



MEETING NOTES – MAY 2024

To all DPI-SIG members and other interested parties:

A sincere welcome to FIVE new members who joined since the April Meeting Notes!

**Max Espinosa, William Feldman, Carol Greenberg,
Richard Herzog and Lisa Koches.**

NEW MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN ANNOUNCED

Last month, the DPI-SIG Board of Directors announced a new Membership Campaign and Member’s Reward Program which began on April 11th.

If you refer someone to DPI-SIG and they join our club, you will be presented a \$20.00 Visa Gift card at the next meeting. The new member must indicate you as a referral on their membership application form when they pay their club dues.

MONTHLY THEME SLIDESHOW

Sandy Labana presented the slideshow theme *“Soft & Dreamy”* at the 213th General Meeting on May 9, 2024. The meeting was recorded and is posted on

the website. A big thank you to Sandy and the 14 members who submitted the 71 soft and dreamy images. Participation in the Monthly Theme keeps this DPI-SIG feature an enjoyable favorite of the meeting.

*June 2024 Theme:
"Mighty Macro"*

Deadline to submit images: 5 p.m., Sunday, June 9, 2024.

Members are eligible to submit up to 6 pictures per month OR a 2 minute video.

<http://www.dpi-theme@naples.net>

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Please follow these guidelines to submit your monthly theme photos:

1. Size your photos between 1920 pixels wide by 1080 pixels high.
2. Save photos with your first name-last name-number, Example: **Sandy-Labana-1**
3. Submit up to six images **as attachments** to your email. Send all images into one email.
4. Send photos to address: dpi-theme@naples.net

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...➡ If you missed the 213th General Meeting on April 11th, it was recorded and is posted on the website.

- **Larry Richardson** showed the images submitted from the participants attending the burrowing owl outing on Marco Island on May 4th. See page 6 for the next outing.
- **Mahlon Stacy** presented the winners of the DPI-SIG Spring Competition. The 4 categories of the competition were: Color, Monochrome, Creative and Street Photos. You can see the images on the website. The next competition will be August 1 – August 31 with Color, Monochrome, Creative and Macro categories.
- **Bob Baribeau** is starting up a new Drone Photography Users Group in October. He presented some images of the upcoming learning process for this new Special Interest Group.
- **Tennessee Rick Elliott** once again entertained the audience with his presentation of *"There are No Absolutes and that is absolutely true!"* Make sure and watch the video of the meeting to enjoy his ideas and humor!

- **Mahlon Stacy** updated his web site restoration and is close to completion. He has added a Classified Ad feature and updated the Calendar to include the necessary zoom numbers to attend the Special Interest Group meetings. We now also have an Auction site as well. If you have any other suggestions for the web site, please contact Mahlon.
- Many thanks to **Marcel Seamples** for bringing refreshments and sweet treats to the meeting.
- **Jim Robellard** is able to post the General Meeting on YouTube. Beside the audience at the college, we were able to allow 12 other members view the meeting online.

... ➡ **Volunteers needed!!!**

- We are looking for someone to lead the Creative Workshop, formally known as the Women's Workshop.
- Members have asked to reactivate the Smartphone Users Group. We need someone to lead a Zoom session.
- We are looking for someone to be an Art Show Director. We have a member who will locate venues for the art shows, and we have a committee to help hang images. However, we need someone to organize the show itself.
- We will need a new Webmaster once Mahlon is finished with his website work. You would need to learn Word Press. Mahlon will be happy to help you with the program.
- We are looking for a Competition Director. You will be helped with all phases of the competitions, plus there is a committee ready to help.

... ➡ If you have a speaker you would like to see at one of our lectures this year, or a subject you would like to see presented, please let me know and we'll see if we can make it happen!
sonny@naples.net

... ➡ Do you have suggestions on how to make DPI-SIG even better? Please send your suggestions to dpi-sig@naples.net

... ➡ **UNWANTED PHOTO GEAR?** If you want to donate your unwanted, unused, or replaced photo equipment, contact **Sonny Saunders** at (239) 777-0053. He will either auction it to members, sell it online or place it in the DPI-SIG library with other usable equipment. All proceeds will go to DPI-SIG.

