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"Sometimes I do get to places just when God's ready to have somebody click the shutter."

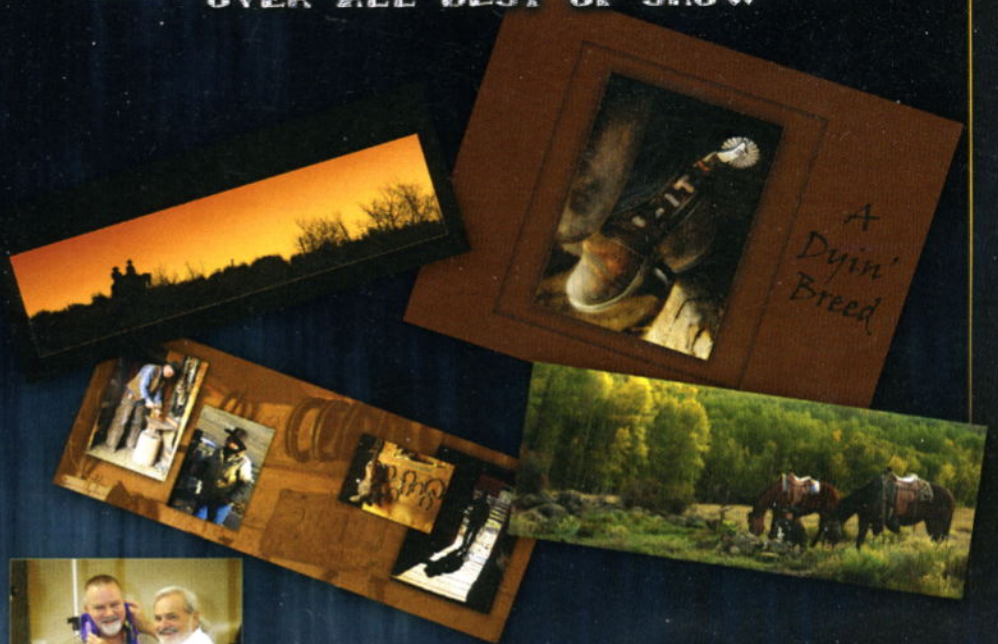
-Ansel Adams

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SPRING SALON: The Results Are In!

— OVER ALL BEST OF SHOW —



"A Dyin' Breed" -- Gerald Hardage

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Spring Salon

I may sound like a broken record, but its only because our members are continually upping the ante with amazing skill and creative photography. Our February meeting was host to one of the largest Salon's to date with over 100 prints and albums and this issue of the prolog will showcase the top contenders. The competition was fierce, fun and educational. A big hand to all the participants and a special thanks to the great judges who gave their time to make this possible.. Peter and Julie Hughes and Tony Hopman.

Presidents Message

Greetings to all members!

By the time this issue is hot off the press, it will be beyond mid-March! We've had a solid start to '07 thanks to all of you! We've had excellent attendance... membership looks strong and our 1st Print Competition / Education was excellent. There were over 100 print and album entries... and some of our 1st time participants just blew us away with their talent! Way to go!

Be sure to check out the calendar of events and stay informed on all programs and events coming our way. Gerald is doing a great job booking our guest speakers, so be on the lookout for special emails and reminders. And, don't forget to use the website as a tool for keeping in touch with what's going on.

A special "thanks" to all involved in making the Gordon Spotswood Service Project a success! It's a fine and worthwhile thing to donate our time and energy and tackle a "fix-up" project for one of our members, but the real meaning is found in how we can touch lives and set an example in the community. A special thanks goes out to Curt Coenen for bringing this need to our attention. And "thank you", Larry Ebert, for organizing and heading up the entire project. Gordon, now a retired photographer and honorary lifetime member of PPSNF, and his dear wife, wish to thank all who helped accomplish the outdoor fix-ups and improvements around their property. It took Larry's plan, and the time, talent and tools of our general membership that participated, in order to accomplish the following... general yard cleanup, trimming of trees & bushes, repairing and mending fencing, cutting the grass, raking leaves, blowing debris off the roof, pressure washing the house, fence, & concrete, plus... removing large satellite dish, repairing motion detector lighting, painting outside trim, repairing concrete driveway, & Thompson water-sealing the fencing! Wow! Just in case anyone was looking for yet another reason or benefit for belonging to PPSNF can add this to their list!

And while were on the subject of touching lives, I want to thank the nearly thirty PPSNF members that were able to attend the party held at the Hardages last month, which honored Marie & Ken Moran. It was a special party celebrating Marie's life and the example of strength and positive energy she has shown even in the face of battling cancer. I know Ken and Marie had a wonderful time, but it was all the rest of us who were inspired that night.

I'll see you at the next meeting with Julie Hughes as our guest speaker and don't forget to show up early for Mini-Seminar sign-ups! Check out the list of classes on the website... it's a great educational opportunity... see you there!

~Michael



