



MEETING NOTES – JUNE 2025

To all DPI-SIG members and other interested parties:

A sincere welcome to two new members who recently joined DPI-SIG!

Robert Langbauer and Nancy VanderVeer

MONTHLY THEME SLIDESHOW

Christina Skibicki produced a slideshow with the theme “*THE CITY IN MONOCHROME*” for the General Meeting on June 12, 2025. The meeting was recorded and is posted on the website. A big thank you to Christina and the members who submitted images. Participation in the Monthly Theme keeps this DPI-SIG feature an enjoyable favorite of the meeting.

*July 2025 Theme:
“FLAGS”*

Deadline to submit images: 5 p.m., Sunday, July 6, 2025.

dpi-theme@naples.net

A list of the 2025 Monthly Theme schedule is on the website.

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 **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 225th General Meeting on June 12th, it was recorded and is posted on the website.

- **Sonny Saunders** showed the new DPI-SiG logo patch. We will have the embroidered patches available at the meeting registration desk and the Training Center for \$5. The patch can be ironed onto a hat, shirt, camera bag, etc. We have also printed new brochures to help members promote DPI-SIG.
- **Marcel Seamples** handed out information on the Tarpon Springs Photo Outing to take place November 6 & 7, 2025. See page 5 for details.
- **Art David** presented the award winners for the 2025 Spring DPI-SIG Competition.
- Guest Speaker, **Tim Grey** presented “Photoshop for Lightroom Classic Users.”
- **Larry Richardson** gave “A Satirical Look at Photo Contests – Who Are the Real Losers?”
- Many thanks to **Marcel Seamples** for supplying the cookies & refreshments for the June meeting.

...➡ **Volunteers needed!!!**

- Would you like to be on the **Outing Committee**? This is your chance to keep this DPI-SIG activity a favorite of the club.
- Need a place to share your creative photographic ideas? We are looking for someone to lead a hands-on **Creative Workshop**.

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

...➡ Do you know that DPI-SIG has its own **FACEBOOK** page? Join in the fun of submitting your images, seen only by our members. It’s also a good place to post DPI-SIG announcements. [DPI-SIG Naples Digital Photography Club | Facebook](#)

...➡ **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 the 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

MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

Art David had a photo published in the Naples magazine “Naples Illustrated” for the First Naples International Dance Festival that featured more than 40 artists and celebrated the power and beauty of the arts.



Norwegian National Ballet Principal Dancer Melissa Hough performed at sunset on the shores of the Gulf during the first-ever Naples International Dance Festival.
Photo by Art David

DPI-SIG OUTINGS

...➡ Do you have any suggestions for future outings? Especially ones where you are willing to lead members through the location? Outings are a great way to meet other members! Volunteer to be on the Outing Committee and have a hand in choosing the location for the next outing!

November 6-7, 2025: Tarpon Springs FL outing is being coordinated by Marcel Seamples. To register, contact marcel4naples@yahoo.com. He will send you an information sheet with all the fun things to do in the Tarpon Springs area, including a boat ride. He’s also found reasonable hotel rates, if you decide to stay overnight for both days.

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DPI-SIG ART SHOW

Priscilla McGuire, Art Show Director, reported that the Friends of the Library have invited us back to have an art show in their gallery at the Central Avenue library in October and November, 2025. Watch for an email from Priscilla explaining how to enter the art show.

DPI-SIG COMPETITION

Art David, DPI-SIG Competition Director, reminds members of the dates for the DPI-SIG Fall Competition for 2025, August 15 – September 15 deadline. Categories: Color, Monochrome, Creative, & ????. (Watch for Art’s email!)

<https://www.DPI-SIG.org> >Competition

2025 COMPETITION SCHEDULES

DPI-SIG COMPETITION SCHEDULE– DIGITAL

Winter Competition	January 15 – February 15, 2025
Spring Competition	April 15 – May 15, 2025
Fall Competition	August 15 – September 15, 2025
Year End Competition	Winners from 2025 competitions are eligible

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

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FCCC COMPETITION SCHEDULE – DIGITAL

1 st Tri-Annual Competition	April 8 – May 8, 2025
2 nd Tri-Annual Competition	July 15 – August 15, 2025
3 rd Tri-Annual Competition	October 19 – November 19, 2025
Year End Competition	Winners from 2025 competitions are eligible

FCCC COMPETITION SCHEDULE – PRINT

1 st Tri-Annual Competition	February 10 – March 10, 2025
2 nd Tri-Annual Competition	May 24 – June 24, 2025
3 rd Tri-Annual Competition	August 30 – September 30, 2025
Year End Competition	Winners from 2025 competitions are eligible

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

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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.
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GLOSSARY TERMS

JUNE – GLOSSARY TERM: MILC (Mirrorless Interchangeable-Lens Camera): A digital camera that offers the ability to switch lenses, but it lacks the traditional mirror system found in DSLRs. Instead, MILCs typically use an electronic viewfinder (EVF) or the rear LCD screen to display the image.

