



MEETING NOTES – DECEMBER 2025

To all DPI-SIG members and other interested parties:

A sincere welcome to ONE new member who recently joined DPI-SIG!

Bruce Levinston

MONTHLY THEME SLIDESHOW

Christina Skibicki produced a slideshow with the theme “*COLORS OF THE SEASON!*” for the General Meeting on December 11, 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 enjoyable feature a favorite of the meeting.

January 2026 Theme:
“SHOES”

Deadline to submit images: 5 p.m., Sunday, January 4, 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

Monthly Themes for 2026:

January	Shoes
February	The Color Red
March	Numbers & Letters
April	The Beauty of Trees
May	Look Out the Window
June	A Bug's Life
July	Catch the Sun
August	Skies & Clouds
September	Smiles, Laughs, Frowns & Pouts
October	Apples & Oranges
November	Folded, Torn, Wrinkled
December	Worn Out by Time

F. Y. I.

... If you missed the 231st General Meeting on December 11^h, it was recorded and is posted on the website.

- **Gerri Jones** was the guest speaker who presented “The Power of Imagery to Push Boundaries.” Check out the meeting video to see her creative ideas!
- **Art David, Competition Director**, reported on the DPI-SIG Year End competition winners. Check the website to see the outstanding images!
- **Charles Flum** gave us three more tips for Smartphone use.
- **Richard Tindell** reminded members about the FCCC Conference scheduled in Bradenton at the Manatee Technical College on March 27, 28, & 29, 2026. When you register as a DPI-SIG member, you will receive a \$29.00 discount, which the club will reimburse FCCC at the end of the conference. The web site will have all the information on the schedule and accommodations nearby. <https://f3c.org>
- **Marcel Seamples** presented images from the DPI-SIG Outing that took place in Tarpon Springs on November 6 & 7.

- Many thanks to [Marcel Seamples](#) for supplying the treats and drinks for the December 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.
<http://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, December 18, 2025, at 5 p.m.**

Speaker: Rob Truman

Topic : Passkeys and Two Factor Authentication

As you probably have encountered, two-step authentication is being used by more online entities. Rob will de-obfuscate some of these concepts and provide some ways to manage them.

Overview of Passkeys and Two-Factor Authentication

- Passkeys are a modern alternative to traditional passwords.
- They enhance security by using cryptographic keys instead of text-based passwords.
- Passkeys are designed to be more user-friendly and resistant to phishing attacks.
- Two-Factor Authentication (2FA) adds an extra layer of security.
- It requires two forms of verification: something you know (like a password) and something you have (like a smartphone).
- Common methods include SMS codes, authentication apps, or hardware tokens.

To receive the Zoom meeting link, email don@naplestechguy.com. Please request by the link by email Wednesday, December 17th, 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 outing is scheduled for December but there is plenty to photograph in and around Naples this time of year!

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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

The **SMARTPHONE PHOTOGRAPHY USERS GROUP** will meet the **third Tuesday each month at the DPI-SIG Training Center, 5029 Tamiami Trail East, Naples, 34113.**

This month's December meeting has been canceled.

Charles Flum will be leading this Special Interest Group **for members** and is looking for someone who is acquainted with Android phones as he has and knows iPhone. if you can help, please contact Charles (239) 316-8611 (call or text) or cflum1@comcast.net.

Hope to see you in January at the Smartphone Photography Users Group!

DPI-SIG COMPETITION

Art David, DPI-SIG Competition Director, reported that the DPI-SIG Year End Competition winners for 2025 have their images posted on the web site. The only eligible images were the ribbon award winners of the previous three DPI-SIG competitions of 2025.

Congratulations to **Sue Christensen** for winning the DPI-SIG Best Picture of 2025 award plaque. See Sue's winning image on the website.

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

2025 COMPETITION SCHEDULES

DPI-SIG COMPETITION SCHEDULE– DIGITAL

Winter Competition	January 15 – February 15, 2026
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/competitions/>

FCCC COMPETITION SCHEDULE – DIGITAL

1 st Tri-Annual Competition	To Be Announced
2 nd Tri-Annual Competition	To Be Announced
3 rd Tri-Annual Competition	To Be Announced
Year End Competition	Judging for 2025 in process

FCCC COMPETITION SCHEDULE – PRINT

1 st Tri-Annual Competition	To Be Announced
2 nd Tri-Annual Competition	To Be Announced
3 rd Tri-Annual Competition	To Be Announced
Year End Competition	Judging for 2025 In process

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.

GLOSSARY TERMS

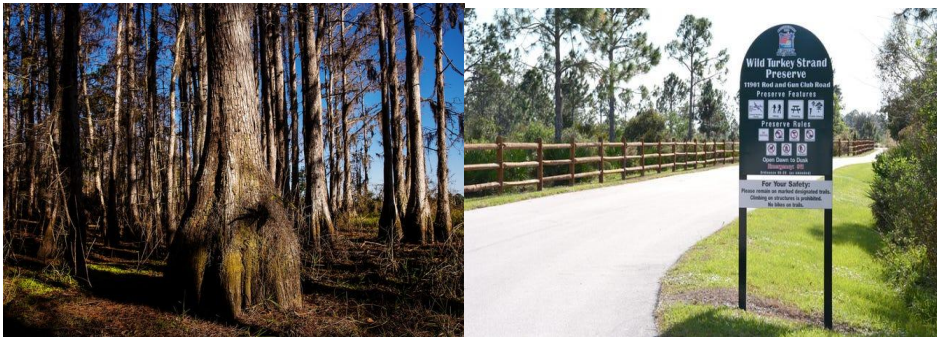
DECEMBER -GLOSSARY TERM: Deghost: Means to remove or reduce "ghosting" artifacts, which are semi-transparent, duplicated images that appear when merging multiple bracketed photos for an HDR image. These ghosts are caused by movement, such as people walking or wind moving trees, between the time each photo was taken. Deghosting is a feature in HDR software that uses algorithms to fix these unwanted effects.

