

PEAK DIGITAL IMAGING SOCIETY

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*"The health of the eye seems to demand a horizon.
We are never tired, so long as we can see far enough."
[Ralph Waldo Emerson]*

THANK YOU TO BILL YOUNG

Our PDIS co-founder, friend, and professional digital photographer, Bill Young, presented "Don't Buy the Hype: How to Purchase Photo Gear Which Meets your Needs!" We met at Library 21C –to learn important information regarding cameras, lenses, Bayer sensors, chips, lighting, lenses, tripods, and other equipment like Goreit flashlights—comparing quality and prices.

This was an extraordinary power point presentation and discussion, often guided by questions from the audience. Bill included concepts about full frame / half frame cameras and references to mirrorless cameras and Go Pros. Several times he referenced the [B & H website](#) for buying camera gear and accessories. Seventeen (17) people attended, including three (3) new guests.

MARCH 22 PROGRAM WITH DR. STEVEN CHRISTIANSEN / CHRIS NELSON.

"Tale of Two Lenses" will be presented at Library 21C, The Venue Room, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Dr. Christiansen is a digital photographer and retina specialist, who uses digital imaging for diagnosing retinal issues. Through a powerpoint presentation, he will discuss eye anatomy, light, the general health of the eye, and current medical practice on different contact lenses. Chris Nelson will follow with some counterpart information on camera lenses. This type of health program has never been presented before to our photo club. DON'T MISS IT!

MARCH IS PDIS HEALTH MONTH

If you have any professional information or tips regarding a photographer's health, we encourage you to bring business cards and brochures, or show and tell items for our PDIS marketing table to share with others. Examples would be health products for time in the snow or sun, topical pain remedies for hiking, special camera straps for back fatigue, stretch exercises for a long day of photography, protecting your eyes, or best summer clothing. ETC!

APRIL COMPETITION

Our April 25th competition is just around the corner. ABSTRACT THEME / OPEN THEME. Bring one to three (1-3) of your favorite digital prints / illustrations for each category. We have tabletop room for both framed and unframed images. All images must be mounted. Please refer to our PDIS website [RESOURCE](#) page for guidance. We will also send you a flyer with more info.

Consider various sources for abstract images: architectural, water, city & street, macro, nature, textures, patterns in nature, floral abstracts, monochrome, etc. [\$2 / entry will be collected.] Ric Bascobert will be our judge. Check out his personal abstract collection on his [website](#)!

20th ANNUAL ROLL BIKE ART FESTIVAL – LET’S CELEBRATE!

April 3 is just around the corner for submitting your 2024 entries online. Each entry will be juried. If your entries are accepted, there will be a single-entry fee (\$10 cash) at intake-drop off. Amy Seltzer is the curator for this gallery show at Buffalo Lodge Bicycle Resort Inn. You will find the prospectus and informational flyer [here](#). Submit one to four (1-4) entries with a bicycle theme. Send your images to: rollbikeart@gmail.com. Reception is Friday, June 7 in Manitou. This is a Multiple Sclerosis fundraiser for the [John Elder Spirit Award](#).

PHOTOGRAPHY STUDY GROUP

Led by Chris Nelson, these primary to intermediate classes will be held each Wednesday in May from 6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Door opens 5:30 p.m. for Q & A time. Library 21C- Classroom TBD. Cost is \$20 / class or \$50 for all 5 classes. Limited space. Registration: photos@lightreign.us

BENEFITS FOR SERVING IN A PDIS LEADERSHIP POSITION

Bill Young will address our PDIS group at our March meeting to give us guidance on the benefits of serving our photo club. Outside of meeting our wonderful speakers and learning how to run a digital photography club, there are some *hidden* benefits which will motivate you to step up to the plate in 2025. On **June 17 at 1:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.** (Academy Art & Frame) will hold an open leadership team meeting for those considering a position. We are dealing with many busy schedules, so even if you are willing to assist with one or two programs, it would be a BIG help!

IDEAS FOR 2025 COMPETITIONS, EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS, AND WORKSHOPS

Some of you have had brief conversations with me after our meetings. These ideas are exciting and motivating. If you are willing to do a presentation, suggest a speaker, or oversee a competition, please submit it on our PDIS website, [CONTACT US](#) form. This way our team will not forget or neglect to contact you. There are last minute tasks for closing our meetings at the library. So, formalize your great ideas in writing through our submission form.

PDIS WOODEN EASEL REPLACEMENTS FOR COMPETITIONS

During the past couple of years, there has been an on-going conversation to replace the “old” wooden easels donated to us by the Boy Scouts. These easels are no longer serving us well. There are two boxes of them which are hard to store and too heavy to carry to meetings. Our PDIS members voted to replace these frames with new table top wire frames on Feb 22.

I have been doing research and have found some reasonably priced ones at Michaels and on Amazon. However, a purchase has not yet been made and our next competition is April 22.

If you have insight into modernizing our competitions, please contact a leadership team member ASAP. Submit your suggestion on the PDIS [CONTACT US](#) form. It seems that the cost would be approximately \$250 for our needs. This amount of money will require a PDIS fundraiser or personal donations. Please think about it. Thanks!

Respectfully,
Linda C Case