

## Find That Image

### Using the Tools in Lightroom Classic to Find a Specific Image

If you have been photographing for a while, you probably have an extensive library and sometimes you may need to find an image for a particular purpose. Preparation for this circumstance will make it an easier task.

- Organize your images.
  - There is no single right way. Consistently use what works for you.
  - I use date/location and create subfolders for multiple locations or stops.
  - Name the subfolders to help you remember the trip/event.
- Rate your photographs. My system for STAR ratings is:
  - 1** – A decent but unremarkable photograph with no technical flaws. If it does not rate a 1, it is deleted. (I should probably delete 1's as well.)
  - 2** – An image I am happy to share.
  - 3** – An image worthy of competition. Reevaluate later and possibly move up.
  - 4** – A stellar image. I have probably made a print.
  - 5** – One of my best.

Edit and delete aggressively. This will save disk space and make searches easier.
- Keyword your photographs.
  - I rely on folder naming for location so don't keyword location.
  - I have identified themes in my work and keyword with these themes as I explore my catalog looking for images.
  - Use the paint can.
  - Keyword Sets

- Tools to Use
  - Filer bar
  - Library Filter in Grid View
    - Text
    - Attribute
    - Metadata
  - Folder and Collection Filters
- Use Collections to Group Images for
  - Contests
  - Projects such as slideshows, books, shows, ...
  
- Examples
  - Create a collection and find images for a B&W Magazine contest “Smart Phone Photography”
  - Find images from Mountain Fork Park at Beavers Bend.
  - Using color labels to down select images