

October 8

The Silver Image Gallery

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727 Commerce Street

Tacoma, Washington 98402

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Bruce Poli
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Dear Mr. Porter,

I have always been a great fan of yours and have spent much time in the last few years studying your many books and prints over and over. I am new ~~at~~ photography as well as being a newcomer to the West. I have only had a six-week Black and White course at the Banff School of Fine Arts in Canada and wish to spend my life pursuing it, particularly nature photography. I am also an enthusiastic birder, naturalist and explorer, and am presently working on a photographic study of Vashon Island, inspired by your peaceful "Summer Island" work. Since my father has been involved in the photography business for many years and has been editor of Popular Photography since 1966, I have had access to many of your works, many of which have been particularly important to my life, such as "Forever Wild: the Adirondacks". Since I have spent much of the last 15 summers at our house in the Adirondacks. I wondered if by any chance you might be willing to take on an apprentice, if you in fact have time for that, or do you know of someone like you whom I

could work with for awhile, particularly doing your type of outdoor work in color and/or black and white. I would consider it a great honor to work with you. I am a hard worker, and with 4 years of language and literature study plus my work as a naturalist, we would certainly have a lot of common interests. You can reach me at the Vashon address; the photo gallery is where I am working part time. Any suggestions you have would certainly be helpful, and, since I am new at this type work, any names for contacts, etc. would certainly be appreciated. Thank you so much.

Sincerely,

Bruce Poli