

## **Photographic Historical Society of New England Photographic Shows: 1973 – 2022**

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Photographic shows have been essential throughout the Society’s 50-year history. Indeed, hosting a “local” show and sale event may have been the main impetus for establishing the organization when the idea was first formally proposed in 1973. It was probably no coincidence that the brief notice sent out to gauge interest in possibly forming a new regional photographic historical society included a short note that read “Bring your trade items for a swap session.” No doubt this enticed many of the 68 people that turned out for the meeting to travel to Framingham, Massachusetts on April 8, 1973 to see what was going on. A mere five months after the that inaugural meeting, PHSNE held its first “Antique Photographic Show and Trade Fair” at the Motel 128 in Dedham, Massachusetts. Throughout the decades, PHSNE’s photographic shows have had numerous titles, locations, and show planners.

There have been approximately 86 shows since PHSNE’s inception. The exact number is somewhat questionable due to gaps in the organization’s records and perhaps a miscalculation in the numbering of shows that occurred in 1992. The below listing contains information on all the events that could be verified. During the past 5 decades, there has been approximately 13 “show managers”. However, in-the past 30 years there have been just three: Ed Shaw, Ruth Thomasian (co-managing with Ed Shaw), and John Dockery. Many of the past shows have included consignment auctions, which brought revenue to sellers, income to PHSNE, and much excitement and enjoyment to attendees.

Although considerable variation in format, duration, and style have occurred over the past five decades, all the shows have had some important commonalities; including providing members (and the public) an opportunity to add items to their personal photographic collections, providing a venue where photographic knowledge freely flows among attendees, raising much needed revenue to operate the PHSNE organization, and perhaps most important, bringing together people to share stories and build comradeship. No doubt, these photographic shows will continue to be an important feature of PHSNE’s success for many years to come. See below for a listing of PHSNE’s shows with some interesting side comments.

# of Shows	Show Name	Dates	Location	Show Managers	Comments
1.	Antique Photographic Show & Trade Fair	Sept. 22 & 23, 1973	Motel 128 Dedham, MA	Multiple	\$12 tables, admission = \$1.00.
2.	Antique Photographic Show & Trade Fair	April 6 & 7, 1974	Copley Plaza Hotel Boston, MA		Harry Gross, Guest Speaker.
3.	Antique Photographic Show & Trade Fair	Nov. 9 & 10, 1974	Copley Plaza Hotel Boston, MA		Weston Naef, Guest Speaker.
4.	Semi-Annual Trade Fair	March 22 & 23, 1975	Ramada Inn East Windsor, CT		75 tables, 800 attendees, 70 exhibitors.
5.	Semi-Annual Trade Fair	Nov. 22 & 23, 1975	Ramada Inn East Windsor, CT	John Craig	Robert Doherty (GEH), Guest Speaker.
6.	Trade Fair	March 27 & 28, 1976	Holiday Inn Woburn, MA	Larry Rochette	
7.	Semi-Annual Show & Trade Fair	Nov. 20 & 21, 1976	Ramada Inn East Windsor, CT		
8.	Trade Fair	Nov. 19, 1977	Sheraton Rolling Green Andover, MA		The event was featured on Boston’s TV Channel 4, Evening Magazine.
9.	Antique & Classic Photographic Show & Trade Fair	April 8, 1978	Howard Johnson’s 57 Motor Hotel Boston, MA	Jack Naylor	Featured 7 Educational Exhibits and 900+ attendees, 119 tables, 75 school children.
10.	Andover PHSNE Show	Nov. 26, 1978	Sheraton Rolling Green Andover, MA	John Hess	99 tables, sold out.

