

A Unique Vision of Everyday

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The Eyes of a Child

I recently finished up with my last portrait client for this year. I spent an hour running around after five kids ages one to twelve through a beautiful forestry backyard.

Though at some point we did corral them into sitting all in one area so that one picture would have all the children in it, I find that the camera has less of a negative effect on children if I follow them around while they play than if I try to force them into a pose. Yes, this is more work for me, but the images that are captured contain such an immense amount of personality and character that it is worth the exercise.



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Maternity Leave

As of September 5th, 2009 I am officially on maternity leave. I will not be scheduling any portrait appointments until after the new year. This may also be the last newsletter until January, but I am hoping to get a holiday edition out in November. I will continue to update my [blog](#) as well as the [Etsy](#) and [Zazzle](#) stores. Art orders are still welcome, though processing times may be extended to a week during the latter part of September and the early part of October due to the new arrival. If you have any questions please E-mail me at sarah@ardentphotography.com.

Snippets

- Ready for some hot cocoa? Find spiffy Mugs and more on [Zazzle.com](#)
- Like one of the photographs you see? Don't forget you can order online anytime through [e-mail](#) or my [Etsy.com](#) shop.
- I write books too! [One Cream, Two Sugars](#)—Poetry combined with photography and [Painting Life](#)—an artistic children's book are available through [Blurb.com](#).

“I place in all their breasts [a] window...and through the open pane I look into the bottom of each heart with a curious eye.”

~Victor Fournel

Capturing Summer



“Foxglove”

As we slowly step into September and the sun begins to disappear behind rain heavy clouds, it is time to grab a hot cup of cocoa and look through all those pictures of summer that have stacked up on your computer. When the weather is nice we often forget to relish the photographs that we take, and enjoy the simplicity of a blooming flower or a happy dog.

Did summer pass you by without a wave hello? Well, take a meander through the [Zazzle shop](#) to find summer filled photographs that will lighten up your dreary winter days.



“Athena”



Light up their night with these healthy yet satisfying sandwiches that are fun to eat.

Vegetarian Sloppy Joes

- 1 1/2 Cups Red Onion, Chopped
- 1 Cup Celery, Chopped
- 1 Cup Carrot, Chopped
- 1 Cup Crimini Mushrooms, Chopped
- 1 Tsp Sea Salt, divided
- 1 Tablespoon Dried Oregano
- Fresh Ground Black Pepper
- 1 Block Extra Firm Tofu, Crumbled (or Substitute 1 pound Ground Beef)
- 2 Teaspoons Garlic, minced
- 2 Teaspoons Garlic Granules
- 26 ounces Spaghetti Sauce (I used Hunts)

In a sauté pan, sweat vegetables in a little olive oil with salt until almost translucent then add crumbled Tofu and spices. Cook for about 10 minutes or until most of the moisture has evaporated and the tofu begins to brown. Add Spaghetti Sauce (canned or from your own recipe) and cook on medium high heat (or slightly lower if it is spitting all over your kitchen) until the sauce thickens. Serve on Onion Buns or your favorite hearty bread with a good strong cheese.

SEPTEMBER 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 Labor Day!	8	9	10 The Art of Jazz	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25 Autumn	26 Leaf
27 Festival	28	29	30			

The Art of September

- ◆ The Art of Jazz—Beth Winter Quintet at the Seattle Art Museum September 10th, 5:30pm
- ◆ The Puyallup Fair—September 11-27th in Puyallup, WA, go and enjoy the music, the art, the food and the rides.
- ◆ Autumn Leaf Festival, Leavenworth, WA September 25-27th. Capture the changing of seasons.
- ◆ October brings changing leaves, winter clouds, Oktoberfest and Halloween!

Art Price Break

Order Any Framed Print before December 1st, 2009 and receive 25% off!



Use Coupon Code:
APFall2009

Portrait Appointment Request

Name _____
 Date _____
 Location _____
 Qty. (by 1/2 hour) _____
 Phone _____
 Notes _____

Please Mail Request Form to
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 c/o Ardent Photography
 6620 48th Street Ct W
 University Place, WA 98467

Call 253-566-6175
 Or 253-376-6141

E-mail requests to
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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 photographs 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 \$75 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 Request...

Do you have a fondness for the four legged barking animals that many people share their domicile with? Do you want to pamper them with unique collars and comforting cleansing products? Why not check out [Pacific Rain](#)™?

Pacific Rain™ is a native northwest company that makes quality dog collars and leashes as well as canine soaps, fragrances and a product called Bill's Boo Boo Balm™ for minor cuts and scrapes. As the holiday season approaches, doesn't your pet deserve to be pampered? Check out their website <http://www.pacific-rain.com> for more information.

Thank you,
Sarah McTernan

Pacific Rain

Unique Handmade Pet Products & Gifts

