

Saturday November 5th 7:00 – 7:15 Sn-W'Ey'Mn Room 110



Honored Educator Award: *Sally Tonkin*

Sally believes that the creation of a photograph is a transformative experience: it takes the photographer outside of him or herself and forces them to interact with the wider world. But, at the same time, it compels the photographer to look inward and examine and express how they see the world. – Youth in Focus

SALLY TONKIN IS AN EXCEPTIONAL, INSPIRING AND MOTIVATIONAL EDUCATOR.

She is currently on the faculty of Shoreline High School and was elected by Washington State Career and Technical Education director as one of four teachers to develop standards for state vocationally funded high school photography classes. She received an Adobe Fellowship for skills using Adobe software programs to help students see their creative concepts realized and designed and piloted a culminating graduation portfolio for her high school.

Her students have consistently placed, in the top three in Washington State H.S. Photography Contests. Six have won top awards in the two national Journalism Education Association conferences.

She is a mentor at **Youth in Focus**, which is an afterschool program that uses intensive photography training as a tool to help disadvantaged teens develop personal voice, positive identity, social skills and artistic skills.

Student work has been shown at the Seattle Art Museum, the Tacoma Art Museum and local galleries. Students have studied photography at San Francisco Art Institute, Columbia College, Kendall College, Massachusetts, Art Institute, Cornish, Brooks Institute, Whitman, Pitzer, University of Washington, Seattle University, Wheaton, Evergreen and Western Washington University

Student Testimonial

“My eyes turned into a lens and my heart turned to film. Everything I captured visually I kept in my heart. I never knew I could love something so much.”