



## Online Albums

Photographers have translated the language of their art into new Web-based media opportunities. Many photoblogs are visual online journals that chronicle family, friends, or the life and activities of a community. Others are like galleries, giving photographers a place to present their work to an audience without the intervention of a publisher or patron.

Using technology that makes it easy to upload, disseminate, and display images, some photoblogs began simply as a way to share moments of celebration and family life with relatives and friends spread across the country. Soon, other visitors found their way to personal photoblogs through Internet searches, and broader

audiences began to share family albums.

The photoblog is a unique new Web-born medium, attracting ever-greater audiences through the universal appeal of images.

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Twenty-three-year-old photographer Justin Ouellette shares his work and insights into his life in Portland, Oregon, at chromogenic.net. He also describes his photographic techniques and experiments, such as developing film in coffee and Vitamin C. "I'm not a chemist so I have no idea how it works, but it's true." (Justin Ouellette, <http://chromogenic.net>)



Top: Rannie Turingan's photoblog features pictures of his friends and his community in Toronto, Canada. "Despite being in an age where digital cameras are ruling the marketplace, my heart still yearns for film," and he's created his site to share the images taken with cameras based on an older technology. (Copyright © Rannie Turingan, <http://photojunkie.my-expressions.com>)

Bottom left: Derek Powazek takes photos in San Francisco and posts them online at [ephemera.org](http://ephemera.org) everyday. He's a professional photographer who recognizes the fleeting nature of his art.

Derek writes, "Ephemera means temporary. Short-lived. Ephemeral things don't last very long. Like a May Fly or the split second a shutter is open. Or web pages. Or us." (Courtesy Derek Powazek, <http://www.ephemera.org>)

Bottom right: Everyday life, like this photo taken in her kitchen, is the focus of Raine Paré-Coull. Raine describes herself as a Halloween enthusiast, and her photoblog documents the spooky fun of her family celebration. (Copyright © Raine Paré-Coull, <http://yard-sale.phototage.com>)

## My Unblinking Eye >>



**"Star of India"**

The Star on India in San Diego goes to sea only one weekend a year. You can not buy a ticket to get on the ship. You must be invited to go. I was lucky enough this year to be one of the invited. It really is an amazing experience to be sailing on the oldest sea worthy steel hull ship in the world.

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Top: Marc Balanky's photoblog displays the range of his experience as a professional photographer, from coverage of a sailing trip to rock concerts and food spreads. Marc also uses his camera to showcase his hometown of San Diego, California, what he calls "America's Finest City from its striking deserts to its beautiful beaches." (Marc Balanky, PhotoSanDiego.com [<http://www.photosandiego.com>])

Bottom: A hot air balloon festival in Albuquerque, New Mexico, is one of many images of the western United States on Tonya Poole's photoblog at <http://vivo.my-expressions.com>. "I experience life, and I come back and tell stories about it in words and images. You're welcome to come along on any of my journeys, be they inside, outside or upside down." (Tonya Poole, [adventurejournalist.com](http://adventurejournalist.com))



Top: George Illes is an environmental engineer living in Orange County, California, who currently pursues photography as a hobby. He's posted a photo a day to his blog, trying to learn how to see the extraordinary in the ordinary. "Doing so is a reminder that I don't need to scale Mount Everest or write the Great American Novel or 'become somebody' to see that every moment is unique. That, in fact, there are no ordinary moments. Only extraordinary ones." His work can be seen at [www.jargonhunter.com](http://www.jargonhunter.com). (Courtesy George Illes)

Bottom: The winners of the Ultimate Frisbee National Championships celebrate in this photo from Paul Bausch's weblog, <http://www.onfocus.com>. Paul is a Web application developer and technical writer in Corvallis, Oregon. He has published several books on emerging technology, which he discusses at his Web site, where he also features his own photos. "I like to take pictures." (Copyright © Paul Bausch)



Top left: A self-portrait of Becky Ramotowski with equipment she uses to capture the heavens—stars, moons, and planets—in pictures. She's an astronomer and started the blog because of the Moon, she writes. "We are pretty lucky to have a Moon. Mercury and Venus are moonless. Jupiter has the most with sixty-three. Without a Moon, we would not have eclipses, nor would we have anything to blame our weird behavior on!" (Becky Ramotowski, <http://www.infinity.my-expressions.com>)

Bottom: On her photoblog, Brenda Fike captures moments from her life and captions this image, "In a hurry ... It's only a 30 day free trial!" Haircuts, bowling, and moments at the mall are other ordinary moments that take unusual shape in her galleries. (Copyright © Brenda Fike, <http://bkf.my-expressions.com>)

Top right: This photograph of a young boy diving into a swimming pool is typical of the everyday life experiences shared at <http://photo.bfpmedia.com>. This is one shot from the photographer's chronicle of her life in the island state of Hawaii. (Christine Fron)



Top: A boy running through farm fields was photographed by Kathleen Connally for her photoblog, *A Walk Through Durham Township, Pennsylvania*. Connally began her blog in 2003, primarily to practice her photography and to document the people and places near her home. Kathleen writes to visitors, "Some images work, some don't—you're witnessing a daily work in progress!" (Copyright © Kathleen Connally, [www.durhamtownship.com](http://www.durhamtownship.com))

Bottom: A young man riding the subway is one of the scenes of New York City that fills the photoblog, *joe's nyc*. In 2006, Joe becomes adjunct faculty at New York University's school of continuing and professional studies, teaching digital photography. (Copyright © Joseph O. Holmes, <http://joesnyc.streetnine.com>)