



## **2005 DPA Communicator of Achievement**

### **Lynn Troy Maniscalco**

Lynn Troy Maniscalco, of Wilmington, has won many statewide, national and international awards and honors for photography and has given slide presentations and judged international photographic exhibitions throughout the US, Canada and Europe. She was the first woman to achieve the master photojournalist rating from the Photographic Society of America and was named PSA's photojournalist of the year for 2002. Lynn is the first photographer to have received the Communicator of Achievement Award (COA) from Delaware Press Association. "This award is probably even more meaningful to me than my photographic honors," she says, "because recognition by my DPA word colleagues indicates an acceptance of photography as a comparable means of communication. I am truly honored."

Lynn's work has been published in numerous books, newspapers and magazines over the years. She has handled many advertising, editorial, and theatrical assignments, and has specialized in location shots at events and activities—the kind of work she did for nine years for Community News, Inc. and for other local publications over a 15-year period. Lynn has established a custom photo business and uses her creativity, experience and enthusiasm to produce quality photographs to help editorial, advertising and corporate clients communicate their message and to realize their objectives. She accepts a variety of freelance assignments.

"Anyone can be taught the technical aspects of photography," Lynn says, "but there is a big difference between a camera operator and an effective visual communicator. Although it "takes expertise to get in the right position, frame the image and shoot at the right moment to get the best pictures," Lynn suggests that modern equipment makes it easier for anyone to get properly exposed and focused shots. "Photography, however, is not about the equipment we use," she says. "It is about what we see around us and how we depict it; it's the ability to recognize a compelling image and the skill to capture it. The camera is a tool and the photographer is a visual storyteller who shows something meaningful that words alone cannot convey, thus drawing the viewers into the situation and allowing them to share the emotion and intimacy of the moment."

A passion for photography began when Lynn spent rainy days as a child viewing her grandmother's stereopticon card collection, which she inherited years later. Fascinated by the stereo images – all the rage in the 1800s – she made a hobby of 3-D photography and plans to devote more time to it.

Lynn first became interested in journalism in high school, where she edited the newspaper and yearbook. She became an educator after earning an undergraduate degree at Penn State and a master's degree in Reading and Learning Disabilities at American University. Her understanding of the problems children can have with reading has influenced her photos and has earned her many honors including the "International Understanding Through Photography" award in 1996 from the Photographic Society of America.

Lynn has been a member of DPA and the National Federation of Press Women since 1993. She has served on DPA's board of directors, has been membership vice president and, for many years, has served as a judge for the photography categories in the annual High School Communications Contest, co-sponsored by DPA and the News Journal. Lynn has won numerous state and national awards in the annual communications contests sponsored by DPA and NFPW. A PSA fellow, Lynn has served on the society's national board for nine years. She is also a professional member of the National Press Photographers Association.