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## **Dave Sigel – Photography**

Photography became my obsession after taking an introductory photography class at Butte College in 1970. I had just returned from an overseas tour of duty with a brand new camera that I didn't know how to use. I had the urge to create.

I received a degree in Visual Communication from Cal State University, Chico, in 1975, and an MFA from the University of Oregon in 1980. I taught photography part-time at Butte College for a few years, then started a career in elementary education in Chico. I have been much more active making and exhibiting images in the last ten years using a digital camera, Photoshop, and playing in my "lightroom". I have always liked the printing process as much as taking the picture. I enjoy adjusting the contrast and color to add dramatic effect, which is much easier on the computer than in the darkroom.

I continue to wander around, walking, hiking, looking for scenes that attract my eye. I retired from teaching in May which enables me to devote more time to photography, and to wander around this area for ore of the year. I am really excited about being a member of the Blue Goose Gallery of Artists' co-op.