

PEAK DIGITAL IMAGING SOCIETY
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LINDA C CASE, PRESIDENT

DEAR PDIS Friends and Members:

*“Astrophotography is the art of photographing the night sky.”
“You can photograph another galaxy standing on the back patio of your studio.”*

THANK YOU ...

For attending our monthly May meeting: “Military Salute.” It was one of the best interactive groups I have ever attended. Approximately 15 Veterans, guests and PDIS Members exchanged stories and experiences. Warren Pearce brought some Civil War memorabilia. We also enjoyed the military art display. This wall promoted great conversations. Thanks to Chris Nelson, retired USAF Veteran and PDIS officer, who led our lively group discussion.

JUNE CALENDAR ...

Our updated monthly calendar is posted on our <https://pdis.club> website. We also had peach-colored copies at our last meeting. We will bring more to the June Meeting.

NOTE OUR SIX (6) UPCOMING JUNE EVENTS ...

1) TUES / THUR – June 4 & June 6. [10 AM – 3 PM] Drop Off 11 x 14 prints or 14 x 11 prints. Academy Art & Frame Co. **Children’s Library Project** – to be mounted on butcher paper there. Thanks to our nine PDIS Members who signed our Community Outreach Library project to bring prints!

We need a team to help on our assembly line of approximately 75-80 prints.

2) FRI – June 7. [5 PM – 9 PM] RECEPTION for Roll Bike Art Show at Buffalo Lodge Bicycle Resort. Several PDIS Members have artwork displayed in this exhibit. There will be vendors, music, food, cash awards, and FUN. Free admission. 8:30 PM awards ceremony! Free parking lot.

3) MON – June 17 (1:30 PM – 3 PM) We encourage any PDIS Member interested in either a leadership position or assistant position to attend this OPEN LEADERSHIP MEETING. You will observe the internal discussions of decisions and planning. Our present Leadership Team will finish their two-year responsibilities at our October meeting. If you can attend, please contact one of our officers, or send a message through our website. Chris Nelson will stay on as Treasurer. Linda Case will stay on as Community Outreach Coordinator. PLEASE submit your name if interested!

4) SUN – June 23 [9 AM – 1115 AM] HUDSON GARDEN FIELD TRIP. [See flyer on website.] This field trip will be followed by lunch at the Cheesecake Factory in Littleton at noon. Lime-green flyers at Mike’s Camera / Camera Works, and Academy Art & Frame.

5) THUR – June 27 [5:30 PM – 7:30 PM] MONTHLY MEETING / COMPETITION [Flyer soon!] June competition with Dave Soldano. “Caught on Camera – Fur and Feathers.” [Flyer soon!]

6) MON – July 1 [1100] INSTALLATION of prints for Children’s Library Project. Library 21C.

These prints attached to butcher paper will hang in the Children's Library from July – August. They will be donated to the Hope & Home Foster Care Service at our October meeting.

PDIS SURVEY QUESTION

Do you want to see a PDIS bonus program August 22, 2024, from 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.? Library 21C.

Traditionally, August has been the month to attend the artist reception at the Colorado State Fair.

It appears this year that we have no one participating in their Fine Art Exhibit.

There will be a sign-up list at our June 27 meeting. You may also submit your name on our website.

HEALTH ALERT!

Given that outdoor photographers enjoy going on adventures in the back country, beware of ticks. Although Lyme disease is present in Colorado, it is rare compared to Colorado Tick Fever, Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever (bacterial disease), Tick-Borne Relapsing Fever, Tularemia, as well as Tick Paralysis, which can occur when a tick is attached to the body for a long period of time.

“According to the National Park Service, the best way to prevent a tick bite is to avoid wooded and bushy areas where tall grass and leaf litter is present. Keeping exposed skin covered and using insect repellent can also help.” [Spencer McKee, Denver Gazette, 5/23/2024].

Remember your bug and tick repellent when packing up your cameras and other equipment!

GET PAID FOR YOUR CAMERA GEAR

MPB is here to offer you a better way to sell and trade your camera gear.

Discover a better way to access cameras and lenses. Sell before you spend and buy used instead.

The average photographer is sitting on unused technology worth money –and the majority own at least one camera they're not using. How much is yours worth? You can get an instant quote from mpb.com. [Adapted from techradar. Information submitted by Larry McGough, Communications]

DO YOU ENJOY CAPTURING SANDY BEACH LANDSCAPES DURING A COLORADO SUMMER?

1. Grand Lake
2. Pueblo State Park
3. Cherry Creek Reservoir
4. Chatfield State Park
5. Blue Mesa Reservoir
6. Medano Creek
7. Jackson Lake State Park
8. Ridgeway Reservoir
9. Twin Lakes

LOOKING FOR BALD EAGLES?

1. Barr Lake State Park
2. Eleven Mile State Park
3. St. Vrain State Park
4. Highline Lake State Park

5. Yampa River State Park
6. Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Site
7. John Martin Reservoir State Park
8. Trinidad Lake State Park
9. Sweitzer Lake State Park
10. Fossil Creek Reservoir Natural Area
11. Standley Lake Regional Park
12. Lake Pueblo State Park.

FOUR TIPS FOR SPOTTING BALD EAGLES

1. Look near water sources including rivers, lakes, and reservoirs. This is where bald eagles tend to find their food and nest, thus they rarely travel far from these spots.
2. Utilize binoculars. This will greatly improve your chance of getting a good look at a bird.
3. Go spotting on a cold day. Eagles tend to stay perched for longer periods when it's frigid, making them more predictable and easier to see.
4. Dawn and dusk are good times to spot roosting eagles. Eagles tend to collect in one spot when they turn in for the night. Look in lakeside tree groves.

NOTE: ALL EAGLE INFORMATION HERE WAS GLEANED FROM THE DENVER GAZETTE – Spencer McKee. [1.11.2021]

NOTE: SANDY BEACH INFORMATION GLEANED FROM DENVER GAZETTE—Leslie James [4.01.2024] “9 sandy beaches to visit around Colorado”

DISCOVER THE DISCOVERY CENTER!

I have been trying to fit in a drone program this year. After trying several possibilities, I found this opportunity in our own Colorado Springs backyard!

Colorado Springs Space Foundation's Discovery Center reopens after \$3 Million renovation and expansion.

It features new, interactive exhibitions for all ages interested in learning more about space—a relentlessly growing industry in Colorado Springs, home to more than 200 space-innovation companies, US Space Force HQ and the USAFA, said Space Discovery Center Director Terry Bramschreiber.

WAHOO! At the **DRONE ZONE**, patrons could learn how to fly and navigate a drone around obstacles in one of four new courts.

“And if they get really good at it, they can actually play drone soccer. They fly through the goals and other people try to knock them out of the way.

[Information adapted from Abbey Soukup, *Gazette*, June 1, 2024]

SPACE FOUNDATION DISCOVERY CENTER / SIGN-UP SHEET AT JUNE 27 MONTHLY MEETING.

TUESDAY - SATURDAY [10:00 a.m. to 4 p.m.]

MUSEUM TICKETS

ADULTS - \$10.00

CHILDREN 4-15 YRS - \$5.00

CHILDREN 3 AND UNDER. FREE

SENIORS - \$7.50

STUDENTS WITH COLLEGE ID - \$7.50

MILITARY - 50% OFF ADULT ADMISSION WITH VALID MILITARY ID