

DAVID W. CLEMENTS

Photographer

When David was a small child, he was given a box camera. Later, when he was in Montebello Junior High School, his brother gave him a better camera that he had to secure with black tape to keep the light out. However, he could adjust the speed, and it used 127 film. While he was in junior high, he received some training in photography and was pleased to have had many of his photos published in the school's yearbook. After David retired from the Navy, he once again started taking photos for enjoyment. These humble beginnings provided the foundation for his future accomplishments.

After meeting his wife, Kim, he was introduced to the world of professional equine photography. He served as webmaster for their web business which was dedicated to the promotion of American Saddlebred horses. He also became a photographer of show horses in action as well as candid and posed. He especially enjoyed taking photos "behind the scenes" of the owners, exhibitors, trainers, and caretakers, along with the numerous dogs accompanying them. These photos comprised the very popular "Around the Show" feature of the website. Equine photography was the couple's focus when they moved to Lexington, Kentucky; and it resulted in international juried show awards, countless photos used on magazine covers and in ads, as well as the sale of their images to customers throughout the US and internationally.

Kim and David closed *SaddlebredWeb* in 2014 after moving to Yucca Valley, California, to be near David's family and the area where David had spent many weekends and vacations in his youth. He renewed his acquaintance with the unique landscape to be found at Joshua Tree National Park and the surrounding areas. His lens was immediately directed toward God's beautiful handiwork in the natural attractions of the Hi-Desert. He loves focusing on the landscape, birds, animals and flowers. Because of the successful subject transition, David has won judged show awards and has sold his photos in the active Morongo Basin community. He was pleased that one of his photographs of a roadrunner was juried into the 2018 Joshua Tree National Park Juried Art Exhibition. David's photographs have also been displayed in featured shows at the 29 Palms Art Gallery, Healthy Generations, Desert Hills Presbyterian Church and Rainbow Stew. They have also been displayed locally at the California Welcome Center and Healthy Generations.

David is a member of the Twentynine Palms Artists' Guild, Morongo Basin Cultural Arts Council, and Chaparral Artists. His current goal is to share the beauty of God's nature through his photography – particularly the beauty of the Joshua Tree National Park and the Hi Desert area!