

Virginia Press Women
Northern Virginia District

“Photojournalism: Extending Vision Through the Lens”
with Reza Marvashti

Monday, March 15, 2004

7:00 p.m.

The Free Lance Star, Community Room

616 Amelia Street, Fredericksburg

Enter through the side glass doors on Amelia Street

Reza Marvashti is Photography Editor at *The Free Lance Star*. During his five years at the paper, he has mastered his craft and exhibited an inspirational passion and dedication to his work.

Reza attended West Virginia University, studying Modern European History. Working at the college paper and part-time for the Morgantown daily newspaper established his initial education in photojournalism. His first professional photojournalism jobs in the Northern Virginia area left him unsatisfied after a few months. Reza made a unique career switch to roustabout on the tent crew of The Big Apple Circus. After a year touring the East Coast, he became a database administrator for a small company in Herndon. Boredom there motivated him to return to photojournalism, first at the *Manassas Journal Messenger*, followed by the *Potomac News*, and five years at *The Free Lance Star*.

What makes a better than average photojournalist? How do photographer and journalist complement each other's work when creating a story? Reza offers insight into the field and suggestions in studying photography, including digital.

Also, this meeting will include an opportunity for members to introduce potential new members to Virginia Press Women. Bring your guests and enjoy mixing after the presentation.

Dinner will be at 5:15 p.m. at The General Store, located at 2018 College Avenue, Fredericksburg. The restaurant's phone number is 540-371-4075. We are dining “Dutch treat”.

Please RSVP by Friday, March 12th, to the Northern District Director, Peggy Weston, at pweston@westonproductions.com or 540-752-9539, and expect confirmation of your reservation. Please specify if you are attending the meeting, dinner or both.