



PPWM News

Official newsletter of the Professional Photographers of Western Michigan

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September meeting features

Stars of West Michigan

The September meeting of the Professional Photographers of Western Michigan will feature Stars of West Michigan including Gabe Guerrero who will talk about digital workflow and applications and advanced Photoshop techniques.

This month's meeting will be Monday, Sept. 20 at 7 p.m. at Denny's Studio of Photography, 1577 Holton Road, Muskegon. Pizza will be served at Denny's at 5:30 and the board of directors will meet there at 3:30 p.m.

PRINT OF THE QUARTER WILL BE WEDDINGS

Directions to Denny's: Take U.S. 10 to Holton Road exit (north of Muskegon). Turn west on Holton Road, about two miles. Denny's is located on the north side.

CONGRATS TO CRYSTAL ALLERS, WINNER OF LAST MONTH'S SENIOR FOLIO COMPETITION.



Calendar of events

- Oct. 10-12 **PPM Fall Seminar**
Double J Ranch, Rothbury. The PPWM will be hosting a hospitality suite. Contact PPM for information: www.ppm.org
- Nov. 15 - **All Day Seminar - Creating Merit Prints and Trade Show**
Midway Motel
4101 28th Street
Grand Rapids
Speakers are Robert & Billie Nicholson
Hosts are Color Incorporated Pro Lab & PPWM
RSVP to Bruce
Bruce Boutet Photography 616-682-1160
6080 East Fulton
Ada, Mi 49301
Print of the Quarter - Children
- Dec. 6 - **PPWM Awards Dinner**
Location TBA
- Jan. 17 - **Annual Print Competition**
Grand Inn Banquet Rooms
- 3221 Plainfield NE
Grand Rapids
- Feb. 21 - Winter Fun Fest. Location and details to be announced.
- Feb. 27 - March 1 - **PPWM presents Growing Your Business** with Greg Stangl in Ludington.
Details to come.
- March 21 - **Lab Tour**
- April 18 - **Senior print and folio competition**
- May 16 - **Lighting and posing**
- June 20 - **Round table program**
- July 18 - **Summer party**
- Aug. 5 - **Wedding album competition and studio tour**
- Sept. 19 - to be announced
- Oct. 17 - **Print critique**
- Nov. 21 - **All-day seminar**
- Dec. 12 - **Awards banquet**

November All-Day Program

Creating Merit Prints

with Billie and Robert Nicholson

Billie Nicholson is a commercial photographer, specializing in architectural, aerial and construction photography. Her client list includes many national and international firms who have used her services to document construction projects and to showcase their finished buildings in promotional and competition venues.

Her credentials include certification by the Professional Photographers of America, in addition to an MS degree from the University of Maryland, College Park. She has taught architectural, digital and commercial photography classes for Montgomery College, the National Academy of Photography, the Professional Photographers of America and numerous civic groups. Her public photographic exhibitions include images displayed at the International Photographic Hall of Fame, Professional Photographers of America National Print Exhibition and the Maryland Professional Photographers Traveling Loan Collection. She is one of a select group of professional photographers to have ever earned the prestigious Fuji Masterpiece Award.

Robert Nicholson received photographic training in the US Navy and as an evidence technician for the Atlanta, GA Police Department. He continued a photography career as an event and illustrative photographer during his twenty-year service as a Washington DC Metropolitan Police Officer. Robert is past president of Professional

Photographers of Greater Washington.

Robert's credentials include PPA certification, Craftsman and Master's Degrees conferred by the Professional Photographers of America. He holds the combined Fellow of Photography Degree conferred by the Maryland PPA.

Robert received the PPA National Award for meritorious contributions to professional photography. He has been

named Illustrative Photographer of the Year three times by the Maryland Professional Photographers Association. Robert has received Kodak's distinguished "Gallery Award" five times and his images have been exhibited at Disney's Epcot Center. He is one of only four Epcot Center exhibitors whose work has ever been directly selected for permanent private collections. His images have been selected for



the Professional Photographers of America International Traveling Loan Collection, the American Society of Photographers elite Traveling Loan Collection and the Maryland Professional Photographers Traveling Loan Collection. Robert has taught courses for the Professional Photographers of America, National Academy of Photography, Montgomery College and numerous civic organizations.

In 2001, Billie and Robert became life and business partners operating Fine Art Commercial Photography. In addition to working for commercial clients, they are traveling and teaching.

Look for registration info in the mail and on the ppwm website

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Subject

I have read the foregoing and fully understand its contents.

Full Name _____ Date _____

I am over 18 years of age: Yes _____ No _____

Signature _____

Address _____

Photographer

I have read the foregoing and fully understand its contents.

Full Name _____ Date _____

I am over 18 years of age: Yes _____ No _____

Signature _____

Tax ID#/Social Security # _____

Address _____

Grand Rapids Press Wedding Photo Contest

• Each photographer will be able to enter in three categories:

1. Wedding photo for cover of The Grand Rapids Press WEDDING PLANNER

2. Wedding photo for cover of The Grand Rapids Press WEST MICHIGAN WEDDINGS section.

3. Wedding portfolio (bride, groom gowns, cake, flowers etc.) photos selected for interior pages of wedding planner & wedding section

• Submit categories 1 & 2 as color 8x10's. No mounting. Name & address on back of photo. Signed release forms from photographer & subject must accompany each photo.

• Submit category 3 as proof size (4x5's). Limit 8 photos. Name & address on back of photo. Signed release forms from photographer &

subject must accompany each photo.

• Due October 1st by 5:00pm

• Mail or deliver to: Debra Novak-Creative Services Dept. (616)222-5295

The Grand Rapids Press
155 Michigan St. NW
Grand Rapids, MI 49503

• Winners will be notified by October 20th. All photos can be picked up at The Grand Rapids Press after October 31st.

• Winners will need to supply an electronic file on a CD in Mac format.

Photos will not be considered if they do not accompany release forms available from the PPWM or The Grand Rapids Press. Winners recog-

nized within the publication.

WEDDING PLANNER - distributed at the Bridal Shows in West Michigan and available at The Grand Rapids Press.

WEST MICHIGAN WEDDINGS - distributed to over 150,000 households. Inserted in the Grand Rapids Press the Sunday prior to the first January Grand Center bridal show.

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