

Picturesque passion

Local photographer's art shows nature's beauty

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On a typical day, regardless of season, local photographer Liesa West can be found wandering around the coast capturing images of just about anything in nature.

A Pacific Northwest native, West grew up in an environment that made finding inspiration for photos easy.

"I've always had a passion for photography," she said.

Growing up on Washington state's Olympic Peninsula, she spent hours outdoors. West took her earliest photographs with a small 35mm camera on nature hikes with her family.

Hurricane Ridge, in Washing-

ton's Olympic National Park, was her favorite spot to take photos as a child.

"I remember the marmots, in particular, the cute little animals in the meadows," she said.

The Olympic Peninsula is just across from Victoria, B.C. Hopping across the border to photograph Victoria's museums and the hundreds of flowers at Butchart Gardens was another of West's favorite hobbies.

West now lives five minutes away from Sunset Beach in Gearhart.

"There's quite a variety of things to take photos of here. I never get bored," she said.



Photos by Liesa West

Photographer Liesa West.

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Foam bubbles along Sunset Beach.

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