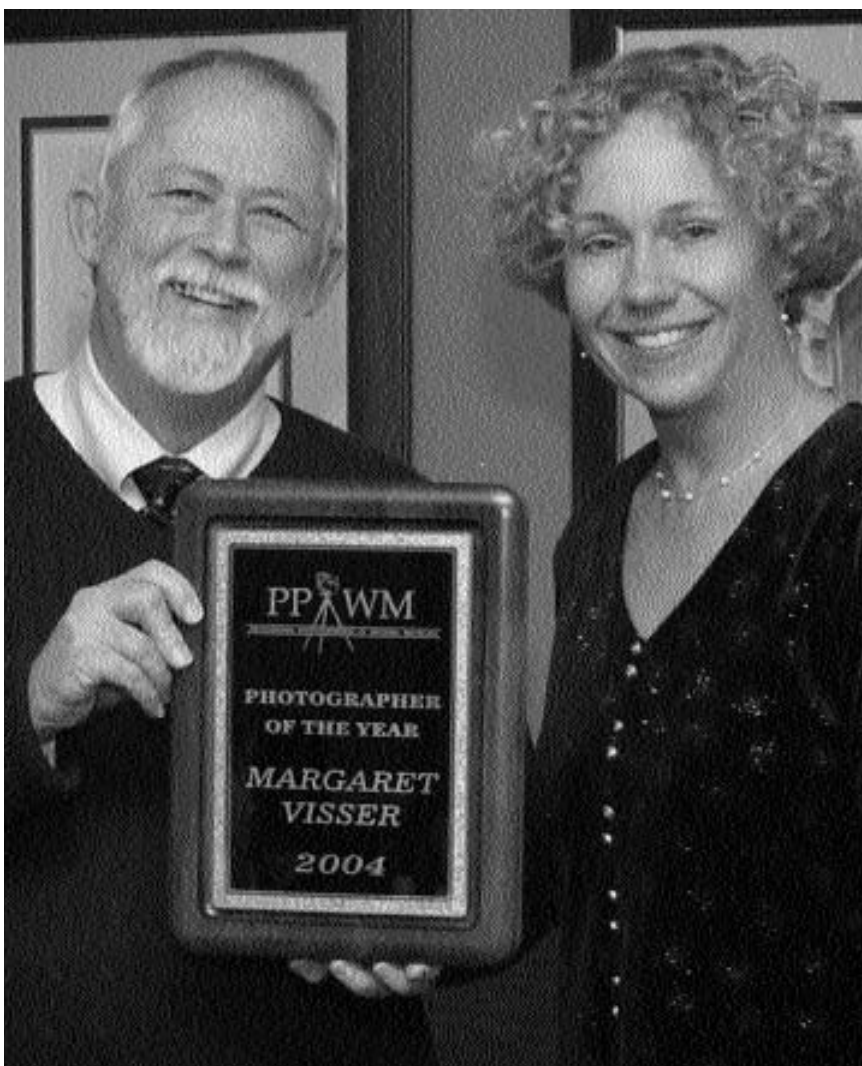




PPWM News

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Banquet 2004



Congratulations to Margaret Visser (shown right with President Bruce Boutet), PPWM's 2004 Photographer of the Year!

Bring out your best

Print Competition This Month

This year's print competition will be held on January 24th at the President's Inn and Banquet Rooms. Located at 3221 Plainfield NE, Grand Rapids, MI. 49525. The Presidents Inn is on the North side of I-96 at Plainfield Ave.

The rules of print competition are the same as always. 4 prints may be entered. Each print must have an overall size of 16x20, and conform to PPA guidelines. Each print must have a title and category printed clearly on the back. Categories are: Portrait, Candid, Commercial, and illustrative.

