



Michael "Mike" McGuire

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Patricia "Pat" McGuire

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Pat was born in Kansas City, MO, but grew up in Dallas, TX. She graduated from Rice University in Houston in the new field of computer science, and spent 25 years working in this field, for companies as large as Shell Oil and as small as Durango. She eventually settled in Palo Alto where she worked for Lockheed, then for many local small companies, as Marketing Director and VP of Operations.

Mike was born in Australia where his GI father married his Aussie mother. They moved to Santa Clara when he was six years old, and he graduated from Bellarmine College Prep. He got a BS in physics from Santa Clara University, and a PhD in physics from the University of Washington. He also spent a month climbing Denali in Alaska, and two years doing post-doctoral research at the University of Mainz, Germany. He then worked at the NASA Goddard Space Flight Center in Maryland which led to his coming to Hewlett-Packard in Palo Alto to work on atomic clocks. Mike also developed a strong interest in fine art photography and was a member of Gallery House Artists' Cooperative in Palo Alto for about 20 years. This led him to the printing-and-imaging side of HP where he worked on the initial design of HP's all-in-one printer/copiers and digital cameras. He retired after 28 years there in 2007.

Mike has published a book combining his landscape photographs with a basic course in fractal geometry. It is "An Eye for Fractals" and can be found in the Manor library. Now his prime interest is fly fishing, for which he makes his own bamboo fly rods and flies. Pat recently returned from a National Geographic/Lindblad expedition that took her to indigenous tribal villages in Panama and Colombia and to recently unearthed ancient temple complexes in Peru. She enjoys primitive art and with Mike has visited Papua New Guinea and other remote corners of the globe, often with SCUBA gear. Pat continues to be active in Palo Alto non-profits.

Pat and Mike met in 1982 at Gallery House in Palo Alto, where she was drawn to his landscape photos on exhibit. They lived in Palo Alto for 25 years before moving to Portola Valley for eight years and then to SRC in Sept. 2015.