

## SKPA draws nearly 200 signups at ImagingUSA

Volunteers at the Special Kids Photography booth in the January '07 ImagingUSA trade show were busy, busy, busy. The booth, donated to SKPA by Professional Photographers of America, attracted interested photographers who were attending the convention from all parts of the US. In spite of San Antonio's abnormally blistering weather, IUSA recorded over 7,500 attendees.

Much interest for SKPA may have been created from presenters who spoke kindly of their sessions with special children. A few who eagerly addressed the subject included Dennis Craft, Susan Michel and Lori Nordstrom.

Thanks too, for all who helped in the booth: Laura Popiel, Dan Turner, Jennifer Turner, Shannon Bryant and Ken Smith.

Nearly 200 photographers signed up for the SKPA newsletter and are very interested in becoming SKPA-Accredited.

Passion for children with special needs is a must for this type of work, but photographers nowadays are also interested in entering this relatively untapped market for the purpose opening a new source of revenue.

### Please thank PPA

Exhibit space for the IUSA tradeshow was sold out. PPA management generously donated space to SKPA, a nonprofit organization. Please show your appreciation for their support of our unique services and charitable cause. Interest in our work is truly growing.

Contact numbers and email addresses for PPA management and staff are in the front portion of your *Professional Photographer* magazine. Here are a few contacts:

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Laura Popiel, a SKPA board member and professional photographer from Houston, TX, captured this image of her son, Nicholas. Laura truly understands the importance of capturing images with heart and spirit.

## Elizabeth and Trey Homan host a second SKPA training

Prior to IUSA this year, Elizabeth and Trey Homan hosted a workshop in their beautiful San Antonio studio, *Artistic Images*.

The Homans generously provided lunch for all the attendees and gave tours of their magnificently well-designed and perfectly-appointed studio.

Attendees came from distant parts of the country to attend the class, i.e. New Hampshire, Florida, California, Pennsylvania and Colorado.

As visitors to our booth at IUSA inquired about the next Texas workshop, they were sorely disappointed to learn they had just missed the class, held only a day before IUSA opened doors to the photographing masses.

### Ways to help support SKPA

We were given a very useful tip by Ken Smith, Golden Thymes Studio in Wilton, New Hampshire. He suggested you photographers out there—who believe in our cause—contact the people who sell products or services to you (labs, framers, album companies, etc.) and ask if they will help support SKPA through some kind of sales promotion or financial donation.

After all, SKPA is an industry-linked nonprofit, charitable organization. It would be a wonderful gesture if businesses who serve the photographic community will take pride in supporting such a worthwhile cause as Special Kids Photography of America! SKPA needs help to grow.

### **'07 SKPA Workshops**

- Tustin, (So. CA) - Feb 12 (Mon) After Pasa. conv.  
Contact info@specialkidsphotography.com
- Sacramento, CA - Feb 26 (Mon)  
Contact info@specialkidsphotography.com
- Vegas area (St. George, UT) - Mar 19 (Mon)  
Vacation in So. Utah (gateway to many national parks) and start on the road to SKPA accreditation!  
Contact info@specialkidsphotography.com
- Atlanta, GA - April 2 (Mon)  
Check the SKPA website (below) for additional info or contact info@tripodphotography.com
- Las Vegas, NV area (St. George, UT) - end of Mar.  
Select your own date for this special w/s before or after WPPI (3/25-29). It's a 1.5 hr. drive from Vegas. Zion, Bryce, Moab and Grand Canyon are all very close to St. G. Lunch included in this W/S. Contact info@specialkidsphotography.com
- Houston, TX - Apr-May-Jun-Jul Contact us-your TX choice: info@specialkidsphotography.com
- Austin, TX - Apr-May-Jun-Jul Contact us-your choice: info@specialkidsphotography.com
- Phoenix, AZ - Oct or Nov If you are interested, let us know a pref. dated so we can schedule W/S info@specialkidsphotography.com
- Eastern US -We have had many requests to come to NY, NJ or some area in the East, Any ideas to make this possible? We would love to hear from you: info@specialkidsphotography.com
- See SKPA website for details or call 435.627.1628  
www.specialkidsphotography.com

### **Special Kids Photography of America**

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