

**An Evening with Fred Ward**  
**Including: Photography On The Fly**  
**November 15, 2004**



*A surprise Farewell Cake started the evening on a festive note.*

Photojournalist Fred Ward presented the DCGIA chapter with a Power Point presentation of some of his outstanding gem photographs taken over an extensive period in his distinguished career. These were pictures for National Geographic and other well known magazines. Many of them provided the pictorial accompaniment to his series of books on gemstones.

The colored pictures were fantastic and illustrated a skill beyond the ordinary. In essence, Fred spoke about simplicity and imagination. His photography took him all over the world and into many situations where modern technology was unavailable and success depended on

improvisation. His resourcefulness was amazing and provides an excellent example of what can be done on the fly with determination, thought, and skill. He has kept abreast of the state-of-the-art technology in photography, updating his equipment and technique with each progressive improvement. And yet the underlying theme was “keep it light; keep it simple.”

The evening concluded with a montaged retrospective of Fred Ward’s personal life journey that was both poignant and humorous.

We’ll miss you Fred; lots of luck in California.

Lisa Carp



Photographs by Bruce Gaber

*Read my lips..... Count my fingers...  
It all gets easier when you relax.*

A note from Fred:

I may appear to be deep in thought here, but in fact I was trying to collect my thoughts about all the years I’d been associated with DCGIA. This has been the best professional organization I have ever been associated with. I will miss it and all of you greatly. The only thing that makes such a group possible is a dedicated core team willing to spend the time and money necessary to support such an effort. A lot of good serious concerned people got us where we are.... the best GIA chapter in the world. Such a fine result does not come fast or easy. It takes commitment. Volunteer to serve and help. It’s the only thing that makes success possible.

Thank you all for allowing me to serve the chapter for so long. I may be far away but I’m only a phone call or an email from you. Stay in touch and I will too.

Sincerely,

Fred

