

Reflections  
BY Patty

# NEWSLETTER

Spring/Summer 2025 / Vol 2

## Butterfly Mini's are Here

Butterfly/fairy mini sessions on Sale just in time for summer. These are perfect for capturing the magical smiles of kids (and adults ;) at play.

Full details can be found on my website.

I am excited to welcome the sun back to our lives and will admit that I worked hard despite the overwhelming desire to burrow into my bed and hibernate like a bear this past winter.

This spring/summer is bringing more firsts for me. It will be the first summer that both girls are not at home. This new phase of parenthood has been a transition. I look at myself not as an empty nester but as a bird launcher.

I am overjoyed to watch from the sidelines as they soar into their lives. BUT adjusting to a world where they are flourishing on their own & the freedom it gives me has been shockingly emotionally contradictory.

The quotation "remember who you were before you were everything to someone else" has rung very true. With that in mind I am excited to see what it brings & embrace the changes with fun, laughter and excitement.

Summer is a fabulous time for photos. It is a relaxed, casual season and that vibe is always reflected in photos. It is also the season for milestones, particularly graduations.

I have exciting new things brewing here at Reflections by Patty. Follow along to find out!

### Butterfly/Fairy Mini Session Special

15 minute session time

All images in Digital format

\$80

wings available for additional fee

July 4, 5 and 6<sup>th</sup> 2025

[Click here for full Details](#)

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# Graduation Photo Tips

It is Graduation/Prom season. This is the time for the quick photo before they run off to have fun with their friends. You may only have a few minutes so I have a some hints to help you get the best pic. (that being said I do have grad pic packages available ;)

- Find a well lit location (outdoors makes a nice background)
  - Avoid the full on sun squinty photos. A shady location outdoors under a tree or on a front porch is perfect.
  - Get a SOLO Picture as well as one with their date. ....I can't tell you the number of boyfriend/girlfriends who have been photoshopped out of pics because the relationship did not last & a solo photo was not taken. Take the solo photo.
  - Get in the pic with them.
  - Enjoy this milestone moment!
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**PATTY**  
*Presents*

*Upcoming Events*

***The reception to Patty Presents - Learn Photography has been fabulous!***  
*I love the classes & the students' passion. Stay tuned as my education portfolio will grow with advanced photography, photography for business and wedding photography options.*

## Upcoming Classes

Cell Phone Photography Basics  
May 28

Photography 101  
Fall 2025

## Summer Click and Play Events

I have created these summer events as a place for you to enjoy the outdoors and play with your camera.

They could be a date night, girls night out, me time night, I am interested in photography night.....so many fun "night" options. Please join in!

The small event fee includes photography mentorship with me, picture challenges and field ticket entry. Spaces are limited. Reserve your space today!



- Saturday May 24, 2025
- 9:30 am (approx 1- 1.5 hrs)
- Free for Common Ground Members
- \$30 for Non Members
- Location: Monora Park



- Wednesday July 23, 2025
- 6-8:00 pm
- \$40/person OR \$30 for Patty's Photo Class Grads.
- Location: Hereward Farms



- Wednesday Aug 6, 2025
- 6-8:00 pm
- \$40/person OR \$30 for Patty's Photo Class Grads.
- Location: Valhaven Farm

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## Tips for spectacular summer sunset photos

*When brilliant summer sunsets happen grab your CELL Phone and try these tips:*

- Enable HDR mode (helps to capture the vibrant colours and details of the sky)
- Panorama mode: captures a broader view
- Change your exposure settings. if the pictures are too dark increase your exposure to create the picture that you are looking for.

### *Busy Lives Recipe (super yummy)*

#### **Black Bean Mango & Avocado Salad**

1 (15oz) can of black beans, drained & rinsed

2 small mangos diced

2 avocados diced

1 cup corn kernels

1 red bell pepper, diced

½ red onion, chopped

¼ cup of cilantro chopped

3-4 limes juiced

½ tsp chili powder

salt and pepper to taste.

Instructions:

1. Toss all of the items together. Mix well
2. Cover and chill for 30 minutes - 1 hr.
3. Serve and Enjoy

.....note to those fellow cilantro haters....I always leave it out ;)

### *Final Musings*

I hope that you are enjoying my thoughts. If you have any photography topics that you would like discussed in future newsletters please share them with me.

I am enjoying the adventure I hope that you are too!