

## **J.R. SCHNELZER, FPSA, GMPSA, EFIAP, ESFIAP**

President, Photographic Society of America



J.R. is an active semi-professional photographer working in the areas of fine art, nature, stock, and commercial photography. J.R has over 50 years of photographic experience. He began his passion for photography working in his father's darkroom, later attending Ohio State University working on an MFA in photography. During his studies, he was fortunate enough to spend time with Minor White, Ansel Adams, John Sexton and Kim Weston, just to name a few. He won his first National Award from Scholastic Magazine winning 2 gold keys, from there he has gone on to win numerous awards including the Nature Conservancy Photo Contest. He has been published in Natural History, Ranger Rick, National Geo Traveler, Audubon and Nature

Conservancy just to name a few. He has done work for the Musical group Manheim Steamroller and Smokehouse musical group.

J.R. is responsible for the formation of the Lens and Leaves Camera Club in Ohio and the Center for Fine Art Photography in Colorado. He is past President of the Loveland Photographic Society and is heavily involved with the Photographic Society of America and currently serves as its President. In 2015 He was invited to participate in the "Master of Photography" in Hong Kong and invited to exhibit at the "Photo La Gacilly" in France. He has won Best of Show at the Louisville Photo Exhibition 3 times and best of show twice at the Littleton Photography Show.

J.R. has served as a National Park Ranger in both the Grand Tetons and Rocky Mountain National Parks, bringing him close to the nature he enjoys. "Photography is the process of creating future memories, my work is my language: I view the world in terms of their form and beautiful light. The hope of my art is to hold for you, in the subsiding of life's rush, the beauty of Visual Moments.