...➡ **SPECIAL OFFER** from our friends at [HITEK IMAGING, Naples Full Service Digital Printing Lab](https://www.hitekimaging.com/): 4292 Corporate Square, Suite A, Naples FL 34104. (239) 307-2686. Many DPI-SIG members have had their images printed by HiTek for the art shows, etc. HITEK offers a special discount for DPI-SIG MEMBERS! Many members use HITEK to print and frame their images for Art Shows, Exhibits, etc. Stop in and see their showroom of ideas.
<https://www.hitekimaging.com/>

...➡ **SUPPORT HUNT'S PHOTO & VIDEO**, which subsidizes many of our Lecture Series with speakers all year. 100 Main St., Melrose, MA 02176. Mention you are a member of DPI-SIG! **Hunt's has amazing deals so let [Alan Samiljan](mailto:asamiljan@huntsphoto.com) help you with your Wish List!** Call Alan Samiljan: 781-462-2383, asamiljan@huntsphoto.com. Support Hunt's as they support us!!!

...➡ **RENEWING MEMBERSHIP DUES**: The membership dues are \$40.00 per year. You will be notified automatically by email when your dues have expired and need to be renewed. **To renew your dues, go to the DPI-SIG website <https://dpi-sig.org/>.**

RENEW DUES:

You can pay your dues on the website via PayPal:

1. Click Login (if you forgot your password, click "Forgot Password" on the login page.)
2. Click "My Profile" (which appears after you login) then click "Pay My Dues"
3. Review your profile info, update if needed, then click "Update" at the bottom.
4. Pay using either a PayPal Account or Credit Card

(Dues must be current to be included in the privileges of DPI-SIG membership, such as: Outings, Special Interest Groups (Photoshop Users Group, Lightroom Users Group, Luminar Users Group, Lighting Workshop Group, Roundtable, A.I. Workshop, Photography Theater, Art Shows & Exhibits, Theme Pictures, DPI-SIG Competitions, FCCC Competitions, Photo Locations, special lectures & presentations, workshops, Zoom sessions, etc.)

...➡ **WITH NEW MEMBERS EACH YEAR, WE REALLY NEED TO SEE YOU! THEREFORE, YOUR PICTURE IS REQUESTED!!!** We strive to fill the needs of every member who participates in our successful camera club. Would you like to learn the names of other members, or maybe ask them a question about their camera or photo interest? We have a [Member Gallery](#) with a picture of each DPI-SIG member. Of course, submitting your photo is strictly voluntary, but it's an excellent way to get to know members, as well as have them recognize you. **PLEASE NOTE: Members are able to upload their own image on the member profile page, and the**

photos will appear in the member list. If you are not in the gallery now, or need to change your picture, please check your profile.

...➡ MAC, IPHONE, IPAD, OR APPLE WATCH, APPLE TV USERS, ATTENTION: Join Naples Mac User Group for free. This group has gone international and now has members worldwide! Meetings take place every Wednesday from 11:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. ID: 864 4338 5675; PW NMUG.

...➡ Don Beach announces the **PCBUG MEETING**, Zoom meeting on May 16, 2024, at 5:00 pm.

Presenter – Mark Schulman , computer instructor, software designer, and small business owner.

Topic – Backups in a Busy World

BACKUPS IN A BUSY WORLD - Given enough time, every hard drive eventually fails, and most often this means that all your photos, all your documents, all your video — everything! — is lost. And recent evidence suggests that even under the best circumstances hard drives don't last as long as previously thought. Backups are the only defense against serious data loss, and yet most people don't bother. Discover important strategies to make sure your data is safe with the least amount of trouble.

To receive the Zoom meeting link, please email don@naplestechguy.com. Please request by Wednesday, May 15, before the zoom meeting.

Download the latest Zoom version at www.zoom.us/download.

The PCBUG is a computer and technology club providing information and education on computers and mobile devices. Meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month. Both novice and advanced users are encouraged to attend.

..... Don Beach, President PCBUG – The Naples Technology User Group, 239-455-1542

MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

"Split Beam" image by [Dotty Danforth](#) won Best of Show in the Lioncourt online gallery show *Shades of Gray* in April.



Split Beam by Dotty Danforth

DPI-SIG OUTING

Larry Richardson reported:

The next outing will be on Thursday, May 23, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. at the Naples Botanical Garden, 7820 Bayshore Dr., Naples 34112. This is an excellent venue to capture the macro images you will need for next month's theme, "*Mighty Macro.*" Bring macro, normal or telephoto lenses. No tripods permitted.

DPI-SIG MAGAZINE

An index of all magazine articles is now available on the website. The index provides topical access to all the articles, and links to open the magazines.

