



VPPA Blue Ridge Newsletter

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HAPPY SPRING!

From the Governor

Wow! It was so nice to see everyone at convention! I'm not sure I slept much, but from the looks of faces I saw on Tuesday morning, I don't think many of you did either.

Our Blue Ridge District really scored with awards this year, including the coveted "Photographer of the Year" award presented to Shannon Turner! Shannon also received awards for "Best Portrait of Child", "Best Portrait of a Bride", "Court of Honor Illustrative", the Virginia CPP Award, and a Kodak Gallery Award. Shannon is an amazing photographer and it is awesome to see him rewarded for his efforts.

Other Blue Ridge members receiving awards from print competition were:

Bill Garrett (Best Enhancement/Restoration) Teresa Bernard (Kodak Gallery Award) Bobby Carlsen (Best Pictorial, National CPP Award, ASP Award)

Additionally, Margie Hatcher and Teresa Bernard each received their AFP degrees, demonstrating excellence in print competition and service to their profession. And finally, our very own Kevin Hurley received this year's South Eastern Award, the second highest honor given by our association. I already knew Kevin was a super talented photographer, but was blown away by all the things Kevin has done (and is doing) for our profession, his community, and our state association. What a class act!

Please join me in congratulating each of these award recipients and be sure to pat them on the back the next time you see them.

-Bobby

From the Lt. Governor

Hello Blue Ridge!

Whew, is about all I can say right now. Where have the past few weeks gone? Convention is over, we are looking to spring sessions, senior programs and wedding season. I hope this finds everyone well and knee deep into a great business year. Our next meeting will be held April 4th in downtown Danville. Our guest speaker, or maybe I should say guest photographer, is Jordan Chan. This meeting is a location photo session demonstration. He will photograph from 4pm to 6pm. We are going to assemble downtown at the Danville Science Center. Please note we are not working inside the Science Center, but using this as a landmark to gather before the



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demonstration begins. A great big thanks to Bobby for helping to secure models and the location for this meeting. And if you are interested in learning more about Jordan Chan, befriend him on Facebook. He is very active with photos and his lunches!

Please let me know if you are planning on attending the meeting. You can email me at teresa@studiobellevisage.com. I would like to get a head count to make sure we are all together before we head out with Jordan.

Meeting Date/Time: April 4th, 4pm

Location: Danville Science Center, 677 Craighead Street, Danville, VA 24541, (434) 791-5160

Best!

Teresa



Jordan Chan

Although I was not born a flasher, I used to frolic under natural light, seeking the warmest rays of light and hiding as the harsh noon sun scorched the land. Now, even as the night moon rises, I fight off the most unnatural of Tungsten and vapor lights. Through time, I have learned to master this light and am free to roam without regard to sun or moon. Now, there is nothing I won't flash. Weddings, portraits, small household animals and the occasional ceiling fan to name a few...

My desire to flash consumes not only my mind but also large amounts of Ni-mh and lithium batteries. This renewable resource allows me to run free at any hour. With the aid of Radiopopper, I am no longer bound by line of sight and distance. I am never hindered by weather, since Denny Mfg created Freedom Cloths, the magical fabric that allows me access to flash indoors during the most unfavorable conditions. Photogenic and Larson manipulate the light for me and Miller's Lab immortalizes my handi-work. I am unstoppable in my quest for light, the perfect portrait...and, as always, the best grunge meal in town.

I am Jordan. Fueled by hot dogs, donuts, coffee and other heavily processed dietary products containing high amounts of nitrates. I seek light and a challenge. Sometimes, I have a salad and twitter my findings. I am a student of location lighting and I learn by teaching others. After Dark Edu is my institution.

Upcoming Events

April meeting

- Monday, April 4th at 4:00pm
- Location:
Danville Science Center
677 Craighead Street
Danville, VA 24541
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Future meetings TBA

If you have any suggestions or if you have an article you would like to be published in the newsletter, please email Sharon Davidson (Sharon@sharondavidsonphotography.com).