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11.	Boston PHSNE Show	April 7, 1979	Howard Johnson, 57 Park Plaza Boston, MA	Jack Naylor Harold Lewis	10 tables of Educational Displays.
12.	PHSNE Show	Sept.30, 1979	Hartford Civic Center Hartford, CT	Walter Friesendorf	\$1.50 admission with PHSNE membership card.
13.	PHSNE Show & Trade Fair	April 26, 1980	Howard Johnson, 57 Park Plaza Boston, MA	Jack Naylor	Show originally scheduled for April 11 & 12, 1980, “almost 1100 people” attended. Jack Naylor advertises show on Boston’s TV Channel 5, 151 tables sold.
14.	PHSNE Photographic Exhibit & Sale	Sept. 21, 1980	Hartford Civic Center Hartford, CT	Walter Friesendorf	
15.	PHSNE Show & Trade Fair	April 11, 1981	Howard Johnson, 57 Park Plaza Boston, MA	Jack Naylor	
16.	PHSNE Show & Trade Fair	Oct. 10, 1981	Howard Johnson, 57 Park Plaza Boston, MA	Walter Friesendorf John Kinville	Show changed from its original Hartford Civic Center, CT location due to costs and “politics”.
17.	PHSNE Boston Spring Show	April 3, 1982	Howard Johnson, 57 Park Plaza Boston, MA	Jack Naylor Harold Lewis	
18.	PHSNE Boston Show	Oct.23, 1982	Howard Johnson, 57 Park Plaza Boston, MA	John Kinville Steve Loftus	
19.	PHSNE Boston Spring Show	April 16, 1983	Howard Johnson, 57 Park Plaza Boston, MA	Harold Lewis David Berenson	This show was advertised as “PHSNE’s 20 <sup>th</sup> Trade Fair and” Show”. It was actually PHSNE’s 19 <sup>th</sup> show.
20.	Photographica Show & Sale	Sept. 11, 1983	Loring Arena Framingham, MA	David Berenson John Kinville	This 20 <sup>th</sup> show may have been the first time the word “Photographica” was used to describe the event.
21.	Photographica Show & Sale	April 15, 1984	Howard Johnson, 57 Park Plaza Boston, MA	David Berenson Alan Kattelle	Donation \$3.00.
22.	Boston Show	Oct. 20 and 21, 1984	Armenian Cultural & Education Center Watertown, MA	David Berenson Carl Chiulli	115 tables.
23.	Boston Show	April 21, 1985	Armenian Cultural & Education Center Watertown, MA	David Berenson	
24.	Boston Show	Oct. 19 & 20, 1985	Armenian Cultural & Education Center Watertown, MA	David Berenson	
25.	PHSNE Spring Show	April 18 & 19, 1986	Armenian Cultural & Education Center Watertown, MA	David Berenson	1000 attendees.
???	<i>PHSNE Fall 1986 Show</i>	<i>NO INFO FOUND</i>			
26.	Boston Show	April 4 & 5, 1987	Armenian Cultural & Education Center Watertown, MA	David Berenson	
???	<i>PHSNE Fall 1987 Show</i>	<i>NO INFO FOUND</i>			
???	<i>PHSNE Spring 1988 Show</i>	<i>NO INFO FOUND</i>			
27.	PHSNE Fall Show	Oct. 22 & 23, 1988	Armenian Cultural & Education Center Watertown, MA	Likely David Berenson	