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2024 COMPETITION SCHEDULES

DPI-SIG COMPETITION SCHEDULE– DIGITAL

Winter Competition	Results & images on website
Spring Competition	Results & images on website
Fall Competition	August 1 – August 31, 2024
Year End Competition	Winners from 2024 Competitions

Competition information: <https://dpi-sig.org/competitions/>

FCCC COMPETITION SCHEDULE – DIGITAL

1 st Tri-Annual Competition	Results & images on website
2 nd Tri-Annual Competition	Results & images on website
3 rd Tri-Annual Competition	July 1 – July 31, 2024
Year End Competition	Winners from 2024 competitions

Competition information: <https://f3c.org>

GLOSSARY TERMS

MAY – GLOSSARY TERM: Symmetrical Balance: Also known as formal balance, symmetrical balance is the most common way to photograph an image. In symmetrically balanced photos, both sides of the frame have equal weight, and each side may even mirror the opposite side. Sometimes subjects are surrounded with negative space to provide more emphasis and impact.

APRIL – GLOSSARY TERM: Radial Balance: is a form of symmetrical balance where elements within an image radiate outwards from a central point. This way, they create an even pattern, adding depth and visual movement to the picture. It can help bring the viewer's eyes to place the subject in the center. Radial balance is created by using evenly spread orientated lines, shapes, forms, colors, or patterns. These surround the center to create radial symmetry. This draws the viewer's eyes into the middle, creating a central focal point. It can be an effective technique for creating a visually appealing photo.

PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITS, EDUCATION, TIPS & TRICKS

BEST BIRDWATCHING PLACES IN OUR AREA

[Best birdwatching places in Fort Myers, Naples, Cape Coral, Florida \(naplesnews.com\)](http://naplesnews.com)

THE BEST LESSER-KNOWN STATE PARKS IN FLORIDA

https://familydestinationsguide.com/road-trip-florida-parks/?fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0CMATAAR1x6QpvD_wRRIW21PZ87YvF6Vjbg9f-LXwFM6Xw-sDNyE-md3vEmtQeRu0_aem_ARuJaHvqc_b8xBS2GH8T5AA0jqvL7w2HQGVjD_MJr8Y0j0-BtMaOzqInRkU50GAVBR_6SeKA80YT39zDso-mM8hf

FYI:

Showcasing the American landscape through photographs, **Ansel Adams** is among the most influential artists of the 20th century. To honor his art and contributions, USPS is releasing 16 stamps featuring some of Adams' most famous images.

ESSENTIALS OF DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY, UNDERSTANDING YOUR CAMERA

How to get the most out of your digital camera. This class will cover the essentials of your digital camera. You will learn how to use your camera's shutter, aperture, ISO control and the drive modes to create images with impact and creativity. No previous camera or photography experience is necessary, just a desire to learn. **Classroom learning material will be furnished.** Sonny Saunders has over 45 years of experience in photography and instruction and is renowned for his ability to communicate with a wide variety of students. **Class fee is \$55.00.**

Register on-line: <https://rookerybay.org/events/lectures-classes/>

Saturday, May 18

9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Saturday, June 22

9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR! Zoom meetings unless otherwise indicated.

May 2024

Tuesday, May 14 – Luminar Users Group @ 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday, May 15 – Photoshop Users Group @ 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 16 – Roundtable @ 6:00 p.m.

Monday, May 20 – Lighting Workshop @ 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 23 – Lightroom Users Group @ 6:00 p.m.

Monday, May 27 – DPI-SIG Theater @ 6:00 p.m.

JUNE 2024

Tuesday, June 4 – A. I. Workshop @ 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, June 9 – Deadline to submit Monthly Theme images **“Mighty Macro”**

Tuesday, June 11 – Luminar Users Group @ 4:00 p.m.

Thursday, June 13 – General Meeting @ FSW @ 7:00 p.m., in person & zoom

Monday, June 17 – Lighting Workshop @ 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, June 19 – Photoshop Users Group @ 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, June 20 – Roundtable @ 6:00 p.m.

Monday, June 24 – DPI-SIG Theater @ 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, June 27- Lightroom Users Group @ 6:00 p.m.



Village Falls Professional Center, [DPI-SIG Training Center](#) - 5029 Tamiami Trail East, Naples FL 34113
Across from Publix & Bank of America; LOOK AT BACK LEFT CORNER OF COMPLEX – 2ND FLOOR.

Watch for the meeting schedule of these Special Interest Groups, Special Presentations & Lecture Series. These meetings are presented for Members Only and require a current membership to attend.

