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BetterPhoto.com™ Member Spotlight: Donna Rae Moratelli

New Jersey-based Donna Rae Moratelli has been a BetterPhoto™ member since 2000, but she's been interested in photography since 1974. In fact, she says she was born an artist.

"I remember looking through magazines as a very young child wishing that I could do that as I colored and traced the pictures in magazines like *National Geographic*," she recalled. She went on to become active in the camera club and year book in high school, even developing and printing her own images in an attic overlooking the boardwalk and sea in Ocean City, NJ.

Though she later attended ACC for fine arts and painting, her love for photography persisted. In 1985, she switched from painting to photography, purchasing her first SLR.

Almost 10 years later, she is a stock photographer who also does assignment and directed assignment with layout work with her digital, and sometimes, her Elan 7e.

"I love shooting clean, graphic, simple, colorful subjects, and people," she said. She shares her work in both her BetterPhoto Premium Gallery and Deluxe Web Site. "The interaction with other photographers on the Premium Gallery has been very helpful and entertaining for me," she said. Both the Premium Gallery and Deluxe Web Site have brought people who have been interested in stock and assignment work. "I couldn't imagine a day without them."

Donna Rae has also taken a number of BetterPhoto courses. "The critiques have taught me what is good and what isn't," she said, "and the classes have helped me develop my skills."

Donna Rae's Photography Goals

"To continue on, sell and become well known. To continue visualizing and capturing new concepts with my own personalized style."

How has BetterPhoto helped you reach your photography goals?

"By all of the encouragement that everyone has given me there."

What is your favorite part of BetterPhoto?

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Looking to the Future

"I want to step out of my comfort zone and try new techniques, improve my skills and learn how to use and apply Photoshop to my images."

A perennial finalist and winner in the monthly BetterPhoto contest, she has 93 finalist, 22 second place, two first place, and a grand prize photo to her name. You can view Donna Rae's amazing work at www.donnaraephoto.com.



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