

PEAK DIGITAL IMAGING SOCIETY
JUNE NEWSLETTER 2023

Dear PDIS Friends & Members:

*“A great photograph is one that fully expresses what one feels,
in the deepest sense, about what is being photographed.” [Ansel Adams]*

THANK YOU for attending our fifth monthly meeting “Art Salute to Military Members & First Responders,” on May 25. Respect and gratitude to **Artist Daniel Logan, Photographer Frank McNally, Jeff Mallo**, and those **PDIS Veterans** sharing photographs and stories of their military experiences. Thank you for your service and sacrifices!

Thanks also to Cas Foste for curating a beautiful wall of artwork honoring our Armed Forces.

JUNE CALENDAR: Larry McGough sent out our well-detailed June Calendar on May 12.

If you did not receive it, please check out our PDIS website, “Newsletters.” <https://pdis.club>.

We have many artistic opportunities for you to choose from and hope you will join us on field trips.

BLACK / WHITE SHOW RECEPTION: [June 2, 5-8 p.m.] hosted by Cas Foste, our PDIS Advisor and Resident of the Cottonwood Center for the Arts [Studio 109]. You will see the PDIS Exhibit (2nd floor) in the Venezia East and West Galleries, along with her personal show. **Judge reviews & cash awards, Friday, June 9, 5-8 p.m.**

GARDEN OF THE GODS FIELD TRIP: [June 6, 0800] Meet Linda Case in the Central Garden parking lot by Kissing Camels at **0745**. We will begin our photo – hiking tour at **0800**. Bring your water bottles, sunscreen, and extra batteries. It is a 1,347.3-acre public park located at 1805 N. 30th Street, COS. Prepare for your June competition!

Early lunch / snacks / cold sodas / tea / coffee, restrooms, souvenirs at the Café Trading Post.

OPEN BOARD MEETING: [Monday, June 12, 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.]

This will be our first open board meeting. We invite PDIS Members to join us to observe the internal workings of our club. We respectfully ask that you do not participate in the leadership discussion and work session, but that you watch and learn. If you have questions written on a card, we will address them, providing our June agenda is first completed. Cards will be available for your convenience. We are hoping to interest members at large to learn and lead us into the PDIS future 2025.

CHEYENNE ZOO: [TUESDAY, June 13, 0900 – 12 Noon.] THE WILD ANIMAL SANCTUARY, 2999 County Road 53, Keenesburg, CO 80643. [303-536-0118] information@wildanimalsanctuary.org. Adult \$50. Senior \$20 (70 years plus) ticket. Easy walking on approximately 3 ½ miles of wooden boardwalk that overlooks this large area.

HUDSON GARDENS: [TUESDAY, JUNE 20, 0900 – 1100] More details coming. [TBD]

DIY PRINT MOUNTING: [June 27, 1000 - 2 p.m.] Bring your favorite 11 x 14 prints for our children's project.

Themes: Transportation (bicycles, cars, trucks, firetrucks, skateboards) Toys, Flowers, Wildlife, Pets, Food, Balloons, etc. No holidays or religious themes. **Brightly colored & kid-oriented images.**

LIBRARY 21-C INSTALLATION: [June 30, 1 p.m.] These prints attached to butcher paper (provided by AAFC), will hang from July – August. They are destined for Hope & Home charity if not picked up by September 1 at AAFC.

CHRIS NELSON: Major thanks to him for instructing our first PDIS Learning Group, for 5 weeks, from April to May, every Tuesday, from 2 p.m. – 4 p.m., at Library 21-C. Ten members attended. Hoping others will volunteer!

MAY FIELD TRIP: Tuesday, May 9, 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. About 15 PDIS Members toured through Range Gallery, conducted by owner Kathleen McFadden. All her photographs are captured by antique cameras. She develops her own film in a dark room with unusual chemistry. She offers local services and personal styles, like printing on 20 plus specialty papers, pure B/W photos, and 24-inch prints. She is available for advice by appointment and loves going out on her own adventures to “shoot” nature. A hearty thanks for her stories and time. Contact LCase if you are interested in a good look at her antique cameras – oldest one is from 1894, which she still uses!

JUNE COMPETITION WITH JAMES VAN HOY: [Thursday, June 22, 6 p.m.] Jim and wife Marjorie Van Hoy will be with us for our monthly meeting. Please submit your *mounted* prints for setup at 6 p.m. For PDIS Members only. Sign our Logbook. Meeting will begin promptly at **6:30 p.m.** Tabletop easels for display of your prints.

We are encouraging you to bring prints for three (3) categories: “Natural Wonders.” [An emphasis on nature and wildlife with an element of *surprise!*] A PDIS field trip image, and / or an open category of photographer's choice. \$2 per image will be collected by our Treasurer, Bill Case.

Check out our PDIS website Resource page as you prepare for this competition. Jim Van Hoy will motivate us with a small “big screen” introduction of his Yellowstone National Park images before judging. Consider the following criteria: **Visual Impact, Creativity, Technique, and Unique.**

ROLL BIKE ART SHOW WITH AMY SELTZER: Congratulations for a great bicycle-themed art show. What a night, including food vendors and music with Spur. **Curator Amy Seltzer** is one of our newest PDIS members. **Susan Schiller** was awarded the People's Choice award. Four original pieces of artwork by Ukrainian artist **Yurii Matysin** were displayed. He won the first-place award. He was informed at 0500 Ukrainian time. PDIS donated his frames.

CARNIVOROUS PLANT DISPLAY TOUR: [July 11, 1000 - 12 Noon] A tour will be hosted and conducted by Jeremiah Harris at his own exotic garden nursery, COS. If you have not signed up, contact Linda Case.

RSVPs CLOSED. A wait list is available. A personal confirmation letter was sent to all with reservations.

SUMMER ADVENTURES: As you explore and photograph your special interests this summer, please consider our PDIS competition in **September:** "Imagine That!" This is a competition emphasizing surprises in unexpected places. Example: A kitchen sink dumped in a garden. If you need ideas, check out Hillside Gardens, COS.

www.hillsidecolorado.com. Address: **HILLSIDE GARDENS**, 1006 S. Institute Street, COS, 80903. (719) 520-9463.

AUTOMATED PHOTO TECHNOLOGY.COM (APT): A digital printing service located at 1049 Elkton Dr., COS, 80907. They can handle large prints up to 42 inches. Archival paper. Pay less for 11 x 14's. Good service. Contact employee Elizabeth. This is a national company. They are used to fast turnarounds. Same day service for images submitted before 1100. They have five standard print papers. They will print on canvas and metal for extra time.

\$2 DONATIONS FOR AAFC: Will be collected on Competition nights: June 22 & Sept. 28. Optional.

Remember: We are not paying rent for our beautiful meeting place! And no dues! See Bill Case.

Safe adventures, road trips, and global travels! "Life, Liberty and the pursuit of photography."

Respectfully,

Linda C Case, PDIS President