Digital Photography and Imaging - Special Interest Group

Naples Digital Photography Club, Inc.

MEETING NOTES – JUNE 2024

To all DPI-SIG members and other interested parties:

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A sincere welcome to ONE new member who joined since the May Meeting Notes!

Jim Walsh

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MONTHLY THEME SLIDESHOW

Sandy Labana produced the slideshow theme *"Mighty Macro"* for the 214th General Meeting on June 13, 2024. The meeting was recorded and is posted on the website. A big thank you to Sandy and the 23 members who submitted the 131 Mighty Macro images. Participation in the Monthly Theme keeps this DPI-SIG feature an enjoyable favorite of the meeting. This meeting marked Sandy's last month producing the slideshow. A big thank you to Sandy for volunteering for two years.

July 2024 Theme:
"Only in America"

Deadline to submit images: 5 p.m., Sunday, July 7, 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: **Christina-Skibicki-1**
3. Submit up to six images <mark>as attachments</mark> 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 **214ʰ General Meeting** on June 13th, it was recorded and is posted on the website.

- **Mahlon Stacy** showed the images submitted from the participants attending the Naples Botanical Garden outing on May 23rd.   The next outing information is on Page 6.

- **Art David** presented the winners of the 2024 FCCC 2nd Triannual Competition. You can view the images on the website, **https://f3c.org**   The next competition will be July 1 – July 31. Check the website for the competition guidelines.

- **Mahlon Stacy** interviewed Christine Cook who formed the Women's Workshop, the Image Critique Forum, facilitated a Judge's Training for competitions, gave lectures on photography, and so much more. She has been one of our most dedicated members who has volunteered thousands of hours in making us a successful camera club.

- **Jim Robellard** reported on the A. I. Workshop showing many images by attendees. Most of the participants in the A.I. group use these apps: Bing, Midjourney, and Firefly.

- Many thanks to **Marcel Seamples** for bringing the pizzas & refreshments to the meeting.

- **Jim Robellard** is able to post the General Meeting on YouTube. Besides the audience at the college, we were able to have 10 other members view the meeting online.

- **Sonny Saunders** announced that our July 11, 2024 meeting will be the **20th Birthday of DPI-SIG.** Plan to come to the meeting and celebrate with cake and refreshments!

- **Christina Skibicki** will be producing the upcoming Monthly Theme slideshows. Welcome aboard and thank you for volunteering, Christina!

···➡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.**

···➡ DON'T FORGET, THE NEW MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN! In April, the DPI-SIG Board of Directors announced a new Membership Campaign and Member's Reward Program. If you refer someone to DPI-SIG and they join our club, you will be given 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.

···➡ 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: 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 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, June 20, 2024, at 5:00 pm.

Presenter – Francis Chao , Tucson Computer Society

Topic – Cell Phone tethering

Using a cell phone as the Internet connection for a computer is much safer relative to using a public Wi-Fi hotspot.

If your smart 5G-capable "Android" or "iPhone" cell phone has a "data plan" or a wireless connection to a "Wi-Fi router", it can be "tethered" to a computer, a tablet, another cell phone or to a router .
When you do so, your smart Android or iPhone cell phone can provide Internet access to the computer, tablet, another cell phone, or to a router.
While tethering is more expensive than using the Internet services that are provided in public places and hotels, it is much more secure so use cell phone tethering whenever travelling.

To receive the Zoom meeting link, please email don@naplestechguy.com. Please request by Wednesday, June 19, 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

An image by Cynthis Taft "Old But Still Scary" was included in the published catalog for the _Portrait: Self and Others_ photography exhibition on view May 3-24, 2024, at PhotoPlace Gallery in Vermont.

"Old But Still Scary" by Cynthia Taft

The Catalog…

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DPI-SIG OUTING

Mahlon Stacy announced that the next outing will be on Saturday, June 22, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. at The Naples Players, Sugden Theater, 301 5th Avenue South, Naples 34102. This venue will require a background check form taken to the theater by Tuesday, January 18. There is a form on the website. Please let Mahlon know if you are attending the outing. mahlonstacy@gmail.com

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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.

2024 COMPETITION SCHEDULES

DPI-SIG COMPETITION SCHEDUE– 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/**

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FCCC COMPETITION SCHEDULE – DIGITAL

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

Competition information: **https://f3c.org**

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GLOSSARY TERMS

JUNE – GLOSSARY TERM: Alpha vs. Beta Versions:

Alpha Version: is a version of something that is not complete or ready for release. Alpha versions are typically preliminary versions of software, released to test its usability and interface.

Beta Version: The version of a software product that is used in the final stage of testing before it is commercially released. Testing of a beta version is generally conducted by an independent tester outside of the company developing the product.

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.

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PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITS, EDUCATION, TIPS & TRICKS

ROOKERY BAY: A new nature art exhibit is now on view through July 25, 2024. The "2024 Natural Reflections," featuring 2D media and photography, is a juried exhibition with 21 works by 13 United Arts Collier member artists and all pieces are for sale. The Rookery Bay Environmental Learnng Center, 300 Tower Road, Naples, is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Admission is $10 for adults.

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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, June 22	**9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**
Saturday, July 20	**9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR! Zoom meetings unless otherwise indicated.

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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.

Tuesday, June 25 - Lightroom Users Group @ 6:00 p.m. (Note date change!)

JULY 2024

Tuesday, July 2 – A. I. Workshop @ 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, July 7 – Deadline @ 5 p.m., submit Monthly Theme Images *"Only in America"*

Tuesday, July 9 – Luminar Users Group @ 4:00 p.m.

Thursday, July 11 – General Meeting @ FSW @ 7:00 p.m., in person & zoom

Monday, July 15 – Lighting Workshop @ 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, July 17 – Photoshop Users Group @ 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, July 18 – Roundtable @ 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, July 25 – Lightroom Users Group @ 6:00 p.m.

Monday, July 29 – DPI-SIG Theater @ 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.

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'Renick: 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; Monthly Theme Slideshow Producer

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!

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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.

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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.