

OUR MISSION: PPSNF is a guild of professional photographers, aspiring photographers and industry related businesses working together with the common goal of improving the photographic industry in North Florida by assisting each member with their career success and increasing professionalism in the industry by providing educational opportunities and promoting photographic excellence through public awareness.

Monthly meetings are held the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Ramada Inn off I-295 and San Jose in Mandarin. "Social 30" begins at 6:30pm and the meeting begins at 7:00pm.

Spring Salon Results

The PPSNF Spring Salon Print Education was held on Tuesday, April 22. There were 65 entries. The Best of Show winner was Marie Moran with her print titled "Reflections of Hope". Congratulations Marie!

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See more winning images inside this issue of Prolog!

Presidents Message

May / June

Yet another Prolog! This one especially cool... featuring the results of this year's first Salon (print education/competition)! Very nice results... very nice entries! We are witnessing a new, up and coming crowd that began only recently and are coming along proudly. We hope to see continued refinement and excellence, not only seen here locally, but represented at FPP this fall in Orlando.

I'd like to think that the level of education, special programs, mini-seminars and personal mentoring are, in part, responsible for this rapid growth. And it's also probably true that there are more than a handful holding back in shyness or fear... I can't blame you, but reach out and get some advise from someone that's been through it, and you too will be on your way. Not just for a ribbon or notoriety... that can be nice... but it will stretch you and make you approach your craft in an entirely new way and improve the excellence of your images and perhaps increase the bottom line... your profits.

Again, congratulations... not only to each ribbon holder, but to each of our print makers who entered! Well done!

Also, don't forget to be on the lookout for both e-mail and website info about our special visit from Janice with Nik Filters! Friday, May 16th. We'll get the details to you... but reserve that date! There might be a special surprise or two that night! We've planned on this class with Janice for 2 years... so, don't miss out!

As I always say... get involved, stay plugged in. You'll get so much more from your guild experience... and you'll have fun, benefit from having a strong support group and make some life-long friends along the way!

See you soon!





Meeting photos by Craig Hurst

Education • Ethics • Inspiration • Motivation • Networking • Fun

Upcoming Speakers

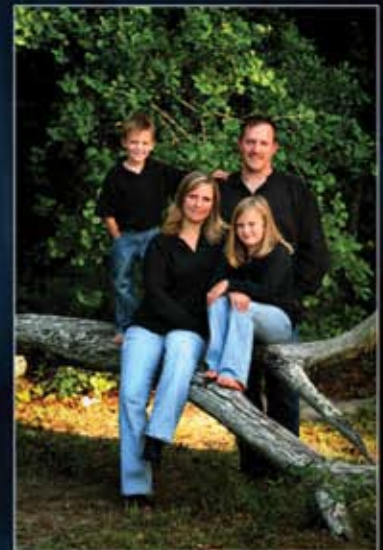
May: Martin Gudz, Photo CR, FS, FED

Environmental Portraiture--"We can't control the elements, but we can control the light."

Based in Madison, Florida, Martin specializes in environmental portraiture. With several on-site outdoor sets and various techniques he has learned from studying with his mentors and Master photographers, Martin has crafted a technique to produce studio-type lighting in the great outdoors. His signature style utilizes the beauty of natural surroundings, and his emphasis on customer service and building relationships within a 'small town atmosphere' provides his clients with a one-of-a-kind experience. Martin will share his tips and tricks for seeing and controlling the light, demonstrate what to do--- and not to do--- when using reflectors, and show how to create strong composition to incorporate the environment and increase your wall portrait sales. Originally from Cannock, England, Martin's career began in 1985 when he came to the United States and began working as a cruise ship photographer. In 1992 he opened Tudor Rose Photography, focusing on weddings, family and high school senior portraiture in and around the Madison County area. Martin is a member of the Professional Photographers of America and the Florida Professional Photographers. He is the current and a two-time past-President of the Tallahassee guild. He received his Florida Service Award in 2001 and his Florida Education Degree in 2006. He has chaired various committees at the FPP convention over the past several years and served as the Assistant Convention Manager in 2007. He received his Craftsman Degree from PPA at IUSA in Tampa this year.

June: Alan Feldman, Master Photographer, CR

Alan will share many of his sales, marketing, and investment secrets that have made his studio so extremely popular in the Tampa Bay area and so financially successful that even in a struggling economy he and his wife, Melanie, can afford to travel internationally, lay back and even retire.



