

John Kain

Born in Big Spring Texas and raised in Central Illinois. John is an Architectural Engineer with degrees in Architecture ('72) and Engineering ('76) from Southern Illinois University.

He is retired from federal civil service after 40 years with the Air Force. John was an award winning energy engineer who won the Air Education and Training Command Energy Engineer of the Year 6 times, and Air Force Energy Engineer of the year twice.

John's interest in Photography began in 1964, shooting with a 1942 Kodak Brownie Reflex Sync camera that used 127 film. He still owns and uses the camera today.

After a few courses in college, John started using, developing, and printing 35 mm film. While in college, he started doing graduation pictures and portraits using the school studio equipment. After graduation in 1976 he started doing weddings and continued with portraits in his small studio.

Engineering work took him to Europe where he took an interest in travel photography. There he bought his first 35mm SLR, a Canon A-1 with several lenses. One of his travel photos was selected in published in a Dutch magazine and in one issue of *International Library Of Photography* magazine. After returning to the U.S. in 1981, he ventured into commercial work, while continuing to do portraits, weddings, and maintain a fulltime job.

In 2006 he purchased his first DSLR, a Nikon D80. He no longer does portraits and weddings but has ventured more into commercial and fine art photography. Two of his works were published in Photoshop Elements Techniques magazine, along with technique articles.

Since retiring from government work, he has been doing more and more travel photography. As a result, he now shoots with a Fuji X-T2 to save weight.

His work can be seen on Flickr at: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/110621251@N02/>
His Fine Art work can be seen at: <https://fineartamerica.com/profiles/johnkainphotography>
You can also follow him on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/jldkain>

John has been a member of the meetup group Photo SA in San Antonio since 2008
He is also a Member of the Greater San Antonio Camera Club and is the current digital chairman

He has extensive knowledge in photo editing and manipulation with several applications for computer and camera phones.

Finally, being a professional photographer was never a goal, it was just a way to make money to pay for equipment. Besides, it took up to much of his time and holding down full time job made it difficult to be available when needed to photography people. Now in his retirement travels, John photographs things he thinks are beautiful and wants others to see the beauty he sees. So now he shoots nature, landscapes, cityscapes, architecture, and architectural features, however, his passion is flowers. As a digital artist, he has moved to fine art prints and in lieu of palate and paint, uses Photoshop and other digital media. He has sold a few pieces, but finds the capturing and the continued learning process of photography more enjoyable.