



Special Kids Photography of America



Photo by Stephen L. DeVaughn

An instructor couldn't ask for a more interested and attentive group of class members than were assembled at the Golden Gate School of Photography's SKPA Accreditation Clinic in San Francisco. Epson America, Inc., and Burrell Professional Labs sponsored the training that was led by Karen Dórame.

"Full house" at San Francisco Clinic

The Golden Gate School of Photography did a great job in marketing the April 2003 Accreditation Clinic. Sponsorship of the evening presentation and the full-day clinic was provided by Epson America, Inc. and Burrell Professional Colors Labs, a national processing and photo printing facility for photographic images submitted by professional photographers. There was a "full house" in attendance and the students couldn't have been more responsive.

Fifteen of the nearly 40 attendees remained for the testing process, one of the steps necessary to achieve SKPA Accreditation status. Those tested scored extremely well on both "special child" and "photographic skills," proving they listened well and really knew about lighting, camera settings and composition.



During a workshop break, Tim Mathiesen, Marketing Manager for Epson America, Inc. corporate headquarters, explains the benefits of an Epson product to a workshop attendee in San Francisco.

SKPA sells notes cards of special kids

Check this out! Now you can send some adorable images to friends and relatives. Special Kids Photography has created very special note cards featuring photographs of some very special children. Of course some extra-special photographers captured those images!

Each set of 10 blank note cards and envelopes contains two each of five different images, some exclusively featuring children with Down syndrome and others showing children being lovingly hugged by their parents or siblings. One of the series of four sets features beautiful black and white photography, highlighted with elegant hand coloring.



Photo by Laura Popiel

Cards may be purchased for \$12 (each pack of 10) on the www.specialkidsphotography.com website. Funding from sale of these cards helps with SKPA projects and program funding.

IRS grants tax exempt status to SKP

It finally happened—the IRS sent the important 501(c)(3) "Declaration Letter," a humble-looking piece of paper that all nonprofit organizations value most dearly. This important document is the proof that lets donors know that their contribution to the charity will be honored as a tax credit by the IRS. The reason it looks "humble" is because it has been typed with a well-worn 1940's typewriter.

Starting in January 2003, the entire "exemption" process took six months to complete. However, in order to be fair to the painfully slowly turning gears of government, the first few weeks of the year were devoted to creation of the nonprofit California Public Benefit Corporation. The IRS application cannot be filed until an organization is incorporated under the jurisdiction of one of the states in the U.S.

Now we have that critical piece of paper that provides only provisional tax exempt status for a period of four years, after which the Department of the Treasury will determine if we meet the requirements to retain the 501(c)(3) title. We are now able to move forward with grant applications and solicitation of and solicitation of donations.

Jennifer Dale, our Development Manager, has been anxious to get started with the grant application process.

>>EVENTS<<

Special Kids Photography Training
October 13 - Full-Day Accreditation Clinic
Glendale, Arizona

Contact: Special Kids Photography of America. Call 623 572-0046
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February - Accreditation Program & Testing
Orlando, Florida

San Francisco, CA
Watch for further details
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