



# Newsletter

## Instructor Spotlight

Jill Rivers

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After a 26-year career as an educator, Jill Rivers discovered a new calling, helping people preserve the stories, memories, and photographs that define their lives.

Her journey into photo preservation began with a deeply personal experience. Having spent a decade living abroad in Singapore, she always believed she would return to the United States if her family needed her. When her father was diagnosed with terminal cancer, she made plans to come home and spend time with him, hoping to record the family stories he carried so vividly. A gifted storyteller and the family's unofficial photographer, he had spent decades documenting family history. Sadly, he passed away before she was able to return, taking many of those stories with him.

That loss inspired a new mission. Realizing how easily memories can disappear, she trained as a professional photo manager through The Photo Managers organization and launched a business dedicated to helping individuals and families organize, digitize, preserve, and enjoy their photographs.

Today, she combines her lifelong passion for teaching with her expertise in photo preservation. Through workshops and one-on-one consulting, she helps clients transform overwhelming collections of printed photographs and digital images into meaningful, accessible archives. Whether working with boxes of aging family photos or thousands of images stored on smartphones, her goal is simple: make the important memories easy to find, enjoy, and share.

Her connection with Oasis grew through community involvement and a desire to help older adults navigate both technology and life's transitions. After initially presenting on photo preservation and downsizing, she began teaching popular iPhone workshops that empower participants to make the most of the powerful devices they carry every day.

A lifelong learner herself, Jill believes that curiosity and learning should never stop. She sees education as essential not only for personal growth and social connection but also for maintaining cognitive health as we age. Inspired by her years in the classroom and her family's experience with memory loss, she encourages students to continue exploring new skills, technologies, and interests throughout their lives.

Whether she's teaching iPhone photography, organizing family archives, or helping preserve treasured memories, Jill is passionate about ensuring that the stories that matter most are not lost, and that the moments worth remembering remain accessible for generations to come.

Jill will be teaching the following upcoming classes for Oasis:

[\*\*Find That Photo Fast: Organize Your iPhone Photos\*\*](#) on July 14 (class is full)

[\*\*Declutter Your iPhone Photo Library\*\*](#) on July 21

[\*\*iPhone Safety Checkup\*\*](#) on July 28