

A Unique Vision of Everyday

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A New Life Begins

Infant photography has reached a new level of popularity in recent years with the help of Anne Geddes and other baby prop photographers. Before, the very young were stuck with poorly lit snap shots or those overhead hospital photos, but now they can be captured inside a tulip or curled up in a bear suit. To be honest, what I find beautiful about babies is their own innate innocence and newness. They have a constant curiosity and no ability to hide. Capturing an infant is more about waiting for their smile or curious grasp than folding them into the perfect sleeping shape or enshrouding them in cutesy costumes.



Announce Your Baby in Style!

This year I am looking forward to offering new design services along with my photography. One of these services is baby announcements from your photo session. If scheduling a photography session seems undoable in that first month home, remember that even by etiquette rules you have six months to make it happen.

Community Art Exhibit

Last year I invited you all into my home to view my art. The home show was a success. This year I am going to attempt something a little bigger in a more public place. I am looking at the feasibility of holding an Art Exhibit at the Fircrest Community Center in May. I would like to invite some other local artisans to show their work along with me. University Place and Fircrest are lacking in venues to show local work. I am hoping this event will show the community that there are artists in their midst. Look for more information in next month's newsletter

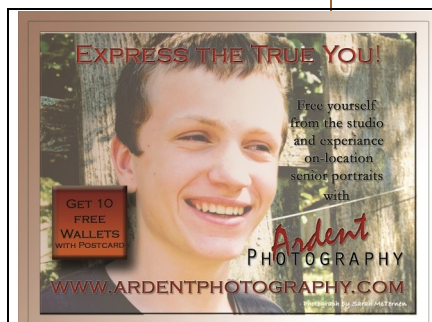
Snippets

- Are you missing a calendar for 2010? Find what you are looking for 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.

“Often while traveling with a camera we arrive just as the sun slips over the horizon of a moment, too late to expose film, only time enough to expose our hearts.”

~Minor White

Capturing the End and the Beginning



This is the time for Juniors to start thinking about their Senior Year of High School.

Springtime is right around the corner, and with that comes graduation for this year's senior high school students. The senior year is a time of great change for many students and the portrait captured at the beginning of the year is not the same person who is getting ready to leave the nest and delve into adulthood. Graduation is a great time to capture this change and is a great time for portraits.

As for this year's junior high school students, it is never too early to start thinking about who you want to capture your senior pictures and remember that in order for your personalized photograph to be in a school yearbook it needs to be in by the end of October at the latest for most schools. Consider Ardent Photography for all of your portraiture needs. I come to you and let your personality shine through.



Capture your photograph in your favorite coffee house.



Delicious with a good cup of coffee or a hot cup of tea.

Coffee-Nut Scones

2/3 cup milk
 2 1/2 tablespoons instant Espresso
 1 tablespoon ground coffee (optional)
 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
 1 large egg, lightly beaten
 2 1/4 cups whole wheat flour
 1/3 cup brown sugar
 2 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
 3/4 teaspoon salt
 1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
 1/4 cup chilled butter, cut into small pieces
 1/4 cup finely chopped walnuts

Combine 2/3 cup milk, espresso and the coffee granules in a microwave-safe bowl. Microwave at high 1 minute; stir until coffee dissolves. Cover and chill completely. Stir in vanilla and egg.

Preheat oven to 425°.

Combine flour and the next 4 ingredients (flour through cinnamon) in a bowl; cut in butter with a pastry blender until the mixture resembles coarse meal. Stir in walnuts. Add milk mixture, stirring just until moist (dough will be sticky).

Turn the dough out onto a lightly floured surface; knead lightly 4 times with floured hands. Pat dough into an 8-inch circle on a baking sheet coated with cooking spray. Cut dough into 10 wedges; do not separate. Brush the dough with 2 teaspoons milk; sprinkle with 2 teaspoons sugar. Bake at 425° for 20 minutes or until browned. Serve warm.

Yield: 10 servings (serving size: 1 wedge)

FEBRUARY 2010

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The Art of February

- ◆ February 2nd—Ground Hogs Day—will we have 6 more weeks of winter?
- ◆ Dr. Miracle and My Fair Galatea at the Theater on the Square—two one act operas on Saturday the 6th and Sunday the 7th. Visit <http://www.tacomaopera.com> for info.
- ◆ Show your valentine you care with the passionate art of Ardent Photography! Book a session for romantic couple photos or buy the perfect piece of art <http://www.ardentphotography.com>

Portrait Price Break

Schedule a romantic photo session for two by February 28th and receive a free 8x10 print!

Use Coupon Code:
APRomantic2010



Portrait Appointment Request

Name _____

Date _____

Location _____

Qty. (by 1/2 hour) _____

Phone _____

Notes _____

Please Mail Request Form to
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Call 253-566-6175

Or 253-376-6141

E-mail requests to
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Photograph of the Month



Making the everyday unique.

A Request...

Support local artisans and small businesses. Check out Etsy.com if you haven't taken a gander over there yet and the [3/50 Project](http://the350project.net) (the350project.net) which supports local brick and mortar shops.

Not that I have anything against big business, but the American consumer needs to stand up for quality and support the hard working individuals who add a bit of variety to the world. If they don't, Demolition Man here we come, a world where Taco Bell is the only restaurant. So put down the Cookie Lee catalog and step away from the Hallmark counter, at least for a second (like I said, I have nothing against big business) to see if there is something a little more unique, that is exactly what you are looking for.



Thank you,

Sarah McTernan