Contact Sheet

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# **Anyone Not Get Full?**

August is a busy month for most of us in Idaho. We have such short summers and extremely long winters that all of us try to cram as many summer activities in as is possible. But you have to stop and eat supper each day, right? Therefore, we have always had a picnic as our August meeting. Besides the fun of eating, it also is a social event so that we meet the spouses and children of our members. And this one was no exception.

Thank you, **Roger and Sue Heng,** for your hospitality. They even had their tent that they were going to use at the Duck Race set up in case it might rain. And we all were very thankful for their foresight since the rain did not dampen our spirits when it came.

One of the fun things that always seem to occur at these picnics is finding out where people are going for their vacations and what they are shooting for their pictures. As a photographer, I know how hard it can be to find a balance in our vacation times. We want to go to someplace fun for the kids, and yet we want to get some good images of the area. Looking back at my images over the years, I have some summers with a lot of good pictures of my sons but little else - - and there are summers with the exact opposite ratios. It truly was hard to find that time when I got a good balance between the two choices. Part of my problem was that I never liked the obligatory picture of my two

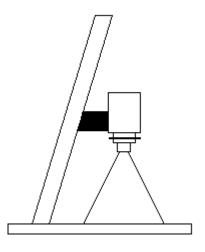
sons standing in front of the

Yellowstone National Park sign or with the Grand Canyon in the background. Now I wish I had put them in more pictures. I could have easily put them on the shore of the lake when they were picking up rocks to throw, when they were ahead of me on a trail, etc. This would have led to some perspective of how large a lake was, where the trail was leading, and I would have had more photos of my kids just being kids - instead of some of the forced smiles that always seemed to come when they stood in front of the waterfalls at Yosemite. Now that I have grandkids I could be doing that type of photography, but old habits are really, really hard to break!

We really did have fun at the picnic - - in spite of what Mother Nature tried to throw at us. But she has given us some wonderful sunsets, sunrises, incredible cloud formations over the years, so we can't be too angry at her.

# **Selling Prints**

Boy, August was a busy month. First was the picnic, followed the next week by the annual Greenbelt Show and Sale at the Duck Races. Even though we didn't have quite as many club members involved this year, we were still well represented. This event shows the community that we have some very good photography being done by photographers in our community. Yes,



there are some very famous names in photography, and maybe it is neat to have one of their reproduced prints hanging above your couch - - but you could get an **original** print with maybe better interpretation by one of our local photographers. Yes, you can get Ancel Adams' print of the Snake River with the Tetons in the background, but that image just doesn't exist anymore since the trees on that river have grown a lot larger. Our images can show our parks, our world as it is in the present tense.

Thanks to all who put in a lot of work preparing for the weekend and spent many long hours on the Greenbelt with their photos. For all who did not participate, start working on your portfolio of prints so that you can participate in next year's show. We've seen your work at the Advancement Program and we know that you have some excellent images. Ask those who have participated. They will help you get your images ready for next year. It takes time to get images into a format that someone will buy your print, so get started - - NOW!

#### **Club Notes**

#### Special thanks to Farr's Jewelry for the use of the digital projector at the last Advancement Program. We learned a lot!

The theme of the Advancement Program for September is: **Photographers Choice.** Please bring three of your best images, slides, digital image files and join us at 1900 Grandview in the Conference Room at 7:30 p.m. on September 20. It is amazing how your – and our – photography improves as we share these images with one another.

You will note that page three of this newsletter is an entry form for the **October Juried Show and Sale.** There are several changes from previous years in that we are going to judge and hang the show about a week earlier than we have in the past. The reason for this is that we have the opportunity to be part of the citywide Art Gallery Show that has been happening for many years. The Arts Council sponsors this event each year and we were invited to be part of this showing. In the past our show was being juried the night of the event. By shifting our time schedule one week earlier, we will be included in this event. There is a \$150 entry fee, but for this the Arts Council will mail out about 100 postcards inviting our friends and whomever we choose to come on the tour. Now, because of our nonprofit status that we all worked so hard to get, we were able to approach the Eastern Idaho Technical College and they will be paying our entry fee. They feel this is a way they can show the community how they have sponsored the arts and photography over many years. In essence, this is a win-win situation in that we get exposure to a group of people in the community that like and purchase "art", and we will show them that we have some extremely capable photographers in this region.

Even if you have never participated in this type of endeavor, please jump in this year. Yes, there is fear and trepidation that the judges may not like your work – but you will be surprised and do much better than you think. Your friends like your work, so show the rest of us!

Thanks, EITC, for your support!

# **Monthly Meeting**

## Date: Sept. 6, 2007

## Time: 7:30 p.m.

# **Location:** 1900 Grandview in the Conference Room

#### **Program:**

One of our long time members from Pocatello, **Roger Boe**, **M.D.**, will share his thoughts and images about: **China, Tibet, and Cambodia – a Cultural and Spiritual Journal.** We are in for a very special night of imagery, so please come.

# Graffiti

EIPS is a group of amateur and professional photographers who have joined together to further the art and craft of photography. Please join us and expand your horizons. Sharing knowledge makes all participants better at their craft. We meet on the first Thursday of each month for our educational lecture. Then the third Thursday is our Advancement Program where we share some of the images we have done. We meet at 7:30 p.m. in the 1900 Grandview Ave conference room. We all become better photographers!

We need to have a head count of the number of people who will be joining us as we have our annual **Dinner with the Judges** at Garcia's Restaurant before the juried show. Give Roger a call.

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