

"The ladder of success must be set upon something solid before you can start to climb."

Hello to those of you who are reading the First edition of *Living News*! We are very excited to be launching our twice yearly newsletter.

Living News is intended to be a resource to many people... from brides-to-be, to amateur photographers, to everyday web surfers looking for some cool photography sites to visit.

The first edition also corresponds with the launch of our newly redesigned website. We have updated our portfolios with images from several weddings we have photographed in 2006 as well as some of our personal photography that we had the opportunity to shoot over the past year.

With our business on solid ground, we are exploring the next Phase of Living Photography. We are continuing with our photographer mentoring program, where we donate time and equipment to high-school age kids who want to learn more about photography.

We are also considering partnerships with other wedding vendors, as well as assembling a portfolio

in order to apply for membership with the [Professional Photographers of America](#). The application is quite grueling, so we will be providing updates in future editions of *Living News*.

Who knows what else the future of Living Photography will bring... be sure to check back for future editions to stay up to date! Until then, we hope you enjoy *Living News*! Please contact us if you have an idea that we should feature, or a photography site or subject that you would like to share. Sincerely, Lisa and Hans



Living Photography Featured Images:



Questions to ask your photographer

To help ensure that your event is as stress-free as possible, these are must ask questions for your photographer.

1. Is the person you are meeting with the actual photographer for your event? If the answer is 'no', be sure to meet with YOUR photographer.
2. Do you charge extra for negatives or image rights?
3. Are the rights to the images released to us? If so, when?
4. How many events have you photographed? What percentage of your business is weddings?
5. Do you have liability insurance? Do you have back-up equipment?
6. Do you visit the ceremony and reception sites prior to the event?
7. What is your photography style? Are you comfortable shooting many styles?
8. If you are unable to photograph my event, who will provide backup?
9. What is your policy for refunds, cancellations, and deposits?
10. Can you provide references?

Featured Website

Everyone has seen National Geographic on TV and probably browsed a National Geographic magazine in the doctor's waiting room once or twice, but have you ever visited them online? National Geographic has a fantastic photography section of their website that provides a Photo of the Day, Printable Posters, Photography Tips, and even Photography Workshops and Expeditions! You can also browse the bios of some of the best photographers on the planet. Check it out:

[National Geographic Photography Site](#)