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28.	PHSNE Spring Show	April 15 & 16, 1989	Armenian Cultural & Education Center Watertown, MA	Likely David Berenson	
29.	PHSNE Fall Show	Oct. 21 & 22, 1989	Armenian Cultural & Education Center Watertown, MA	Likely David Berenson	
30.	PHSNE Spring Show	April 7 & 8, 1990	Armenian Cultural & Education Center Watertown, MA	Likely David Berenson	
31.	PHSNE Fall Show	Oct. 20 & 21, 1990	Armenian Cultural & Education Center Watertown, MA	Likely David Berenson	
32.	PHSNE Spring Show	April 13 & 14, 1991	Armenian Cultural & Education Center Watertown, MA	David Berenson	
33.	PHSNE Fall Show	Oct. 19 & 20, 1991	Armenian Cultural & Education Center Watertown, MA	Jack Naylor	
34.	PHSNE Spring Show	April 4 & 5, 1992	Hillcrest Exposition Center Waltham, MA	Jack Naylor	The show had 202 tables with dealers from 21 states and six countries represented.
35.	PHSNE Fall Show	Oct 31 & Nov. 1, 1992	Hillcrest Exposition Center Waltham, MA	Jack Naylor	
36.	PHSNE Spring Show	March 27 & 28, 1993	Hillcrest Exposition Center Waltham, MA	Ed Shaw	
37.	PHSNE Fall Show	Oct. 23 & 24, 1993	Hillcrest Exposition Center Waltham, MA	Ed Shaw	
38.	PHSNE Spring Show	April 24 & 25, 1994	Hillcrest Exposition Center Waltham, MA	Ed Shaw	
39.	PHSNE Fall Show	Oct. 22 & 23, 1994	Hillcrest Exposition Center Waltham, MA	Ed Shaw	
40.	PHSNE Spring Show	April 22 & 23, 1995	Hillcrest Exposition Center Waltham, MA	Ed Shaw	
41.	PHSNE Fall Show	Oct. 28 & 29, 1995	Hillcrest Exposition Center Waltham, MA	Ed Shaw Ruth Thomasian	
42.	PHSNE Spring Show	April 13 & 14, 1996	Hillcrest Exposition Center Waltham, MA	Ed Shaw Ruth Thomasian	
43.	Photographica 96	Oct. 26 & 27, 1996	Hillcrest Exposition Center Waltham, MA	Ed Shaw Ruth Thomasian	Admission - \$5.00
44.	Photographica '97 Sale & Show	March 22 & 23, 1997	Hillcrest Exposition Center Waltham, MA	Ed Shaw Ruth Thomasian	
45.	Photographica '97 Sale & Show	Oct. 25 & 26, 1997	Hillcrest Exposition Center Waltham, MA	Ed Shaw Ruth Thomasian	
46.	Photographica '98 Show & Sale	April 25 & 26, 1998	Waltham High School Waltham, MA	Ed Shaw Ruth Thomasian	Hillcrest facility sold.

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47.	Photographica '98 Sale & Show	Oct. 24 & 25, 1998	Waltham High School Waltham, MA	Ed Shaw Ruth Thomasian	Admission = \$5.00, students and senior citizens = \$4.00, Members = \$3.00.
48.	Photographica '99 Sale & Show	April 24 & 25, 1999	Waltham High School Waltham, MA	Ed Shaw Ruth Thomasian	
49.	Photographica '99 52 <sup>nd</sup> Show & Sale	Oct. 23 & 24, 1999	Waltham High School Waltham, MA	Ed Shaw Ruth Thomasian	
50.	Photographica '00 53 <sup>rd</sup> Show & Sale	April 29 & 30, 2000	Waltham High School Waltham, MA	Ed Shaw Ruth Thomasian	
51.	Photographica '00 54 <sup>th</sup> Show & Sale	Oct. 28 & 29, 2000	Waltham High School Waltham, MA	Ed Shaw Ruth Thomasian	“Super Auction” on Oct. 27, at Lexington National Guard Armory.
52.	Photographica '01 55 <sup>th</sup> Show & Sale	April 21 & 22, 2001	Waltham High School Waltham, MA	Ed Shaw Ruth Thomasian	“Over 200 tables. Dealers from throughout U.S., Europe, and Asia.”
53.	Photographica '01 Show & Sale	Oct. 27 & 28, 2001	Waltham High School Waltham, MA	Ed Shaw Ruth Thomasian	
54.	Photographica '02 Show & Sale	April 13 & 14, 2002	Waltham High School Waltham, MA	Ed Shaw Ruth Thomasian	.
55.	Photographica '02 Show & Sale	Oct. 26 & 27, 2002	Waltham High School Waltham, MA	Ed Shaw Ruth Thomasian	
56.	Photographica '03 59 <sup>th</sup> Show & Sale	April 26 & 27, 2003	Waltham High School Waltham, MA	Ed Shaw Ruth Thomasian	\$125 per table for early reservation (\$135 after).
57.	Photographica '03 60 <sup>th</sup> Show & Sale	Oct. 25 & 26, 2003	Waltham High School Waltham, MA	Ed Shaw Ruth Thomasian	
58.	Photographica '04 61 <sup>st</sup> Show & Sale	April 24 & 25, 2004	Waltham High School Waltham, MA	Ed Shaw Ruth Thomasian	Show had a Digital Clinic.
59.	Photographica '04 62 <sup>nd</sup> Show & Sale	Oct. 23 & 24, 2004	Waltham High School Waltham, MA	Ed Shaw Ruth Thomasian	
60.	Photographica '05 63 <sup>rd</sup> Show & Sale	April 2 & 3, 2005	Armenian Cultural & Education Center Watertown, MA	Ed Shaw Ruth Thomasian	
61.	Photographica '05 64 <sup>th</sup> Show & Sale	Nov. 19 & 20, 2005	Armenian Cultural & Education Center Watertown, MA	Ed Shaw Ruth Thomasian	
62.	Photographica 65	April 29 & 30, 2006	Armenian Cultural & Education Center Watertown, MA	John Dockery	
63.	Photographica 66	Oct. 28 & 29, 2006	Armenian Cultural & Education Center Watertown, MA	John Dockery	880 attendees (500 the first day).
64.	Photographica 67	April 14 & 15, 2007	America Civic Center Wakefield, MA	John Dockery	New venue sought for lower costs and more parking.
65.	Photographica 68	(date not known)	America Civic Center Wakefield, MA	John Dockery	.
66.	Photographica 69	May 3 & 4, 2008	America Civic Center Wakefield, MA	John Dockery	485 attendees.

