

SKPA makes strides with professionals

Just as ADA advocates for Americans with disabilities to provide access on sidewalks and into buildings, SKPA is working to make certain that children with disabilities are adequately represented within the major photographic associations who serve professional photographers.

In keeping with SKPA goals, encouraging progress was recently made at WPPI (Wedding and Portrait Photographers International) in Las Vegas through proposals to have a significant presence at the 2005 convention. Unofficial numbers counted more than 6,000 photographers at this year's major professional connection. This is the market we want to reach!

Look for us at the "other" spectacular event for the professionals of the photographic world at the July PPA Imaging Convention in Las Vegas. PPA has donated exhibit space to us on the first row of their trade show! Find us in Exhibit #450.



PROFESSIONAL
PHOTOGRAPHERS
OF AMERICA



Of course this photo was staged! Barbara Lynch-Johnt, Assistant Editor for Amherst Media, checks out one of the last three copies of "Photographing Children with Special Needs." By the end of the Feb. WPPI Conference, the photography book company had completely sold out of our very "special" title.



photo by Laura Popiel

Jacob Homan's face is bathed in soft light in the shade of the Artistic Images (San Antonio) side yard. He displays a pleasant expression as Laura Popiel follows his movement in an impromptu photo session during a break in the January 2004 SKPA accreditation training.

Accreditation training sold out in San Antonio

Enrollment for the January San Antonio clinic at Artistic Images studio was sold out, with hopefuls encouraged to attend the June workshop in Austin.

Elizabeth and Trey Homan hosted the successful event at their beautiful studio that sits on two acres of densely wooded property, complete with its own pond.

The Homans have particular interest in photography for special children because of their son, Jacob, who has a condition known as chromosome 22q13 deletion, a disorder that includes severe mental retardation accompanied by inability to speak.

Both Jacob and his younger brother are able to enjoy the close-by presence of not only mom and dad, but also grandma and grandpa who also help manage the studio. A nanny cares for the two boys in a wonderfully appointed nursery on the second floor.



Jacob provides minimal response for workshop observers (including mom, Elizabeth Homan) and Laura Popiel as she clicks away next to a small structure within the studio's magnificent landscape.

>>EVENTS<<

2004

June-Austin, TX Accreditation Clinic

Date TBA (Depending on enrollment)
Contact: Jennifer Turner, JENIT@aol.com

July 9-11 - Aicardi Syndrome Convention

Louisville, KY
Laura Popiel will be the official event photographer

July 25-27 PPA Convention, Las Vegas

www.ppa.com, Meet us at Space #450!

August-So. California Accreditation Clinic

Date TBA (Depending on enrollment)
Contact: Info@specialkidsphotography.com

October-Phoenix Area Accreditation Clinic

Date TBA (10/18 pending enrollment)
Contact: Info@specialkidsphotography.com

**Some clinics have limited enrollment-
Sign up early!**

Special Kids Photography of America is a nonprofit organization dedicated to "increasing the face value" of children with special needs.

Call 623 572-0046 (Arizona)

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PHOTO TIP

Many children with Down syndrome may have facial features that are best photographed from a higher angle rather than straight on. Elevate your camera, use soft light, and also shoot from a slight angle to the side.

— Tip from Sally Harding

Send your "condensed" tip for working with special children to us and we'll give you credit when we print it! (Use email at left.)