RPS Tech Talk

Getting Organized for RPS Contests
Using Lightroom Collections

Wayne Smith, February 4, 2025

Raise Your Hand......

What If.....

You just had a few pictures to look through for each contest!

Tonight's Talk

- Sources for contests and dates

- Building your infrastructure

- How to leverage Lightroom Collections

Sources for Contests and Dates

You are now playing Jeopardy!

RPS
Contests

$1000

A Good Source for RPS Contests and Dates.

The Web Site

The Web Site

Date	Event	
Jan 7	**Photo Review** **Theme: Your Favorite Photo We've Never Seen**	
Jan 25	**Expression of Lights**	
Feb 4	**Guest Speaker**: Grant Ordelheide **Topic: 10 Habits for Creative Photography**	
Mar 4	**Photo Review** Theme: Solitude Judge: TBD	
Apr 1	Interactive / Workshop	
Apr 2	Flower Show	

The Email Newsletter

SUMMARY OF UPCOMING EVENTS

See all the upcoming events in our RPS Calendar

PHOTO REVIEWS:

Deadline	Review	Photo Review Topic
Feb 23	Mar 4	Solitude
Apr 27	May 6	Waterfalls
Jun 22	July 1	Sunrise/sunset
Aug 24	Sep 2	Depth of Field

EXHIBITS

EXPRESSIONS OF LIGHT (at Roswell Visual Arts Center)
Entry Deadline: Jan 25
Exhibit: Feb 21-Mar 13

FLOWER SHOW (at Roswell Cultural Arts Center)
Entry Deadline: Mar 1
Exhibit: Apr 11-May 30

RPS OPEN JURIED EXHIBIT (at Roswell Visual Arts Center)
Entry Deadline: Aug 31 (pending)
Exhibit: Oct 3-Nov 13 (pending)

The Calendar

The Calendar

My Handout

Remaining Events for 2025

Roswell Photographic Society

Below is a list of the events remaining for 2025. For more information on each event, go to our Web site at https://roswellphotosociety.com/2025-meetings/.

Event	Date/Time
Regular Meeting: Photo Review - Theme: Solitude	March 4
Interactive / Workshop	April 1
Exhibit: Flower Show	April 2
Regular Meeting: Photo Review - Theme: Waterfalls	May 6
Regular Meeting: Guest Speaker	June 3
Regular Meeting: Photo Review - Theme: Sunrise & Sunset	July 1
Interactive / Workshop	August 5
Regular Meeting: Photo Review - Theme: Depth of Field	September 2
Exhibit: Open Juried	September 8
Regular Meeting: Guest Speaker	October 7
Exhibit: When in Roswell	October 9
Regular Meeting: Photo Review - Portraits	November 11
Holiday Awards Party at ARC	December 2, 6:00 PM

The Big Idea

- Pre-build a "folder" for each contest

- "Folder" can be:
  - A Collection in Lightroom
  - Directory on hard drive
  - Grouping in your editing software

- Add photos to folders as you process throughout the year

Choose a Naming Convention

- Date: 2025-03

- RPS or other Organization: RPS, Booth

- Photo Review, Exhibit or Other Type: PR, EX

- Contest Name: Solitude, Flowers

    Example: 2025-03 RPS PR Solitude

Directory Structure

📁 Contests

   📁 Year

      📁 Contest 1

      📁 Contest 2

   📁 Ongoing

      📁 Animals and People

      📁 Architecture and Travel

Example Structure in Lightroom

What is a Collection in Lightroom?

