

Great response for Detroit—and there's still room!

We're coming to the Detroit area with a workshop on August 6. John Swearingen in Northville (near Detroit) has volunteered his studio for the class and Christine Baez is helping out by answering emails and housing the trainer!

That's the way it ought to be. Special Kids

Photography belongs to *all* photographers who are interested in the cause. When everyone does something to help out, the work can progress even more!

This summer we have had very encouraging response in the Eastern United States. So far we have one trainer signed on to present the SKPA

trainings in the East. Mary Louise Delano, of Rhode Island, is excited about carrying on the training of photographers in her area.

It looks like we will meet our goal to get 10 trainers signed on during 2007. Be the first to become a trainer in your state and obtain the licensing agreement for half price!



Image augmentation created by Karen Dórame

This image was created by Diana Hamilton, a mother of a special child who tells why she wants to become a professional photographer.

Image enhancement options

How would you respond to a family whose child passed away without beautiful photographs to cherish as a remembrance of that beloved son or daughter? Do they have snapshots?

Take a look at this snapshot of a young girl sent to SKPA by a mother who is very excited about becoming a professional photographer. Tori, her daughter, is alive, but her mother is not fond of professional photos that have been provided over the years. Here's what she says: "As soon as I began reading your site, I had to write to say a big THANK YOU! I am a parent of a 6 year old little girl with multiple disabilities, including cerebral palsy, hydrocephalus, legally blind and deaf.

"I would get so frustrated taking her to get portraits done, as no studio I would take her to would know how to work with her. It seemed I was the one doing everything other than clicking the camera. Yet, I paid them to take the pictures!

They would even shake a can of coins and call her name to get her attention, even after I told them she is deaf. I wanted to ask them what part of [my explanation of her disabilities] they didn't understand."

Diane is now taking photography classes and has already had other parents request her services!

Karen Dórame took a look at the photo below and wanted to enhance the beautiful face and delightful placement of the child's hands. She cropped and used Nik Software (white vignette) to enhance the image.



Diana Hamilton, sent SKPA this snapshot of her daughter, Tori.

SKP-International may become reality

The photographic community is becoming acquainted with SKPA (known as SKIP-A), but how about SKPI (SKIPPY). It's not peanut butter, but the international arm of Special Kids Photography.

SKPA recently met with Elke Keck of Munich, who will be researching and laying the groundwork to present workshops in Europe. This is exciting news, and we'll keep you posted!

07 SKPA Workshops

- Tri-City area of SE Washington State - Jul 23 (Mon)** 1-day accreditation workshop will be held in Richland, WA—\$199 and includes 2 books and \$50 test/photo review fee.
- Detroit, MI - Aug 6 (Mon)** The workshop will be in Northville, close to Detroit. Registration for this 1-day accreditation workshop is \$249 and includes 2 books and \$50 test/photo review fee.
- Phoenix, AZ - Nov 12 (Mon)** Contact us if you would like to sign up for the AZ workshop. Fee of \$199 includes 2 books and \$50 test/photo review.
- Las Vegas, NV area (St. George, UT)** - Select your own date for a pvt workshop. It's a 1.5 hr. drive from Vegas. Zion, Bryce, Moab and Grand Canyon are all very close to St. George. Lunch included in this W/S. Contact 436.627.1628 info@specialkidsphotography.com

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