



Alicia Wagner, a certified professional photo organizer, has helped many clients preserve, curate and enjoy their photo collections.

Tame Your Photos!

Fall is a great time to preserve and organize your photo collection. These pro tips will help you get started.

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Our personal photographs represent precious artifacts that have the capability to preserve fleeting moments in our lives. With natural disasters on the rise, there is no better time to digitize and preserve your photo collection. Thankfully, by scanning your collection into a digital library, you can ensure these memories will endure, bringing joy to generations that follow.

Whether you opt for a DIY approach or hire a photo manager, the advantages are manifold. If you've ever sorted through a box of your parents' or grandparents' photos, you know that the elements can wreak havoc. Typically, these old photos are in attics and basements where photos are exposed to damaging heat and humidity. Relocating these photos into an interior closet is a great first step.

Make Finding Photos a Snap

One of the most advantageous aspects of an organized digital library is the sheer ease with which you can retrieve specific images at any given moment. The days of rifling through old boxes of scrapbooks or loose photos are replaced with the convenience of a digital library at your fingertips.

We are in the age of online photo sharing, and it's an easy way to connect with your friends and family. Once you have an organized library, you can take advantage of low-cost photo-sharing technology by companies like Amazon, Google and Apple. Amazon Prime members have access to unlimited digital photo storage, as well as free print delivery. Creating slideshow presentations for display on your television during the holidays has never been easier.

How to Get Started

Meticulously sorting through your printed collection before scanning will save you time and money. It will also ensure you don't transfer a chaotic physical collection into the digital realm.

Discard duplicates and repetitive images. No one needs 20 photos of the Statue of Liberty or the Grand Canyon! Separate your photos by year (even by decade is OK), occasion or family member. Arrange your printed photos how you want to see them digitally and use shoeboxes or plastic baggies to keep them organized. Can't remove photos from old albums? No problem, just scan the entire page.

If this task feels overwhelming, rest easy knowing there are professionals available to help. Now let's get started!

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