Our judges this year are going to be Mike and Tina Timmons, David Deutsch, Bob Guliani, Bob Hillier and Connie McComb-Brown

The PPWM Board Meeting will be at 2:30 pm at the Presidents Inn. Dinner will be at 4:30 pm at Cheers Restaurant. Located at 3994 Plainfield NE. About 2 miles north of I-96. All prints must be in by 6:00 pm. The Program will begin and 6:30 pm.

Photographer _____
Studio _____
Phone# _____
Category _____
Title _____
Score _____

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Cut and copy the above labels. You may enter up to 4 16x20 mounted prints. Categories are Portrait, Commercial, Candid and Illustrative. 2005 dues must be paid prior to competition. Total thickness of an image shall be 1/8 inch minimum and 3/8 inch maximum.

From the President

Welcome to 2005. There have been many changes in photography in the last couple of years, and 2005 seems to be no different.

Our clients are more demanding. They want their portraits faster, better and "Different".

In 2004, the PPWM Board decided that our organization had to be "Different" also. Our Membership Handbook has been totally updated. All members will be receiving a new version, and I suggest that all members read it thoroughly. Most of the changes were simply updates to earlier revisions. But there

have also been some major changes. One such change is our Print of the Quarter Competition. We have changed this to a Print of the Month Competition, with a different "Theme" nine times a year. Another change is that Members will receive points for attendance.

I hope that all of you will be entering our annual print competition on January 24th. This is a wonderful way to learn about new techniques and portrait design.

Have a very successful 2005!

Mike Simmons
2005 President

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PROFESSIONAL PHOTOGRAPHERS OF WESTERN MICHIGAN 2005 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL INVOICE

Please complete and return this form with your signature and payment to continue your membership benefits with PPWM. Please use a separate form for each member. You may deduct \$15.00 from Active Membership renewal if your 2005 dues are paid before 12/31/04 Remember, your dues MUST be postmarked on, or before 1/10/05 to participate in January's print competition!

(Please print)

Name _____ Spouse's Name _____

Business Name _____

Business Address _____ City _____ ST _____ Zip _____

Home Address _____ City _____ ST _____ Zip _____

Phone: Business _____ Fax _____ Home _____

Sales Tax # _____ PPA Member # _____

Member PPM? YES NO

E-Mail _____ Web Site _____

Date ____--____--____ Membership year _____

Indicate address to send Newsletter: Business Home

MEMBERSHIP CLASSIFICATIONS

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|-----------------|-------|---|
| _____ ACTIVE | \$125 | Full-time owner or manager of a photographic business. Has voting rights. Maximum two per studio. |
| _____ ASSOCIATE | \$35 | Employees and spouses of Active members. No voting rights. |
| _____ ALLIED | \$55 | Owner or Representative of a firm catering to the photographic industry. No voting rights. |

Save \$15 on Active Membership! Pay only \$110 when you renew before December 31, 2004! Return this form with check payable to PPWM to: Dallas Stalzer, 13063 Acacia Drive, Grand Haven MI 49417

I wish to renew my membership in the Professional Photographers of Western Michigan. I promise to contribute to the association and its activities whenever possible. I promise to promote fellowship, cooperation and the educational welfare of my fellow members. I promise to abide by and comply with the PPWM Code of Ethics.

Signature _____ Date _____

This form is for Membership Renewal only. For an Application for New Membership or other information call Dallas Stalzer, 616-846-1827/dmcst@novagate.com

Calendar of events

- Feb. 21 - All-Day Program, tba
- Feb. 27 - March 1 - **PPWM presents Growing Your Business** with Greg Stangl in Ludington.
Details to come.
- March 21 - **TBA**
- April 18 - **Senior print and folio competition**
- May 16 - **Lighting and posing**
- June 20 - **Lab tour at Allied Lab in G.R.**
- July 18 - **Summer party**
- Aug. 5 - **Wedding album competition and studio tour**
- Sept. 19 - **TBA**
- Oct. 17 - **Print critique**
- Nov. 21 - **All-day seminar**
- Dec. 12 - **Awards banquet**

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