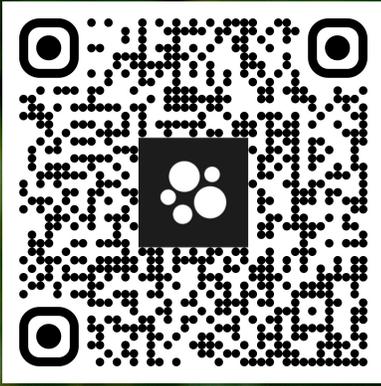


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As I was wrapping up my time up at the City Market, I decided to make another trip by the information desk now. And in talking with the info desk girl again, I noticed that while she wasn't wearing something all that different from last time, it was how she was wearing it that caught my attention.



And while we were talking, I paid attention to what she was doing so I knew when to say "Hold!" to get this shot.



Ana

I didn't think it necessary to ask why she was walking around without her shoes...



Jazz

You might recognize her from when I photographed her earlier this year. I tried to arrange a photo shoot with her as well after that shot did surprisingly well on Instagram, but nothing got confirmed so it never happened.

Better late than never, and better an impromptu photo shoot than none.







Mandy

Very windy afternoon at the park with heavy clouds in the sky and a cold front on the horizon bringing storms with it. So, in short, I was pretty lucky to find Mandy at what was pretty much the last moment.







Cover feature: Carly





Gigi

At first I saw her sitting at the base of the tree just working in her notebook.



Then later I noticed that she pulled off her hood, showing her beautiful hair.







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Crystal & Hailey

I saw Crystal first, and Hailey came into the picture while Crystal was filling out her information into a contact form. So I took it as a moment to get a shot of Hailey, then shots of the two of them together.

And I did not initially notice the scars on Crystal's leg below her knee, what appear to be leftovers from pins being used to stabilize broken bones. And I was torn on whether I should edit those out.

But... they're plainly visible.

Crystal is wearing a one-piece dress, which is what caught my attention from the distance. And she's showing off her amazing legs. And the scars. So I ultimately decided to keep them in the shots. Not editing them out in any way, including not cropping the shots to above them.

This goes to what I've said to others is my editing policy: "true to life". While I have no issue using Photoshop to downplay acne - e.g., Shea and Miraldy - there's a big difference between doing that and removing Crystal's scars: acne will eventually go away.

Crystal's scars, very likely, won't.

She really had only two choices with these. And it's clear she's comfortable showing off her amazing legs despite the scars. So I feel I'd be doing her a disservice cropping or editing them out.



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Sammie

I walked by her stand a few times while I was at the City Market, but didn't feel comfortable asking her for a photo unless I bought something. So I decided to make her my last stop, picking up a couple things we ultimately enjoyed and got a shot of her as well.





Willa

Meeting her and photographing her, she reminded me of Shea from the first time I met her. Only it was a bit colder this time around. But the scarf was a great accessory to what she was wearing.

















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I saw the Chief first. She was walking to the coffee shop and I made a mental note to hopefully find her later. Then I saw the band setting up, explaining why I was seeing another member of the Navy there.

Then walking through the market some more, I noticed the officer - specifically his rank is Lt. Commander, and the star means he's a line officer. I normally don't photograph men, but I was absolutely making an exception for a military officer in his service dress uniform.



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