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67.	Photographica 70	Sept. 27 & 28, 2008	Americal Civic Center Wakefield, MA	John Dockery	
68.	Photographica 71	April 25 & 26, 2009	Americal Civic Center Wakefield, MA	John Dockery	Over 475 attendees.
69.	Photographica 72	Oct. 24 & 25, 2009	Americal Civic Center Wakefield, MA	John Dockery	600 attendees, 65 dealers.
70.	Photographica 73	April 17 & 18, 2010	Americal Civic Center Wakefield, MA	John Dockery	
71.	Photographica 74	Sept. 25 & 26, 2010	Americal Civic Center Wakefield, MA	John Dockery	70 tables.
72.	Photographica 75	April 30 & May 1, 2011	Americal Civic Center Wakefield, MA	John Dockery	71 dealers, 500 visitors.
73.	Photographica 76	Nov. 5 & 6, 2011	Americal Civic Center Wakefield, MA	John Dockery	
74.	Photographica 77	April 14 & April 15, 2012	Americal Civic Center Wakefield, MA	John Dockery	
75.	Photographica 78	Sept. 22 & 23, 2012	Americal Civic Center Wakefield, MA	John Dockery	80 tables, 400 attendees.
76.	Photographica 79	April 13 & 14, 2013	Americal Civic Center Wakefield, MA	John Dockery	Over 500 attendees.
77.	Photographica 80	Oct. 19 and 20, 2013	Americal Civic Center Wakefield, MA	John Dockery	
78.	<i>Photographica 81</i>	April 13 & 14, 2014	Americal Civic Center Wakefield, MA	John Dockery	2014 is the first time the word "Photographica" appeared in italics when advertising shows.
79.	<i>Photographica 82</i>	Oct. 18 and 19, 2014	Americal Civic Center Wakefield, MA	John Dockery	
80.	<i>Photographica 83</i>	April 11 & 12, 2015	Americal Civic Center Wakefield, MA	John Dockery	
81.	<i>Photographica 84</i>	Oct. 17 and 18, 2015	Americal Civic Center Wakefield, MA	John Dockery	This was PHSNE's final fall show.
82.	<i>Photographica 85</i>	April 2, 2016	American Legion Post #440, 295 California St., Newton, MA	John Dockery	One-day show, 80 tables (sold out).
83.	<i>Photographica 86</i>	April 8, 2017	American Legion Post #440 295 California St., Newton, MA	John Dockery	
84.	<i>Photographica 87</i> Show & Sale	April 14, 2018	American Legion Post #440 295 California St., Newton, MA	John Dockery	
85.	<i>Photographica 88</i>	April 14, 2019	American Legion Post #440 295 California St., Newton, MA	John Dockery	Adults \$6.00, students, active military, and PHSNE members free. 70 vendors, "More than 250 people attended".

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--	Original <i>Photographica 89</i> , Cancelled	Originally scheduled for April 18, 2020	Newton North High School Newton, MA	John Dockery	Show cancelled due to COVID-19.
---	<a href="#">No Photographica Show in 2021</a>	<a href="#">None Scheduled</a>			<a href="#">No show scheduled due to COVID-19.</a>
86.	<i>Photographica 89</i>	April 23, 2022	Newton North High School Newton, MA	John Dockery	Free admission to students and photography teachers. 400 people attended. 120 tables sold.