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[DPI-SIG & FCCC VOLUNTEERS 2024](#)

Bob Baribeau: Drone Photography Users Group Director
Don Beach: Computer Consultant; Tech Team; Email Administrator
Jeff Bilyeau: Monthly Theme Slideshow Producer 2006 - 2022
David Bosworth: Meeting Signs & Floor Manager
Jennifer Brinkman: Competition Committee
Bob Brown: DPI-SIG Magazine Publisher/Editor (2014–2019); Lecture Brochure Designer
Joe Bucherer: Director of Photographers for Non-Profit Organizations; Publicity Committee
Sue Christensen: Competition Judge
Bill Coakley: Co-Founder; **IN MEMORIAM**
Ed Cohen: Competition Assistant
Don Columbus: Art Show Committee
Christine Cook: FCCC Digital Competition Director; Judges Training
Dotty Danforth: Competition Judge
Art David: DPI-SIG/FCCC Representative; A.I. Users Group Director
Marianne Dent: Social Committee
Nancy Garrison: Social Committee Director
Gwen Greenglass: Competition Judge
Tom Hurley: Computer Consultant; Tech Team
Jeff Jayson: Tech Team; Meeting Video Editor
Lisa Jefferys: Competition Judge
Robert Kenedi: Competition Judge
Kristen Kozlow: Competition Judge
Sandy Labana: Monthly Theme Slideshow Producer 2022-2024
Deborah Law: Locations Editor
Dave McFarlane: Lighting Workshop Assistant
Priscilla McGuire: Art Show Director
Paul McKenney: Competition Judge
Ken O'Renck: Mentor Program Director
Terry Palmer: Webmaster, Tech Team
Karen Regan: Lighting Workshop Director
Larry Richardson: Outing Committee; Competition Committee
Jim Robellard: Board of Directors; Outing Committee; Tech Committee; Vimeo Admin.; A.I. Workshop
Betty Saunders:

Board of Directors-Secretary; Membership Registrar; Art Show Committee; Magazine Staff; Meeting Notes Editor; Outing Committee; Facebook Administrator; FCCC Secretary; FCCC Conference Committee

Burt Saunders: Legal Advisor

Sonny Saunders:

Co-Founder; Board of Directors-President/Treasurer; Roundtable Coordinator; DPI-SIG & FCCC Librarian; Art Show Committee; Competition Committee; Outing Committee; FCCC Vice President; FCCC Conference Committee; Tech Team; Auction Coordinator; Theater Coordinator

Michael Schleider: Lightroom Users Group; Luminar Users Group Director; Zoom Director; Tech Team

Marcel Seamples:

Board of Directors; Art Show Committee; Meeting MC; FCCC Treasurer; FCCC Conference Committee

Christina Skibicki: Meeting Assistant

Eduardo Sosa: Auction Assistant

Mahlon Stacy: Board of Directors; Competition Committee Director; Meeting Computer Operator; Computer Consultant; Tech Team Director; DPI-SIG Programmer

Charles Stayton: Outing Committee; Social Committee

Eduardo Sosa: Auction Assistant

Terry Stoa: Competition Judge

Angela Stone: Magazine Editor 2019-2023

Cynthia Taft: Naples Art Institute Liaison

Richard Tindell:

Board of Directors-Vice President; Competition Committee; Photoshop Users Group Director; FCCC President; FCCC Conference Committee; Judges Training

Jill Valesky: After-Meeting Assistant; Social Committee

Phil Wheat: Outing Committee; Competition Committee Assistant Director

Remember, our camera club is successful because of our volunteers. Please let us know what you are willing to do to keep this a very active, thriving, energetic and fun group of photographers!

<http://dpi-sig.org> DPI-SIG Web site

<http://www.f3c.org> FCCC Web site

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/dpisig/> DPI-SIG Facebook Page

Betty Saunders
Editor, Meeting Notes

[DPI-SIG Board of Directors:](#)



L-R: Jim Robellard, Sonny Saunders, Betty Saunders, Marcel Seamples, Richard Tindell, Mahlon Stacy.

DPI-SIG Naples Digital Photography Club is a 501(c)3 organization.

DPI-SIG: Digital Photography & Imaging – Special Interest Group
If you no longer wish to receive DPI-SIG mailings simply click [here](#).

NOTICE:

Each member should go to dpi-sig.org then click “LOGIN” on the top right-hand side of the home page. On the next screen, enter your email address and password to login. Once you login, pull down the right item in the navigation bar, “My Profile” and click “Edit My Info.” If you forgot your password, click “LOGIN” then “Forgot my password” in the login window.

...➡ If you are not receiving all the DPI-SIG Members' email Messages:

- 1. Make sure you check the email address you registered for your DPI-SIG Membership. The club's Mail Server sends messages to the email address you registered for your membership.**
- 2. Check your Spam File or junk folder. If you find DPI-SIG messages there, it might help to place dpi-sig@naples.net in your email address book.**
- 3. Check and make sure your ISP provider is not filtering your email messages at the server.**
- 4. If none of these solutions help, please send a message to dpi-sig@naples.net and let us see if we can resolve the issue for you.**