

Dick Sheidler Service Award

Dick Sheidler was a founding member of the club who demonstrated great commitment to the operation of the club and service to club members, in addition to his personal pursuit of excellence in the photographic arts.

The MVPC desires to promote membership development in the photographic arts, as demonstrated by the MVPC mission statement.

Dick Sheidler Memorial Award: This award has been in place since 1989. This award is presented only to club members who realize a level of proficiency in the photographic arts as measured by MVPC salon scores over the course of a year. The qualifications for this Memorial Award are found within the Salon Rules.

Dick Sheidler Service Award: Put in place by board vote in 2014, the MVPC may present this award annually to recognize those members of the club who have contributed substantial service to the operation of the MVPC and/or to the promotion of the photographic arts in the local community.

Any current club member in good standing may be nominated by any other club member in good standing for the Dick Sheidler award. The nomination will be made in writing to the MVPC President in the form of a letter of nomination. Club members who are eligible for the recognition are MVPC members in good standing at the time of nomination and who demonstrates the following attributes:

- 1) He or she has had continuous paid membership in the MVPC for at least 36 consecutive months.
- 2) The Dick Sheidler Service Award is a lifetime award. Previous Dick Sheidler award recipients are not eligible to receive the award again.
- 3) The nominee must have actively served on an MVPC committee or the board of directors at some point in the preceding 5 years.

The letter of nomination should explain why the nominee is worthy of the recognition. Examples of justification for nomination may include, but are not limited to, consistent contribution to the club for 3 or more years in areas of club service, such as presentation at club meetings, presentation at focus nights, participation in MVPC board meetings, participation on a MVPC working committee, contributions to the Council, N4C or PSA, recruit at least one new paying member in the previous 12 months, contribution to MVPC displays, or contribute photographic work regularly to the City of Eagan.

Nominations must be received by the President no later than 45 days prior to the MVPC annual banquet.

The President and a committee appointed by the president will review all nominations. Multiple recipients may receive this recognition in a single club year for presentation at the annual banquet. The selected nominee is an individual who exemplifies the mission of the MVPC and consistently contributes to the health of the club and the photographic arts. This Committee may choose not to select any members for recognition, if in their opinion; a suitable nomination is not submitted.