A Virtual Group of Photos

Physical
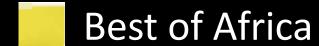
Lucky The Elephant

Physical – On My Hard Drive

📁 2024

    📁 Africa

        📁 Best of Africa
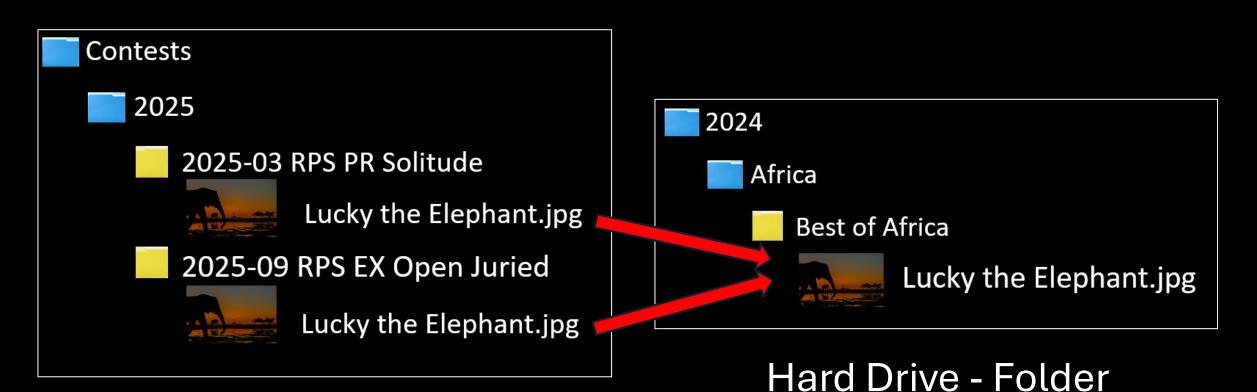
             Lucky the Elephant.jpg

Collection Sets and Collections
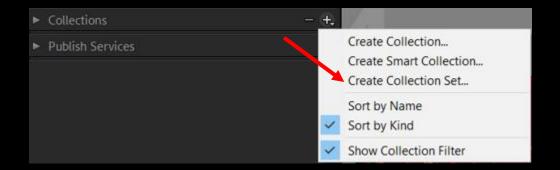
📁 Contests (contains no photos, just collections or other sets)

    📁 Year

        📒 Contest 1 (contains photos)

        📒 Contest 2

    📁 Ongoing

        📒 Animals and People

        📒 Architecture and Travel
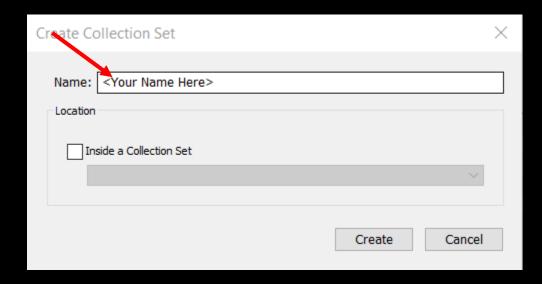
Lightroom Demo

- Add a Collect Set

- Add two Collections

- Make one of them the Target Collection

- Add photos to Collections

- Identify when a photo is in a Collection
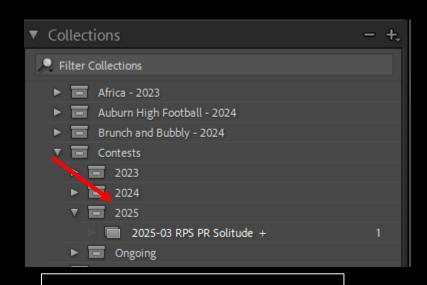
- Remove photos from Collections

How to Add a Collection Set – Method 1

How to Add a Collection Set – Method 2

1

Collections   — +

🔍 Filter Collections

▶ 🖼 Africa - 2023
▶ 🖼 Auburn High Football - 2024
▶ 🖼 Brunch and Bubbly - 2024
▼ 🖼 Contests
    🖼 2023
    ▶ 🖼 2024
    ▼ 🖼 2025
        🖼 2025-03 RPS PR Solitude +   1
    ▶ 🖼 Ongoing

Right Click

2

Create Collection...
Create Smart Collection...
Create Collection Set...

Rename...
Duplicate Collection Set
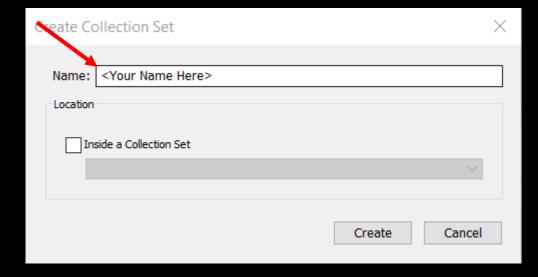
Add Color Label to Collection   ⟩

Delete

Export this Collection Set as a Catalog...

Import Smart Collection Settings...

