



Acclaimed Photography

Kerri Kirshner, photographer in Bothell, WA, created this inspirational image for Jamie Coonts on the first anniversary of her son's death. She used techniques taught by Arthur Rainville and Jennifer Hudson.

Early girls will get special training price in their area

Many of you have expressed an interest to teach the SKPA accreditation workshops in your part of the country. You must first become accredited with SKPA.

The exciting announcement is that the first person in the state to apply and agree to the licensing agreement will be able to purchase it at half price (\$249).



Image by Kerri Kirshner

Seattle photographer helps mom remember her son

Seattle area photographer, Kerri Kirshner (Acclaimed Photo), wanted to do something very special for the mother of a child who passed away nearly one year before.

The concept for the original image (on the right) began as a remembrance piece for the mother, Jamie. Kerri had photographed them enjoying a special moment together approximately one year earlier (shown here). The image was later used in a poster.

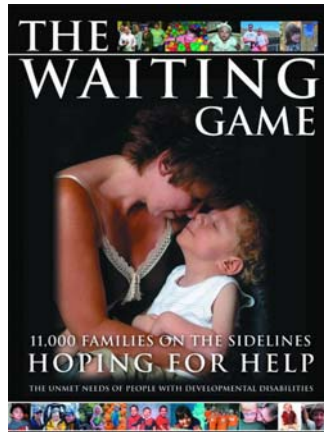
Kerri says, "I wanted this image to be particularly special and meaningful for the mom, as well as for the rest of the family." She photographed the mother in "Jameson's Garden," a plot at the side of their home that was created as a pastoral memorial for remembering the boy.

The angel statue was placed in the garden because Jameson was "such an angel."

Other items in the portrait also have meaning. The book held by the mother is a scrapbook containing pictures of Jameson. She is wearing a bracelet encasing his photo and she is holding an infinity necklace containing his ashes.

The collage-type image shown here was created with layers of actual cloth tapestries. The border is a tapestry that Kerri received while taking a class from Arthur Rainville and Jennifer Hudson at Image Explorations (Victoria, BC) in July. Kerri says, "The dynamic creativity generated in the class inspired me to create this image."

Here's the message to other photographers: Always remember the entire family and the special gift you can provide from them—even after the child has passed away.



The image of mother and son was created by Kerri Kirshner and used on this poster that promotes services for families of children with special needs.

07 SKPA Workshops

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 - Select your own date. Lunch included in this W/S. Contact 435.627.1628
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08 SKPA Workshops

Tampa, FL - Jan 5 (Sat) WOW! We are starting off with a bang. This 1-day (9 a.m. - 4 p.m.) workshop will be held at the studio of Kevin (and Kaye) Newsome, noted photographer, lecturer and author. Seating is limited. Come a day early to PPA and attend the workshop! Enroll on-line (website below).

San Diego, CA - Jan 19 (Sat) 90 minute program presented to School Photographers Association of California.

Other workshops in 2008 are planned for Dallas, Houston area, Chicago and also taught in various locations by the new SKPA W/S licensees!

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