

A VISITOR'S GUIDE TO Zenfolio

I selected the Zenfolio site because its presentation of photographic images is clean and uncluttered, it is easy for both visitors and the site owner to work with, and it offers lots of useful capabilities. The controls are sometimes hard to find, however, so here is a brief guide for the first-time viewer:

SLIDESHOW

Within any gallery, click on the “**Slideshow**” button at the top right to start an automatic full-screen sequence of every image in that gallery. Please be patient while all the pictures are loading. The slideshow controls are as follows:

- Move the cursor to the vertical grayscale bar on the right to adjust the background brightness;
- Move to the bottom edge to bring up a slide-change speed control and other adjustments;
- Click on the “X” at the top right to stop the show and return to the gallery.

IMAGE VIEWING AND DOWNLOADS

Whenever you are in the main gallery view—i.e. looking at a picture alongside a set of small index images or thumbnails—hold the cursor over the picture until a menu slides out from the left side. Here you can do a number of things:

- Select **DIM THE LIGHTS** to view the picture full-screen.
- Click on the dots at the right or left edge to move to the next or the previous image, and on the “X” at the top right to go back to the gallery view.
- Select **SAVE IMAGE >** to download a copy of the image to your computer. The “Very Large Image” size looks great on-screen, and a decent inkjet color printer will turn the resulting JPG file into a print that is difficult to distinguish from a “real” photograph at sizes up to about 5 x 7 inches. If you want bigger output, select:
- **ADD TO CART**. Here you can order prints of all sizes that are made directly from the uploaded image file, which has a much higher resolution and produces really outstanding results at up to 9 x 12 inches. You can also create calendars, greeting cards, aprons, T-shirts, sweatshirts, mousepads, mugs, key chains, and a lot more.

Orders for prints and other products are fulfilled directly by an independent provider at cost, with no markup on my part. When I tested this system recently, a beautifully made 9x12" color print arrived within three days in a sturdy mailing envelope, at a total price of about twelve US dollars.

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