



MEETING NOTES – APRIL 2026

To all DPI-SIG members and other interested parties:

MONTHLY THEME SLIDESHOW

Christina Skibicki produced a slideshow with the theme *“THE BEAUTY OF TREES”* for the General Meeting on April 9, 2026. The meeting was recorded and is posted on the website. A big thank you to Christina and the many members who submitted images. Participation in the Monthly Theme keeps this DPI-SIG enjoyable feature a favorite of the meeting.

May 2026 Theme:
“LOOK OUT THE WINDOW”

Deadline to submit images: 5 p.m., Sunday, May 10, 2026.

dpi-theme@naples.net

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 235th General Meeting on April 9th, it was recorded and is posted on the website.

- **Sonny Saunders** suggested donating your unwanted photography items to the next DPI-SIG auction taking place this month.
- **Mahlon Stacy** reported on an Outing at The Swamp Buggy Races and shared his images of the race at the Florida Sports Park.
- **Charles Flum** shared several tips for the Smartphone users. He will be using Zoom for the next Smartphone Users Group meeting this month, April 21st @ 7 p.m.
- The guest photographer was **Susan Magnano** presenting “*A.I. and the Future of Photography*” on Zoom. Susan was sponsored by Hunt’s Photo & Video. Her presentation was recorded and available on the website.
- **Richard Tindell**, President of the FCCC, reported on the 2026 FCCC Conference held on March 28-29-30 in Bradenton FL at the Manatee Technical College. This was the best conferences both in attendance and overall enjoyment of the event. Several DPI-SIG members spent the weekend learning from expert photographers.
- **Richard Tindell** announced the return of the Beginner’s Workshop. Watch for the email notice for the information on the startup of the meeting on April 22nd @ 7 p.m.
- **Richard Tindell** also announced the Photoshop Users Group will start from the beginning and let you get started using Photoshop!
- Many thanks to **Marcel Seamples** for supplying the treats and drinks for the April 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.

... ➡ If you have a speaker you would like to see at one of our meetings, 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! Call **Mason Barnard**, 781.462.2358, mbarnard@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 meet 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: If you are not in the gallery now, or need to change your picture, please check your profile. Members submit their own photos on their profile page. There is a drop area to upload a photo.

...➡ **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, THE NAPLES TECHNOLOGY USERS GROUP**, Zoom meeting, **Thursday, April 16th at 5 p.m.**

Speaker : Judy Taylour, SCV Computer Club

Presentation – Digital Wallets: Exploring New Ways to Pay

Digital Wallets: Exploring New Ways to Pay. In this presentation, we'll explore the world of digital wallets and their transformative impact on how we pay. We'll explore the various types of digital wallets, from mobile apps to online platforms, and understand their benefits, including security, convenience, and speed. Join us to learn how digital wallets reshape consumer behavior and pave the way for a cashless future!

To receive the Zoom meeting link, email don@naplestechguy.com. **Please request on the link by email Wednesday, April 15th, the day before the 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.

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Don Beach, President PCBUG – The Naples Technology User Group, 239-455-1542
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DPI-SIG OUTINGS

No DPI-SIG outings are scheduled for April, but there is plenty to photograph in and around Naples this time of year! See Page 7 for some ideas.

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...➡ 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!

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SMARTPHONE PHOTOGRAPHY USERS GROUP

Led by Charles Flum, The SMARTPHONE PHOTOGRAPHY USERS GROUP meets the third Tuesday each month. This month, Charles will be hosting a Zoom only meeting for this Special Interest Group on Tuesday, April 21st at 7:00 p.m.

Please contact Charles cflum1@comcast.net, if you have specific questions that can be addressed at the meeting.

Hope to see you at the Smartphone Photography Users Group meeting!

DPI-SIG COMPETITION

...➡ Welcome to Kim Elliott who has agreed to be the new DPI-SIG Competition Director. Larry Richardson and Philip Wheat are Assistant Directors. Watch for the email on the Spring Competition. Submit images April 15 – May 15, 2026.

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

2026 COMPETITION SCHEDULES

DPI-SIG COMPETITION SCHEDULE– DIGITAL

Winter Competition	Results on website.
Spring Competition	April 15 – May 15, 2026
Fall Competition	August 15 – September 15, 2026
Year End Competition	Winners from 2026 competitions are eligible

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

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FCCC COMPETITION SCHEDULE – DIGITAL

1 st Tri-Annual Competition	In process: April 8 – May 8, 2026
2 nd Tri-Annual Competition	July 15 – August 15, 2026
3 rd Tri-Annual Competition	October 19 – November 19, 2026
Year End Competition	Winners from 2026 competitions are eligible

FCCC COMPETITION SCHEDULE – PRINT

1 st Tri-Annual Competition	Results on website.
2 nd Tri-Annual Competition	May 22 – June 22, 2026
3 rd Tri-Annual Competition	August 31 – September 30, 2026
Year End Competition	Winners from 2026 competitions are eligible

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

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DPI-SIG MAGAZINE

An index of all former magazine articles is 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

APRIL– GLOSSARY TERM: : Content Credentials Image Authentication System (Content Credentials system): Content Credentials system is an image authentication mechanism in photography that embeds cryptographically-secured, tamper-evident metadata into digital media files. This metadata, known as a "nutrition label" for digital content, provides

verifiable information about the origin, creation, and editing history of a photo to help combat misinformation and ensure proper creator attribution.