NOVEMBER – GLOSSARY TERM: NVMe [Non-Volatile Memory Express] Drive): NVMe is an interface specification for storage devices, not an actual storage device. A NVMe device is typically an SSD drive, like the SSD internal drive on many computers or an SSD external drive. An NVMe device connects directly to a PCI Express bus in a computer, which enables it to achieve considerably faster speeds than an external drive or even an internal drive using a SATA connection. However, NVMe devices for storage or backup, with two caveats. First, an NVMe device connects to a PCI Express port, which means it is located inside your computer, creating the risk of excessive heat buildup, which can reduce the lifespan of an NVMe storage device. The second caveat relates to best practices when it comes to backing up data that a good backup workflow is that the backup should not be stored on the same physical device as the source data.

PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITS, EDUCATION & EVENTS

IGUANALAND, 33900 Bermont Road, Punta Gorda; open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily except Jan. 1, Thanksgiving Day and Dec. 25; box office closes at 4:30 p.m.; \$25 for adults, \$15 for ages 2-12, \$20 for military, veterans, health care workers, emergency service personnel, seniors, students and teachers; free for Drug-Free Youth program members. Twelve acres completely dedicated to reptiles and amphibians with over 250 different species from around the world! (941) 844-5350, <https://iguanaland.com>

The **WILD TURKEY STRAND PRESERVE** is an ideal place for a hike with the breathtaking views of nature it offers as well as the occasional wildlife in action. It's a loop that takes about 40-45 minutes of walking time.



Location: 11901 Rod and Gun Club Rd., Fort Myers. The preserve is located just south of Lehigh Acres on the west side of State Road 82. Preserve is open dawn to dusk.

The trail is 1.8 miles (loop). Note: Only 0.7 of a mile is ADA-accessible (western section). There are restrooms and benches located around the trail.

- The Wild Turkey Strand Preserve is the third-largest Conservation 20/20 preserve in Lee County.
 - The main plant communities at this preserve include pine flatwoods, cypress strand swamps, cypress dome swamps, freshwater marshes, and wet prairies.
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- There are two main observation areas for bird-watching and for spotting other wildlife.
 - The land within this preserve was formerly used as part of the Buckingham Army Air Field, a U.S. military training base between 1943 and 1945 during World War II. Some structures from the airfield remain onsite, including two munitions building.

SEASONAL FESTIVITIES

CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS CAROLS at Cambier Park Bandshell on Friday, December 19 @ 6:30 p.m.

2nd ANNUAL CHRISTMAS KARAOKE & HOLIDAY MARKETPLACE on Friday, December 19, 2025 at the Collier Museum at the Government Center, 3331 Tamiami Trail East, Naples FL 34112. It's a fun-filled evening of singing, shopping, and holiday cheer! The Holiday Marketplace: 5–8 PM, Karaoke: 6–8 PM, **FREE ENTRY!**

Enjoy photos with Santa, participation prizes, refreshments, a food truck, raffles, and gift vendors! All proceeds benefit the Friends of Collier County Museums, helping bring local history to life.

MARCO ISLAND CHRISTMAS ISLAND STYLE BOAT PARADE begins at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 20, on the Marco River. Best viewing spots are The Esplanade on Smokehouse Bay and The Snook Inn.

EDISON AND FORD WINTER ESTATES CELEBRATES 50 YEARS OF HOLIDAY NIGHTS. The theme this year is Golden Jubilee and will feature gold lights and decorations. Holiday Nights will run nightly through January 4, 2026 (closed Christmas Eve & Christmas Night). Edison and Ford Estates are located at 2360 McGregor Blvd., Ft. Myers. To purchase tickets or view nightly schedule, visit the website at www.EdisonFord.org.

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FOR SALE

Nikon Z 24-70mm f2.8 Ver 1 for \$1500, in excellent shape. Contact Fred Marconi via email, phone voice, text or WhatsApp. 786-797-4721, marconiphotography@gmail.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, December 20

9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Saturday, January 17

9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

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

DECEMBER 2025

~~Tuesday, December 2 – A. I. Workshop @ 7:00 p.m., canceled~~

~~Sunday, December 7 – Deadline: 5 pm Monthly Theme Images – “COLORS OF THE SEASON!”~~

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

~~Thursday, December 11 – DPI SIG General Meeting @ FSW @ 7 p.m., live & YouTube~~

Monday, December 15 – Lighting Workshop @ 6:30-8:30 p.m., time change

~~Tuesday, December 16 – Smartphone Photography Users Group @ 7:00 p.m., canceled~~

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

Monday, December 29 – DPI-SIG Theater @ 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 30 – Lightroom Users Group @ 6:00 p.m.

JANUARY 2026

Sunday, January 4 – Deadline: 5 p.m. Monthly Theme Images *“SHOES”*

Tuesday, January 6 – A.I. Workshop @ 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, January 8 – DPI-SIG General Meeting @ [FSW@7p.m.](#), live & YouTube

Tuesday, January 13 – Luminar Users Group @ 4:00 p.m.

Thursday, January 15 – Roundtable @ 6:00 p.m.

Monday, January 19 – Lighting Workshop @ 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, January 20 – Smartphone Photography Users Group @ 7:00 p.m., live @

Training Center (See address/picture below)

Wednesday, January 21 – Photoshop Users Group @ 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, January 22 – Lightroom Uses Group @ 6:00 p.m.

Monday, January 26 – 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.**

[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

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 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**

Happy Holidays!





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.