PEAK DIGITAL IMAGING SOCIETY AUGUST NEWSLETTER 2023 "HAPPY SUMMER" from Linda C Case, PDIS President

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THANK YOU for attending our 7th monthly meeting on Thursday, July 27, 202, at Library 21C. Our guest speaker Mike Eckley presented a powerpoint on the photography of roses, capturing their perfect beauty from different angles, changing light, and differing backgrounds. He also brought award-winning digital rose prints. If you are interested in a field trip to see his home roses, RSVP with me. Consider PDIS website RESOURCE: "Rose Photography: What to Know & How to Nail It."

PDIS members and guests (24) also enjoyed a small reception with fresh blueberries/strawberries. Following the program, Jenna Opperman from Hope and Home, briefed us on their foster care for children. She escorted us to the Children's Library Project of approximately 90 digital prints.

<u>AUGUST CALENDAR</u> will NOT have a monthly meeting. However, the Leadership Team encourages you to visit the Colorado State Fair Fine Arts Exhibition in the Fine Arts Building: August 25 – September 4. Thousands of entries are scored by guest judges, usually from out of state with this mission: "Quality, Quantity, and Diversity." These entries are categorized into two divisions: Emerging Artists and Professional Artists. It is worth the drive to Pueblo!

FIELD TRIP: Thirteen members participated in our field trip with Jeremiah Harris on 7/11. His three nurseries filled with a large spectrum of carnivorous / exotic plants is memorable. Many unique digital images can be seen on our Members Gallery website page: https://pdis.club. Who knew this unusual greenhouse existed in COS, near Garden of the Gods?! After the tour we enjoyed a creek side lunch together at Amanda Fonda's restaurant. A remarkable experience!

SEPTEMBER 28 MONTHLY MEETING WILL RETURN TO ACADEMY ART & FRAME, September 28, at our regular time, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. This meeting will commence with a surprise video clip, which will introduce our last competition of the year: "Imagine That!" It will demonstrate the humor and surprises of digital photography by highlighting "Things Out of Place." Easels will be used for mounted prints only. Framed images will be placed on a separate competition table.

Themed images should be *unexpected* subjects and perspectives discovered and captured by our digital artists. This competition will be judged by PDIS members with the same score sheets that our judges used. There are two categories: Themed and Open. PDIS members only for PDIS competitions. An entry fee of \$2 / image will be collected. Guests are *welcome* to observe.

Winners will be recognized: *Visual Impact, Creativity, Technique, Interior Design and Unique*. We will be learning how to think like a judge, while engaging in a critical discussion within our learning curve. See the RESOURCE section on our website: "Twenty-Five Questions to Think like a Photo Competition Judge" by the North American Nature Photography Association (NANPA).