



Contemporary Kid's Photography & Design

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{ Some 2008/2009 Weekend Retreat Reviews }

"This workshop is chock-full of Jinky goodness - lots of tickles, giggles, whimsy and fun. Barb opens her heart and leads you on a beautiful journey of imagination and creativity, as well as good solid business knowledge. She is a wonderful mentor and friend and provides valuable insights into her work, her vision and her strength in the profession - just being able to watch her work is in itself a treat. Barb is a true visionary and her infectious personality and ability to connect with her subjects shows a passion that is unmatched in the industry. I am a very proud debut workshop survivor and feel so thankful to have connected and shared knowledge with such a beautiful soul" - Kristen Cook (<http://www.kristencook.com.au>)

"Like so many photographers, for years I would come again and again to Barb's blog to see her inspiring work. I had so many questions ??? lenses ?? lighting ?? actions ?? details?? Once I saw the workshops posted online, it took me all of a second to decide to jump on a plane from Los Angeles and go! I was not let down! The learning environment, the comradery with other photographers, and delicious meals were well worth the trip! Barb was so generous with her information, she held nothing back. Not only did she answer my questions (and I had a lot!), but inspired me in new ways. I knew that anything I could learn from Barb would not only enhance my creative eye but also my profitability. I think as professional photographers we should never set limits on our potential; Barb Uil is a genius at children's photography and I am so grateful to have had the opportunity to learn from her". - Lori Dorman (<http://www.loridormanphotography.com>)

"I present many workshops and do a lot of public speaking, which makes me particularly aware of faults or inadequacies in others' presentations. I can honestly say that I loved every minute of this workshop, and, for the first time ever, cannot find one single aspect of the presentation to criticise or comment constructively upon! I am immensely grateful for the opportunity to absorb so much information from such a talented, creative and NICE person as Barb" - Fiona Lumsdaine

"The workbook I received during the Retreat was worth the price alone! I refer to it before each and every session I have as it gets my creative juices flowing and really focuses me in on what I want to achieve from a shoot. Barb is incredibly open and honest (not to mention nice!) and the workshop teaches you the JinkyArt approach to the emotional, creative and technical (shooting, pricing, Photoshop, etc) aspects of Photography....well worth my time and money!!" - Penny Smith (<http://www.toffeepapplekids.com.au>)

"Now that I have been home for a week I can start to process everything we went through. The workshop was such a great experience. I was a bit worried at first because all the research was on the internet and you know how you can trust everything you read, so I was a little bit worried and my husband was very worried as the weekend cost a bit over \$2000 for me, and I was a bit selfish as the money could have been spent very easily elsewhere. The weekend was worth every cent, and when I told my husband about everything I learnt and that Barb was so open and honest in all aspects (which surprised me a lot!) then he was happy as well. Thankyou Barb, I feel like I have learnt from the best straight away and have more than enough information to learn from to last me a loooooong time" - Kelly Hillstone

"I found the whole experience invaluable. Watching how Barb conducts a photo session was very beneficial. Seeing her engage an extremely shy child and have her giggling with delight within 5 minutes was amazing. Her unhurried, relaxed approach gave me much to think about. Over the weekend it seemed that every detail had been carefully thought about. Barb delivered the workshop brilliantly. She answered every question she was asked, generously giving her knowledge on any subject. She was flexible with the groups needs. The venue was amazing". - A.R.Cook

"This workshop was absolutely fantastic! It was so refreshing that a top-notch photographer like Barb was so generous, honest and forthcoming with any and all information. She was a breath of fresh air compared to a lot of self absorbed, artsy photographers out there. She was in fact the opposite – down to earth, natural, funny, fun. She made me realise that photography is not all about the technically correct way to do things but what's most important is what works for you. In essence, Barb made the workshop! It was such a fantastic investment and worth each and every cent. The book that Barb gave us was presented so professionally and the content was so extensive that I would have paid the whole course fee just for that! I'm sure I'll be referring back to it for years to come." - Natalee Alford Photography

"Absolutely magical from beginning to end, professional but enlightened with your personal touch and passion from your heart for what you do! I loved that your family were there and just how relaxed & welcoming everyone was. You shared so much more than I could possibly imagine – you are a natural at teaching. You have re-ignited my creative side and passion on so many levels with your creativity, great sense of humour, compassion & down to earth nature & I feel more open to trying new ideas and so much more confident & secure running my photog business now. I would love to do it again sometime in the future!" - Julie Cadusch (<http://www.smilymoments.com.au>)