3

Create Collection Set   ✕

Name: <Your Name Here>

Location

☐ Inside a Collection Set

[⌄]
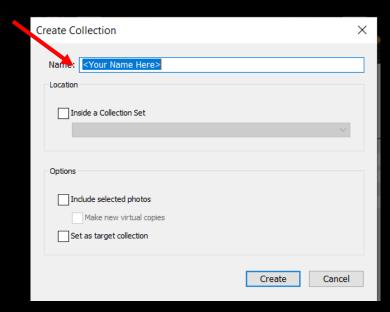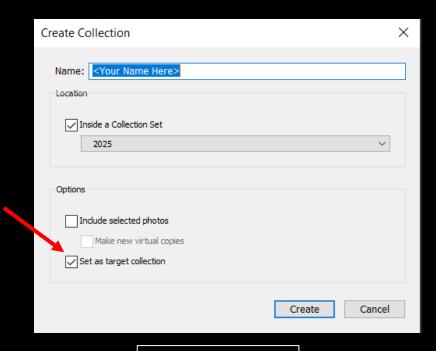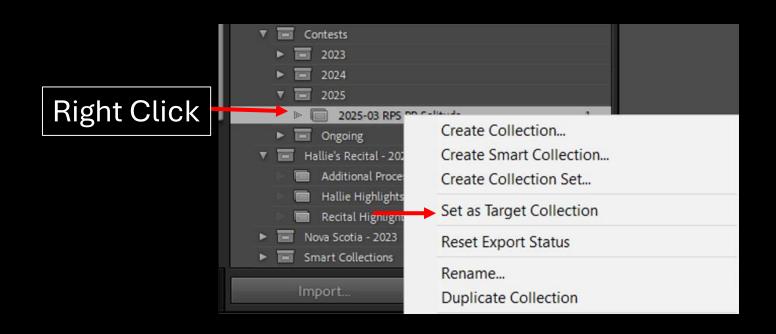
                                    Create   Cancel

How to Add a Collection – Method 1

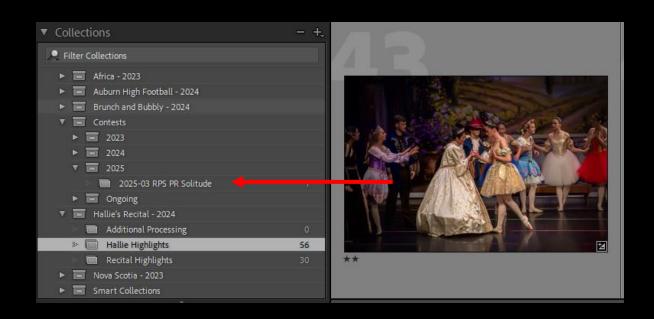# How to Set a Target Collection

Method 1

Right Click

Method 2

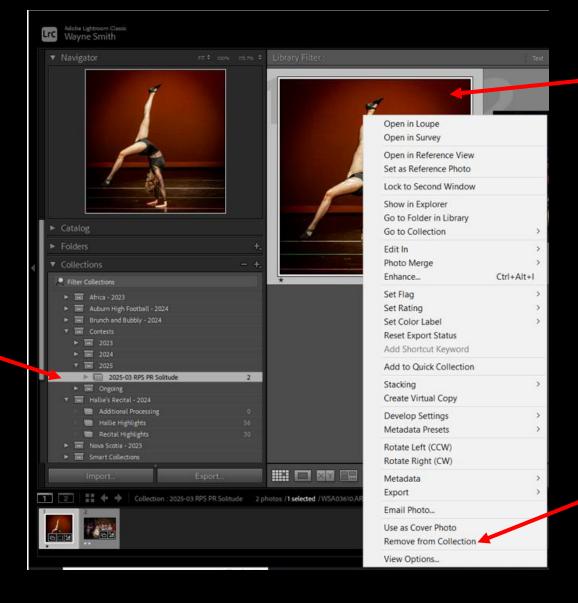How to Add Photos to a Collection
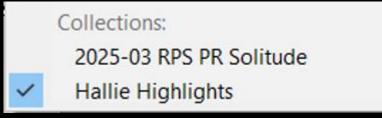
Add to Target Collection

Drag and Drop to Any Collection

How to Identify Collections a Photo is In

Collections:
2025-03 RPS PR Solitude
✓ Hallie Highlights

How to Remove a Photo from a Collection

2) Right Click Photo

1) Select Collection

3) Click Remove

Questions?