

PEAK DIGITAL IMAGING SOCIETY
MAY NEWSLETTER 2023

Dear PDIS Friends & Members:

“Photography is... more than a medium for factual communication of ideas. It is creative art.”
[Ansel Adams]

Thank you for attending our fourth monthly meeting on April 27. Our members watched an educational presentation on the big screen by **Chris Nelson**: “Outdoor Lighting.” It was based on his last year’s trip to Europe, which was unique. Much appreciation for his artwork and stories!

AMY SELTZER, curator of *Roll Bike Art*, invites our members to the May 19, 2023, reception at Buffalo Lodge Bicycle Resort, Manitou. There are 50 plus entries. All artworks are juried and based on a bicycle theme. This festival is open to the public. Vendors and musicians will be there to greet us. No entrance fees. This is the 19th year for this event. Amy, a PDIS member, has invested many hours into it. Some PDIS members have several entries in this show.

CAS FOSTE: Larry McGough sent out a MailChimp distribution of May flyers and the *Black & White Show Prospectus*. If you have not subscribed to our newsletter or PDIS, please do so online through the newsletter page. This show will be held at Cottonwood Center for the Arts. It is a PDIS competition to be judged by Tricia Muehlbauer with *Personality Portraits*. Thanks to Cas for making this event happen. She is working many hours on our behalf to curate this show.

ANDREA BECK: Will be our lead photographer for the B/W Show. Susan Schiller will be sharing photog responsibilities with her. They will be helping me in this capacity for each competition.

DIANA JACOBSON: She has stepped up to the plate to help with marketing and distribution of flyers. If you know of a place that is willing to accept these flyers, please let her know soon. Currently, flyers are going to Mike’s Camera, Camera Works, the Postal Annex, Academy Art & Frame, and Cottonwood Center for the Arts. Cas Foste is helping with PDIS marketing by informing *Peak Radar, Independent, The Gazette, and Facebook*.

STUDIO GROUPS: Barb Osborne will not be leading a PDIS studio group as previously posted. If you are willing to lead one from home, free of charge, please let Linda Case know.

SWAP TABLE: On behalf of PDIS, I have donated four brand-new frames (16 x20) to *Roll Bike Art*. In exchange, we will receive \$100 worth of promotional advertising for PDIS. These frames will be used by Ukrainian Artist Yurii Matytsin, who is displaying his four images at the May 19th show. Due to circumstances beyond his control, he was not able to send framed images from Ukraine or attend the show. This did not stop him from participating. Think about this kind of determination when you prepare for our next show!

DISCOVERY #1: There is a change in our Monthly Calendar for July. Linda McGowan will not be leading the DIY workshop, as we hoped. However, we are planning a workshop based on smart

phone photography and videography. If you would like to help with that program, please contact me.

DISCOVERY #2: I am looking for a PDIS member who has knowledge of quality photog gear, product resources, and good prices. Please contact LC / Chris Nelson for recommendations.

DISCOVERY #3: Looking for those PDIS members who would like to join me on a couple June field trips. Tentatively thinking of Tuesday, June 6 / June 20 to Hudson Gardens or requested places. RSVP with me by e-mail or at one of our meetings. Mornings preferred.

FIELD TRIP: MAY 9, 2023, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., Front Range Gallery, 1485 Garden of the Gods Road, COS, [719-685-1201] Kathleen McFadden, rangegallery.com. A beautiful gallery for a tour, photographic styles and services will be discussed. Antique cameras are a surprise! RSVP w/ LC.

BOARD MEETING: Our next meeting will be on June 12 at AAFC. It will be an open meeting to any PDIS member. Issue discussions will be exclusive to officers. These are not business meetings, but PDIS leaders would like to mentor the next group of officers to serve PDIS.

PDIS RESOURCE PAGE: As you prepare for our PDIS Competition in June – “Natural Wonders” with James VanHoy, please take a few moments to review our new resource “Twenty-Five Questions To Think Like A Photo Competition Judge.” This information is posted on our website. Also, it will help you prepare for the “How Do You See God” Show at AAFC in July / August.

DONATIONS FOR AAFC: Will be collected on competition nights. – June 22 and September 28. AAFC continues to sponsor our monthly meetings and board meetings free of charge. Please donate generously. Let’s not take our classy meeting place for granted! 100% goes to AAFC.

LINDA KITTIEL: Currently we have PDIS Outreach activities led by Linda Kittiel. We are assisting a Ukrainian artist, Yurii Matytsin, with frames for the *Roll Bike Art Show* on May 19. We are also supporting Daniel Griffin, a 15-year-old boy, who has cancer. Any of your entries into this show will have a \$\$ percentage given to his medical expenses. His mother Tori owns the Buffalo Lodge Bicycle Resort. Daniel rode to the summit of Pikes Peak on his unicycle when he was 11 years old! Linda Kittiel will have cards to sign at our meetings for various charity projects.

AWARDS & OUTREACH DINNER: October 26, 2023, IHOP, Powers & Stetson Hills. PDIS Members & Leadership, 2023 Speakers & Judges & DIY instructors are invited. Please RSVP.

Looking forward to seeing all of you at our next meeting: May 25, 2023.

“Art Salute to Military and First Responders.” Details to follow.

“Come Together!” in a common passion for creative digital art. See you there.

Respectfully, Linda C Case, PDIS President