

PEAK DIGITAL IMAGING SOCIETY  
JULY NEWSLETTER 2024: Happy Independence Day!  
Linda C Case, President

**DEAR PDIS LEADERSHIP TEAM, FRIENDS AND MEMBERS:**

*"You don't make a photograph just with a camera.  
You bring to the act of photography all the pictures you have seen, the books you have read,  
the music you have heard, the people you have loved." [Ansel Adams]*

**THANK YOU ...**

To approximately 20 members, and first-time guests for attending our June 27 monthly meeting, "A Night and Day Difference," at our Library 21C location.

We were honored to attend the presentation of **Astrophotographer John McClusky**, who featured a power point screen of Milky Way images with attention to camera details: full frame images, lenses, depth of focus, F-stops, and the balance triangle - while emphasizing the importance of shooting in "raw" mode and learning how to "stack" images. Planning for your next night shoot involves studying location, weather, light pollution, and dressing warmly. We were cautioned to be aware of wildlife!

During John's presentation, **Judge Dave Soldano** scored 26 competition entries. The primary theme was "Capture the Moment – Fur and Feathers." Each image was scored from one to ten (1 – 10) points, based on Visual Impact, Creativity, and Technique. The secondary theme was open subject matter with the landscape award based on the artwork of Colorado nature photographer – John Fielder.

Before revealing the winners, Soldano commented on the importance of photography criteria. He provided handouts on the "Twelve Elements of a Merit Image," authored by the Professional Photographers of America (PPA). This information available from our PDIS website menu bar: <https://www.ppa.com/events/photo-competitions/the-12-elements-of-a-merit-image>.

Congratulations to our competition winners: **Susan Schiller, Diana Jacobson, Diane Stewart, Tracy Goodale, and Linda Case**. Diana Jacobson also won the John Fielder Award. See our website gallery. Note: Retained score sheets. You may submit a request to see your competition scores. Please submit your request through our [pdis.club](https://www.pdis.club) website. They will be e-mailed to you personally. **Chris Nelson** crafted our seven (7) formal certificates. Thanks, Chris, for all your hard work!!

**CHILDREN'S LIBRARY PROJECT ...**

Installation of approximately 100 (11 x 14 and 14 x 11) color prints were hung in this cork strip gallery. A shout of thanks to Library 21C for this privilege. Parents and their children were already viewing this spectacular display of color and subject matter before it was even completed. Thank you to our twelve (12) PDIS digital photo artists who participated in this project. Their prints will be donated to a children's foster care center. You may have seen this organization featured on TV news: Hope and Home. Applause for **Diane Stewart, Brenda Herzinger, and Bill Case** for helping to mount and hang the amazing artwork.

**HUDSON GARDENS ...**

Almost ten (10) of us field trippers met at Hudson Gardens for a lovely Sunday morning, on June 23. Rose bushes of many varieties and colors were in bloom. Some of us photographed a Great Blue Heron fishing in the creek. There were bikers and hikers on the Santa Fe Trail behind the gardens. After refreshing ourselves with frozen washcloths, five (5) of us took time for lunch together at the Cheesecake Factory in Littleton. It was a great day for digital photography and PDIS friendships.

### **SATURDAY, JULY 20 ...**

Academy Art and Frame Co. will be holding a parking lot art event with booths, music, vendors, and food trucks. If you are interested in setting up a tent or participating by selling your artwork, you are encouraged to speak with Cas Foste, the curator for their "How Do You See God," show. Otherwise, invite your family and friends to this exciting annual event. This is a great way to network with local artists and sample local Colorado Springs culture. No fee for setting up a booth. Free public admission.

### **JULY 25 MEETING ...**

The Leadership Team invites you to bring a photog guest or family member to our monthly meeting. It will be held at Library 21C – The Venue Room [5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.]. Despite our best laid plans to address drone photography, we were unable to do so, because of many drone restrictions around the library and at Garden of the Gods. However, Chris Nelson will bring his newest toy – a photography drone – for show & tell. Thanks, Chris.

Following our announcements and drone briefing, we will show a PBS videography presentation on "Niagara Falls." We will relax with a watermelon feast, enjoying the summer vibes. The PBS camera will take us to the edge of the falls via helicopter and boat. We will see newsreel footage, actual weddings and much more. The power and beauty of nature will be on display from unusual angles. Join us!

### **AUGUST 24 MEETING ...**

Traditionally, PDIS does not offer an August meeting, due to the participation of PDIS members submitting entries and attending the Colorado State Fair. Although, we have one or two members going there, our PDIS group added a bonus meeting this August, by a show of hands at our June meeting. We will probably show a movie related to a famous photographer(s). If you prefer different subject matter and have a suggestion, please submit your ideas through our website <https://pdis.club>.

### **LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING, September 16 ... [AAFC: 1:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.]**

Again, this will be an open meeting for any member who would like to hear the inner discussions of leaders participating. The core officer positions for 2025 are full. However, there are several small jobs that will be open: local flyer distribution, water carrier for speakers / judges, logbooks, & room set up.

### **FIELD TRIP TO SPACE FOUNDATION DISCOVERY CENTER – Saturday, September 14, 2024.**

Entrance fees are very reasonable: Discounts for children, senior citizens, and military with ID. Approval granted for PDIS photographers, however, not for publishing any photos. No tripods.

### **SEPTEMBER 26 MEETING ... Interactive**

This month will be our annual business meeting. Each current officer will give a brief report. We will discuss your questions and address any concerns you have going forward. We will also form a planning committee for our 25<sup>th</sup> PDIS Anniversary Celebration & Reception to be held January 23 at Library 21 C. Our new dream team will be revealed and voted on at that time. Competition theme ideas will also be harvested and voted on.

### **OCTOBER 24 MEETING ...**

It's time to think of our end of year reception with good food. Hope and Home Children's Foster Care representatives will be there to accept our Children's Library Project donations. We will reveal themes for our 2025 competitions; there will be a president's report and a few surprises packed in. Bring your business cards for a mystery surprise drawing. This event will be held at Library 21C.

### **JANUARY 23, 2025 MEETING – 25<sup>TH</sup> PDIS ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION - S-A-V-E THE D-A-T-E!**