

## **PEAK DIGITAL IMAGING SOCIETY**

APRIL NEWSLETTER 2024

Linda C Case, PDIS President

### **SHADES OF SPRING FEVER!**

“Embracing the magic of creation!

Art isn't just about colors on a canvas;  
it's a soulful expression, a universal language  
that speaks volumes without words.

Whether you wield a brush, a CAMERA, or your imagination,  
creating art is a powerful act of self-discovery and connection.

It invites us to explore our depths, share our unique perspectives,  
and fosters a vibrant tapestry of human experience.

So, here's to every stroke, every CLICK, every moment of inspiration—  
because in creating, we discover not only art  
but also the boundless facets of ourselves.”

[FB: Shannon Squires-Toews]

### **THANK YOU TO DR. STEVEN CHRISTIANSEN / CHRIS NELSON**

“Tale of Two Lenses” was presented at Library 21C, March 28. These speakers gave us valuable information about healthy eyes and good camera lenses. This education correlates our *understanding* of the human eye with camera optics. Thank you to those who attended this extraordinary program. Thanks to those who contributed to our health table.

Contact information for **Dr. Christiansen**: 1710 Jet Stream Dr., #215, COS, 80921

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Contact information for **Chris Nelson**: [photos@lightreign.us](mailto:photos@lightreign.us) [REGISTER!]

[Photography study group classes at Library 21C, Every WED in MAY. [6 p.m.-7:30 p.m.]

### **THANK YOU TO BILL YOUNG**

Our PDIS co-founder emphasized some benefits of stepping into leadership positions. Next year 2025, we hope to experience a grand 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of this club.

### **20<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF ANNUAL ROLL BIKE ART FESTIVAL**

This gallery show at Buffalo Lodge Bicycle Resort Inn is challenging and FUN to attend.

Deadline for submission: April 3. Prospectus and Roll Bike Flyer are posted on [pdis.club](http://pdis.club).

### **APRIL COMPETITION**

Our April 25<sup>th</sup> competition is this month! 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. You will be receiving a flyer as a reminder. This is a competition, not a gallery show; therefore, there is no prospectus.

Submission artists must attend this competition. \$2 CASH for each entry. Consider: “What Makes a Good Abstract Photographer,” by Jane Trotter at [pdis.club](http://pdis.club). **JUDGE**: Ric Bascobert

[See his abstract photography collection on his official website.]

## **PDIS CALENDAR 2024 – CHANGES!**

As noted in January, the calendar currently posted on our website is a “rolling calendar.” This means, we make changes as needed – whether it be competitions, field trips, shows, speakers, workshops, photography classes or community outreach.

MAY 23: “**Military Salute.**” 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. **ACADEMY ART & FRAME.** [Note: Time change!]

June 27: “Caught on Camera – Fur and Feathers.” **Judge: Dave Soldano.**

July 25: A **Drone Videography Presentation** will not be at the library. Location TBD.

October 24: “Final Approach” will probably be held at Library 21C. Our guest speaker will be **Dustin Addison** from Mike’s Camera. He is experienced in photographing the International Hill Climb, among other automotive photography events. BTW: He likes B/W!

## **PROGRAM IDEA FROM JIM HUNTER**

“Here’s an idea for a possible PDIS program. There is a young woman in town named Kara Marcus who, with her husband makes beautiful pictures of deep space objects. ... There is a short video of her that occasionally airs on PBS. If she were interested in doing a program, I think it might be interesting.” [Thanks, Jim!]

We are accepting ideas for next year to pass along to our new Leadership Team. Please submit your ideas through CONTACT US on our [pdis.club](#) website.

## **BLACK / WHITE GALLERY SHOW AT SHUTTER AND STRUM ART GALLERY.**

Exciting news from Cas Foste. Our Black / White Gallery Show is confirmed.

[2217 E Platte Ave, COS.] They welcome local artists and musicians. Details TBD.

RECEPTION: Friday, November 1. DROP OFF: Saturday, October 26. Westside parking.

## **A WORD FROM LINDA CASE ABOUT THE PERSONAL VALUE OF PHOTOGRAPHY**

“Loneliness can be defined as a feeling of *not* connecting to society in meaningful and enjoyable ways. Research shows us that increased human interaction alone does not necessarily counter loneliness or enrich our lives; we can also reduce loneliness by engaging in meaningful activities that bring enjoyment, that help us experience positive emotions.”

“We define this type of experience as leisure—being able to engage in meaningful experiences that bring a sense of worth and value, that help us feel authentic. Engaging in those kinds of experiences often results in what social psychologists identify as flow: When our skills and knowledge match the challenges of an activity, we become so absorbed by that activity that time flies. As people participate in activities that are meaningful to them, their negative psychological states tend to decrease.” [John Dattilo, *Penn Stater*]

I believe this message checks all the PDIS boxes – through our various club programs, study groups, and community outreach. As we continue to look forward to experiencing life through a lens, think about how we can show favor to our foster kids at [Hope & Home](#).

Respectfully, LC