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FINE ART PHOTOGRAPHY

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**POPULAR PHOTOGRAPHY  
VINTAGE PRINTS FROM THE COLLECTION OF CAROL CARLISLE**

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**The Carol Carlisle Collection**

After nearly a 35-year career, Carol Carlisle retired as Managing Editor of Popular Photography magazine, where she was celebrated for her keen eye and ruthless sense of perfection. It was her reputation as an insightful and meticulous editor that brought both her, and the magazine, such an outstanding reputation. She was also acclaimed for her work as a photographer, with her images published many times in the magazine and on the cover.

What the photography world did not know about Carol during her lifetime, however, was that she was an avid collector of almost anything that delighted her eye. She saw beauty and artistic significance, often where others did not. In that spirit, she sometimes 'rescued' images that were submitted to the magazine, but impractical to return and headed for destruction.

She amassed more than 1200 such prized prints. Each represents a rare piece and specific moment in time, mostly from the 60s and 70s that, if not for her collector's and conservationist's eye, might have been lost forever. These images embody the spirit of the woman whose 'waste not, want not' approach to life and impressive aesthetic sense led her to save these prints from oblivion.

Carol reveled in spotting and saving each important image for posterity, but she also made the people she worked with a high priority, always reaching out to make a difference. For many years, she served with Volunteer Service Photographers, a non-profit organization that was set up in hospitals, youth groups, and senior citizen centers to teach photography for rehabilitation, career development or just for fun.

Carol dedicated her life to educating her readers about photography, and by sharing this art with the broader public. She devoted every other waking minute to her children: the late Claudia Lapierre, Jaye and Lee Smith and her 11 grandchildren and great grandchildren all of whom are grateful for having shared in the gift of her passion.