



9th Annual GHS Alumni Art Show  
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featured artist

Lori Ann Blackburn Peterson  
Class of 1985



Lori Peterson is an award winning photographer located in the St. Louis Metro area. She specializes in portrait photography and fine art photography. Her unique and eclectic vision have helped her to create images that transcend standard photography into the realm of true works of art.

Lori has always loved art. The creation of art via her camera has provided her with new avenues to explore. As a side project, she began to create art pieces and began entering local art exhibitions. In addition to portrait and fine art photography, she has volunteered her photography services for various charities, including Woman's Place, The National Brain Tumor Society, and Friends of Kathy J. Weinman Shelter for Victims of Domestic Violence. She served as the official photographer for the historic Chatillion-DeMenil House and for the Consolations of Memory at Bellefontaine Cemetery.

In May 2013, one of her pieces won "Best in Show" in *Heroes*, a juried art exhibition. In October 2013, she won 1st place in the juried exhibit titled *Fear*. She has since received other recognitions for her fine art photography. In addition to local art exhibitions, Lori has had her work exhibited internationally. She currently has work on display in Berlin, Germany and her work will be exhibited in Budapest, Hungary in October 2016. Her artwork also resides in homes from the Bootheel of Missouri to Barcelona, Spain.

Lori is a former Resident Artist and Assistant Director at Soulard Art Gallery, where she eventually became Director. She has helped several galleries to curate art shows and previously was a content writer for Digital Photography School. With influences ranging from Frida Kahlo to her own lucid dreams, Lori is always trying to explore and extend the boundaries of what photography can be. In addition to participation in numerous art exhibitions, she also currently teaches Engaging with Art classes at Friendship Village in Chesterfield, Missouri and is working on her first book about photography and art.

