

Focus

Lafayette Photographic Society

This month the *Journal's* occasional feature entitled *Focus*, which showcases a member or member club, turns to a club that joined the Photographic Society of America (PSA) in 1971, the **Lafayette Photographic Society (LPS)** of Louisiana, who has played an important sponsorship role in this year's *PSA Youth Showcase*.

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What makes LPS unique is the simplicity of its activity with the Showcase. PSA member **Claudia Morgan**, from New Iberia, Louisiana, tells us that, "Each April, New Iberia Senior High photography teacher Kevin Leigh (a longtime LPS member) gives us photos that his students have made. From these, PSA and LPS member **Aline C. Porter** and I select entries for the contest. That is our selection process in a nutshell." **Any PSA member club, chapter or council could follow this easy model and submit images to the PSA Youth Showcase.**

Charles T. Boudreaux
PSA Representative

LPS, which was founded to share a common avocation, boasts some thirty or so active members who have become, for the most part, digital manipulators, and who remain, to a lesser degree, traditional print and slide makers. The Society offers its members the following: bi-monthly meetings; educational programs and guest

speakers typically at the 2nd Monday's meeting; inter-club projected image and print competitions at the 4th Monday's meeting; intra-club Gulf States Camera Club Council (GSCCC) projected image and print competitions; group photographic excursions; photographic sessions (complete with models and displays) and participation in GSCCC and PSA Conferences. The club meets year round and there is a \$36 fee annual fee, which



Joe Pons, Debbie Burkheiser (General Chairman), and Claudia Morgan discuss preliminary plans for the 2012 Gulf States Camera Club Council Conference that the club will be hosting in the Lafayette area. Photo © Everett Thompson



Members of the Lafayette Photographic Society gather before the April 2010 banquet at the Gulf States Camera Club Council Conference in Corpus Christi, Texas: (seated left to right) Jo Ann Gary, Bea Frederick, and Claudia Morgan; (standing left to right) Kirk Roth, Everett Thompson, Buddy Delahoussaye, Bob Morgan, and Tommy Broussard. © Adam Jones



Award winners at the January 2010 year-end banquet included Joe Pons (top printmaker for 2009), Aline Porter (maker of the winning image for 2009), and Debbie Burkheiser (top photographer of the year). © Tommy Broussard



Aline Porter, a PSA member since 1964, and Kevin Leigh, New Iberia Senior High photography teacher, share the Christmas spirit at the annual party. © Claudia Morgan



Hostess Laura Denny extends warm, gracious hospitality. © Claudia Morgan



Lafayette Photographic Society members celebrate another successful year at their annual banquet in January 2010. © Tommy Broussard



Club members and spouses who attended the Christmas party December 2009. © Claudia Morgan

entitles a person to one competitive membership and association privileges for his/her spouse. (Information taken from the club's Web site.)

Never an organization to escape challenge, the club sponsored the Greater Lafayette International Salon from 2004 through 2007. The exposure to superb quality images from around the world broadened the vision of the club as a whole and, in turn, raised the image quality of its members' work. Now ready for another demanding event, the club will host the 2012 GSCCC Conference in the Lafayette area. Conference participants will enjoy the photo opportunities that LPS realizes all

year long: the Lake Martin rookery; the Delcambre shrimp fleet; Avery Island; Rip Van Winkle Gardens; and even crawfish, rice, and sugar cane farming.

Locally, the club embraces other events that contribute to the culture and sustenance of the community. Each fall members display exemplary work in the Lafayette Art Walk. Committed to service as well, the club assisted area foster children in their 2009 search for adoptive homes by creating photos that captured personality and interest.

For more information about the Lafayette Photographic Society, please visit its web site at www.lafayettephotographicsociety.org



Host and hostess of the annual Christmas party for many years, Jack and Laura Denny welcome LPS members into their lovely home. © Claudia Morgan