

Dr. Henry Oles Presented The National Award

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The National Award is presented each year to an individual who has proven their dedication to the profession by years of service and commitment. The inscription on the award simply states "For Meritorious Contributions to Professional Photography." This year's recipient of the National Award from Texas is Dr. Henry Oles of San Marcos, Texas.

Dr. Oles is well known as the designer of the Scene Machine, a virtual background projection system used by photographers throughout the world. He also has an uncanny insight into the future.

Henry's career in professional photography began as the editor and photographer of his high school newspaper. Not long afterwards, he met and married a young lady named Marian and they have been an unbeatable team ever since. The devoted couple recently celebrated their 50th anniversary.

For ten years, he published a business/marketing column in The Professional Photographer titled "Your Bottom Line." He also wrote a 220 page hard cover color book titled "Background Power" which was the first book ever written on how to incorporate backgrounds into professional photography.

Perhaps his best known publication, written a decade ago, is the "Professional Photographers Perfect Storm." Henry felt so strongly about warning fellow professional photographers about the approaching storm that he printed and distributed tens of thousands of copies at his own expense.

Therefore, it is with great pride that the Texas Professional Photographers Association honors Dr. Henry Oles with this award to express our love and gratitude for a man who loves the profession and has always been a strong supporter of this association and its members. Congratulations!