MAY – GLOSSARY TERM: Beauty Dish: is a photographic lighting device that uses a parabolic reflector to distribute light towards a focal point. The light created is between that of a direct flash and a Softbox, giving the image a wrapped, contrasted look, which adds a more dramatic effect.

PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITS, EDUCATION & EVENTS

ADVANCE TICKET SALES for the 2025 Florida International Air Show in Punta Gorda

Scheduled for November 1-2, 2025

Tickets can be purchased online only at <https://www.floridaairshow.com>. The pre-sale tickets are \$47 for adults, with discounts for active military, veterans and children. These are the lowest prices available for the show; prices will increase as the event approaches, reaching \$65 at the gate.

After taking a year off in 2024 due to hurricanes, the two-day event returns to the skies over the Punta Gorda Airport Nov. 1-2, with a show headlined by two high-performance jet teams: The Blue Angels and the F-16 Viper Demo Team.

Staffed entirely by volunteers, the Florida International Air Show is a nonprofit corporation that has donated more than \$3 million to Southwest Florida charities over its 43-year history.

Making their first appearance in Punta Gorda since 2012, the U.S. Navy Blue Angels are renowned all over the world not just for their precision maneuvers and formation flying, but for demonstrating American naval aviation excellence.

Originally set to appear at the 2024 show that was cancelled because of last year's hurricanes, the U.S. Air Force's F-16 Viper Demo Team will showcase the abilities of the F-16 Fighting Falcon – one of the Air Force's premier multi-role fighter jets.

For performer updates: visit <https://www.floridaairshow.com>

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 21 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Saturday, July 19 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR! Zoom meetings unless **otherwise** indicated.

JUNE 2025

Monday, June 16 – Lighting Workshop @ 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, June 18 – Photoshop Users Group @ 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, June 19 – Roundtable @ 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, June 26 – Lightroom Users Group @ 6:00 p.m.

Monday, June 30 – DPI-SIG Theater @ 6:00 p.m.

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Tuesday, July 1 – A.I. Workshop @ 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, July 6 – Deadline to submit Monthly Theme images **“FLAGS”**

Tuesday, July 8 – Luminar Users Group @ 4:00 p.m.

Thursday, July 10 – DPI-SIG General Meeting at FSW @ 7:00 p.m., **live & YouTube**

Wednesday, July 16 – Photoshop Users Group @ 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, July 17 – Roundtable @ 6:00 p.m.

Monday, July 21 – Lighting Workshop @ 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, July 24 – Lightroom Users Group, **canceled for July**

Monday, July 28 – 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 & Lectures. These meetings are presented for
Members Only and require a current membership to attend.**

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DPI-SIG & FCCC VOLUNTEERS 2025

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

Joe Carmo: Auction Assistant; FCCC Conference Committee; DPI-SIG/FCCC Representative

Bill Coakley: Co-Founder; **IN MEMORIAM**

Ed Cohen: Competition Assistant

Don Columbus: Art Show Committee

Christine Cook: FCCC Digital Competition Director; Judges Training

Art David: Competition Director; A.I. Users Group Director

Marianne Dent: Social Committee

Nancy Garrison: Social Committee Director

Gwen Greenglass: FCCC Conference Committee

Tom Hurley: Computer Consultant; Tech Team

Sandy Labana: Monthly Theme Slideshow Producer 2022-2024

Mark McCulfor: Lighting Workshop Assistant

Dave McFarlane: Lighting Workshop Assistant

Priscilla McGuire: Art Show Director

Ken O'Renck: Mentor Program Director

Terry Palmer: 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; 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 Advisor; Meeting Computer Operator;
Computer Consultant; Tech Team Director; DPI-SIG Programmer; Webmaster
Charles Stayton: Outing Committee; Social Committee
Eduardo Sosa: Auction Assistant
Angela Stone: Magazine Editor 2019-2023
Donna Sutton: Board of Directors
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 camera club 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 Naples Digital Photography Club is a 501(c)3 organization.

DPI-SIG: Digital Photography & Imaging – Special Interest Group

DPI-SIG Board of Directors:

**Jim Robellard, Marcel Seamples, Richard Tindell, Mahlon Stacy,
Donna Sutton, Sonny Saunders, Betty Saunders**

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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.

