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If You Haven't Been to the Homepage..

..in a while, you might want to stop by and check out the new look. In order to draw more people into the website from the front page, I have added more photographs and done some rearranging of links and text. Though not yet active, I have also added a link to a new area of the site. This link will go to the Business Solutions page, offering small businesses help with logo and website design, and business identity facilitation.



"Frisko Freeze"

In addition to the homepage, the Art page has also been given a revamp with the same idea in mind: more photographs. I have also added a description to each gallery and created more space for external website shops.

Oooh Zazzle!

If you thought coffee cups and clocks were cool, check out my Zazzle.com shop to find my photographs on skateboard decks, neckties, shoes, and postage stamps. I had lots of fun designing these products and I hope you will enjoy them too. Zazzle is an on-demand print shop similar to CafePress, but there is more of a community atmosphere at Zazzle. You can leave your personal comments on products and shops.

Please visit my shop at http://www.zazzle.com/ardentphotography*

Snippets

- Don't forget about [CafePress](#) for Ardent photographs on Mugs, Bumper Stickers, and more.
- Professional Business Women Conference is February 28, 2009. Visit www.moneywisewomen.net for more information.
- Check out www.etsy.com for wonderful hand made and antique items. To see all the new items from Ardent Photography please check out my [store](#).

*"Art washes
away from
the soul the
dust of
everyday life."*

~Pablo Picasso

celebrating the celestial

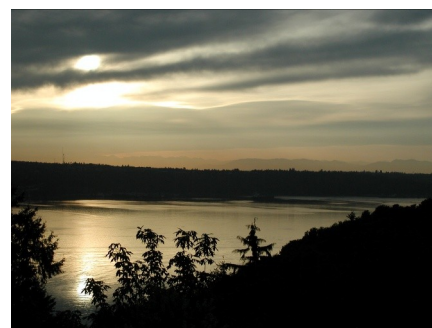


"Moon through Trees"

In these dark days, don't forget to rejoice in the sun and the moon and the stars that are often visible behind or between the grey clouds that cover our winter skies. Low light, night shots will come out better if you use a tripod and a longer exposure, especially if you are shooting the stars. With the sun, make sure you do not point your camera directly at the sun, the camera is really just a whole bunch of mirrors, damage may occur. Looking for something a little different, adjust your aperture to the highest setting (smallest size) and use a relatively short shutter.



"Black Sun"



"Sunset and Sound"



James Carrier

These are some of my favorite pancakes

Cinnamon-Hazelnut Pancakes

from **Sunset**

Chefs at the Coastal Kitchen in Seattle, Washington, serve these chunky pancakes simply, with butter and maple syrup.

1 1/4 cups hazelnuts (about 6 oz.)
 1 3/4 cups all-purpose flour
 3/4 cup whole-wheat flour
 2 tablespoons sugar
 2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
 1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
 1/2 teaspoon salt
 2 large eggs
 3 cups buttermilk
 3 tablespoons butter or margarine, melted
 Salad oil

1. Toast hazelnuts in a 10- by 15-inch pan in a 350° oven until golden beneath skins, 7 to 10 minutes. Pour onto a clean towel. When nuts are cool enough to handle, rub in towel to remove loose skins. Finely chop with a knife; you should have 1 1/4 cups. Reserve 1/4 cup to sprinkle over cooked pancakes.
2. In a bowl, mix all-purpose flour, whole-wheat flour, sugar, cinnamon, baking powder, baking soda, and salt. In a small bowl, whisk eggs, buttermilk, and butter until blended. Stir egg mixture into flour mixture until evenly moistened, then gently stir in remaining 1 cup hazelnuts.
3. Place a nonstick griddle or frying pan over medium heat (350°). When hot, coat lightly with oil and adjust heat to maintain temperature. Spoon batter in 1/3-cup portions onto griddle and cook until pancakes are browned on the bottom and edges begin to look dry, about 2 minutes; turn with a wide spatula and brown other sides, 1 1/2 to 2 minutes longer. Coat pan with more oil as necessary to cook remaining pancakes.

FEBRUARY 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Groundhog Day	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12 Lincoln's Birthday	13	14 Valentine's Day
15	16 President's Day	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28

The Art of February

- ◆ Celebrate the ones you love this Valentine's Day with heartfelt photography from Ardent. Whether it is a card, print or portrait session, I am here for all of your photographic needs.
- ◆ Don't pack away those sweaters just yet, six more weeks of winter are on the way. So get out your cameras and capture the beauty of the cold before the spring rains descend upon us.

Portrait Price Break

During the month of February, receive a free 8x10 when you schedule a portrait session.



Promotional Code:
APFeb2009

Portrait Appointment Request

Name _____

Date _____

Location _____

Qty. (by 1/2 hour) _____

Phone _____

Notes _____

Please Mail Request Form to
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University Place, WA 98467

Call 253-566-6175

Or 253-376-6141

E-mail requests to
sarah@ardentphotography.com

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Ardent Photography Facts

Ardent Photography is based out of University Place, WA and serves greater Western Washington including Tacoma, Federal Way, Puyallup and Seattle.

I am an on-site photographer, which means I come to you and let the backdrop of your photograph be the important elements in your life. I have found that people let their true personalities shine through when they are in a comfortable setting. This is the idea behind Ardent Photography. I specialize in natural lighting and finding that right moment where "you" shines through. Portrait sessions start at \$60 for a half hour session. Please visit the [portraiture](#) page for more information and print prices. You can contact me via E-mail at Sarah@ardentphotography.com or by phone at (253) 566-6175 to make an appointment for portraits.

Beyond portraiture, I enjoy creating [unique photographic art pieces](#) and am available for [commissioned art assignments](#). When people think of commissioned photography they think of magazines or portraits, but there is another aspect, personal project photography. This is the area of photography that takes the objects in your life, the guitar you've had since high school, the heirloom brooch from Grandma Lorraine, and turns them into personal artistic photographs that can be gladly showcased in any room. I love being presented with a challenge and hope you will give me the opportunity to make the art on your walls unique and personal.

A New Addition

My camera is always pointing at something, and often times it is my family that takes the brunt of the abuse. I have to thank them for their patience and tolerance of having a photographer in the family. Through them I have grown as a portrait photographer, learning patience and speed. They have taught me the lesson that sometimes you only get one shot to capture the moment because a child's attention is so easily distracted.

This September, the McTernen clan will grow a little larger as we welcome home our fourth child. My workload this fall will most likely be truncated due to the new addition.

Thank you,
Sarah McTernen



"The McTernen Kids"