MARCH– GLOSSARY TERM: Front-side illuminated (FSI) sensor is a traditional type of digital camera image sensor architecture where the light-sensitive photodiodes are situated beneath the metal wiring and circuitry layer. This means light entering the camera must first pass through this wiring layer before reaching the light-capturing part of the pixel. **Light Path:** Light travels through on-chip microlenses and color filters, then through the gaps in the metal wiring, before finally hitting the photodiode. **Light Sensitivity:** The wiring layer can obstruct a portion of the incoming light (blocking between 20% to 70% in some cases), reducing the sensor's overall light sensitivity, especially in low-light conditions or with small pixels. **Manufacturing:** FSI sensors are simpler and less expensive to manufacture compared to back-side illuminated (BSI) sensors because the fabrication process is more straightforward and requires fewer complex steps like wafer thinning. **Performance:** While effective, FSI sensors generally have lower quantum efficiency (the ability to convert photons into electrons) and higher noise levels in low light compared to BSI designs, which is why BSI technology has become prevalent in smartphones and many modern high-performance cameras where space is limited and low-light performance is critical. FSI technology was the industry standard for many years before BSI architecture became more common and affordable.

PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITS, EDUCATION & EVENTS

DISCOVERING ANSEL ADAMS at the Artis-Naples Baker Museum:

This exhibition will be displayed until August 2, 2026, and offers insight into how Ansel Adams arrived at the powerful, mature visual language he used from the 1940s onward. It begins with Adams' first photographs of Yosemite National Park, which he took in 1916 as a 14-year-old tourist from San Francisco. **The exhibition is located on the 3rd floor of the Baker Museum.**

NATJRAL & SCENIC LOCATIONS

- **Beach Sunsets:** April is a popular time for sunset photography at locations like **Naples Pier** (now under construction), **Tigertail Beach** on Marco Island, and the beach between 7th and 8th Avenue in Naples.
- **Wildlife & Nature:**

- **Clam Pass Park**: Known for bird photography, often featuring guided outings.
- **Naples Botanical Garden**: Offers diverse floral subjects and tons of smartphone photography opportunities.
- **Historic Sites**: The **Collier County Museums** (including the **Everglades** and **Immokalee Pioneer** locations) offer free admission and unique historical backdrops for photography.



ESSENTIALS OF DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY, UNDERSTANDING YOUR CAMERA

If you want to get the best pictures possible, and truly understand your camera’s features, the “*Essentials of Digital Photography: How to Get the Most from Your Digital Camera Workshop*” is for you.

This class covers the essentials of your digital camera to help you capture and display the reason, emotion and vision, why you decided to capture the image in the first place. You will learn how to use your camera's shutter, aperture, ISO control and the drive modes to create images with impact and creativity.

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.

No previous camera or photography experience is necessary, just a desire to learn.

Classroom learning material will be furnished. Class fee is \$55.00.

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

Saturday, April 18

9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 23

9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR! Zoom meetings unless otherwise indicated.

APRIL 2026

~~Sunday, April 5 – Deadline 5 p.m. submit Monthly Theme images “*The Beauty of Trees*”~~

~~Tuesday, April 7 – A.I. Workshop @ 7:00 p.m.~~

~~Thursday, April 9 – DPI-SIG General Meeting @ FSW, 7:00 p.m. live & YouTube~~

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

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

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

Sunday, April 19 – Lighting Workshop 5-7 p.m., @ [Koreshan](#), register via email:
kregan02093@gmail.com, \$15 modeling fee required

Tuesday, April 21 – Smartphone Photography Users Group, 7:00 p.m., zoom

Wednesday, April 22 – Beginner’s Workshop @ 7:00 p.m.

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

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

MAY 2026

Tuesday, May 5 – A.I. Workshop @ 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 10 - Deadline 5 p.m. submit Monthly Theme images “*Look Out The Window*”

Tuesday, May 12 – Luminar Users Group @ 4:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 14 – DPI-SIG General Meeting @ FSW, 7:00 p.m., live & YouTube

Monday, May 18 – Lighting Workshop @ 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, May 19 – Smartphone Users Group @ 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, May 20 – Photoshop Users Group @ 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 21 – Roundtable @ 6:00 p.m.

Monday, May 25 – DPI-SIG Theater @ 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, May 27 – Beginner’s Workshop

Thursday, May 28 – Lightroom Users Group



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 2026](#)

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: A.I. Users Group Director

Marianne Dent: Social Committee

Kim Elliott: Competition Director

Charles Flum: Smartphone Photography Users Group Director

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 Assistant Director
 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
 Richard Tindell:
 Board of Directors-Vice President; Competition Committee; Photoshop Users Group Director; FCCC
 President; FCCC Conference Committee; Judges Training; Beginner's Workshop Director
 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**



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.