Spring 2008 PPSNF Spring Salon Results

Portrait

FIRST



"The Princess and Her Throne"-
Scott Beahan

SECOND



"Young Lady Testa"- Scott Beahan

THIRD



"Aspirations"- Ken Moran

Illustrative

FIRST



"Two Journeys"- Scott Beahan

SECOND



"Passing Glance"- Marie Moran

THIRD



"Wishes on Wings"- Marie Moran

Commercial

FIRST



"Awaiting Guests"- Scott Beahan

SECOND



"Renovation"-Linda Olsen

THIRD



"Music to Her Soul"-Ken Moran

Social Function

FIRST



"Rocky Mountain Romance"-
Linda Olsen

SECOND



"Patiently Waiting"- Pat Tankersley

THIRD



"Lady In The Water"-Jennifer Brum

Digital Art

FIRST



"Metamorphosis"-Tatyana Bauer

SECOND



"Touched"-Damon Feclitt

THIRD



"Shot Through a Windshield"-
Melissa Posey

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Special Report: Local Photographers "Go Wild" at the Jacksonville Zoo

by Pat Tankersley, Special Reporter

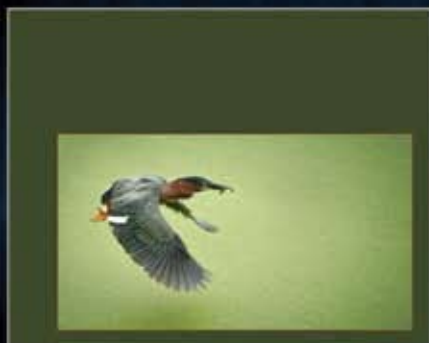
On Monday, April 7, 2008 a small band of local digital photographers from the Professional Photographers Society of North Florida gathered at the Jacksonville Zoo to see what kind of wild antics they could inflict on the animals and patrons.

It is believed that the following suspects were present: Dan Harris, Damon Fecitt, Ken and Marie Moran, Mary Ann Pophal, Tammy Czigan, Scott Beahan, Robert Hill, Melissa Posey, Keely Deuschle and Pat and Wanda Tankersley.

This group of "digital bandits" as they called themselves, arrived at the scene at approximately 10:00am and proceeded to disperse around the zoo with cameras and "very large" lenses frightening both animals and zoo patrons alike. They were observed by witnesses pointing their lenses and taking photographs of not only the zoo animals, but each other!

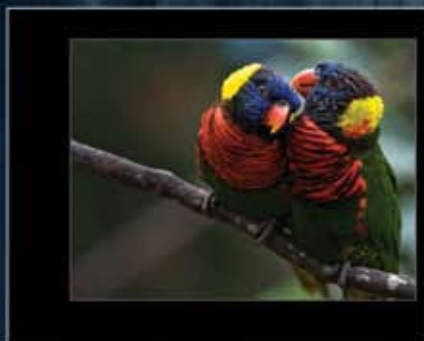
It is believed that there will be a special slide show at the May PPSNF monthly meeting to see if anyone there can identify any of the group as well as a special People's Choice competition for images that were captured at the zoo.

Anyone reading this should keep their eyes open for any announcements of this type of event in the future because it was reported that everyone had a grand time and are looking forward to another "wild" event in the future. Stay tuned...



Scott Beahan

Shutterfly Perfect Photography



Tammy Czigan



Dan Harris



Pat Tankersley



Marie Moran by Tammy Czigan



Ken McCray

Calendar of Events

May: 6 PPSNF Board Meeting
16 Nik Filters Seminar
18-22 Florida School
27 PPSNF Monthly Meeting

June: 3 PPSNF Board Meeting
24 PPSNF Monthly Meeting



Want the latest info?

get it at ppsnf.org

Thank You to Our Mini-Seminar Speakers!

Scott Beahan
Jennifer Brum
Curt Coenen
Damon Fecitt
Dan Harris
Craig Hurst
Ken McCray
Susan Michal
Ken Moran

Linda Olsen with Nelson Perrin, CPA
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Vincent Pierce
Melissa Posey
Pat Tankersley

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Peoples Choice Winners

February



"A Lifetime of Mending" ~Pat Tankersley

March



"Refined Taste"-Ken Moran