back ways with their unique photo settings. Discover interesting angles, shadows, hues and contrasts as seen by the eye of a master.

Ashland is a city culturally rich with a diversity of late 19th and early 20th century structures. David is uniquely qualified to help you explore its less traveled sites. See the ordinary turned into the extraordinary.

Sunday morning, the 8th, at 8:30

## First Friday Art Walk,

What a great coincidence! The Friday of Convention is also the monthly [First Friday Art Walk](#) sponsored by Ashland Galleries where a number of the host club (SOPA) members are exhibited.

An Ashland First Friday is an eclectic mix of visual delights, interesting conversations, intimate music and tasty treats. The collage of image and experience grows as you stroll the galleries in the Historical Downtown and Railroad Districts. The people you will meet are themselves colorful and interesting. This is an Ashland must.

Obviously there is but one trip on Friday the 6th starting at 6:00.

*All field trips will be accompanied by area residents who know the settings well and who can offer insight and tips for best shots.*

### Don't hesitate to let us know

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or suggestions for lenses, filters, etc.

### Trips to consider on your own

There are several scenic masterpieces in the area to catch on your way to or from convention, not the least of which is nearby [Crater Lake National Park](#). If you are coming down I-5 a fun stop is the [Winchester Dam and fish ladder](#) complex on the North Umpqua river.

### Ask the locals

**Any of us will be more than glad to tell you about area photo gems.**

Chief among them is the historic gold mining town of [Jacksonville](#), a mere 25 minutes away. Or consider a trip up Dead Indian Road where several curves and ridge light provide superb ambience especially as the oaks are changing.





Belle Fiore

## Wildlife Images

Last but not least! [Wildlife Images](#) in Grants Pass is the final and maybe best field trip in the portfolio. With its mission of saving wildlife, get up close and personal to a range of rescued animals, all striking in their beauty; each with a unique story.

The organization's clinic, animal sanctuary, and education center are located on 24 acres of land adjacent to the wild and scenic section of Oregon's famous Rogue River. Badgers, bobcats, and bears oh my! Yes, you will see all of these animals and many more.

This walking tour lasts approximately 1.5 hours with a casual pace over gentle terrain.

Requires a minimum of 10 participants and is limited to a maximum of 25 on Sunday, the 8th at 10:00 am. The \$15 entry ticket to be paid in advance includes a donation.

*Come Join the Fun*



1st Friday Art Walk © David Lorenz Winston



Buck at North Mountain Park



Schneider Art Museum on SOU Campus