



As a photographer, I have access to some unique points of view in the community. Here is one of them, in A New View.

**Assignment:** Kindergarten Anxiety

**The Location:** The Becking house

**Comments:** "First of all, I didn't take this photograph. The art behind it belongs to Sarah Becking. Sarah and I have been working side-by-side as photographers on projects for more than a decade. Whenever I needed any help she was always there for me. So, when I needed a model for the Kindergarten Anxiety story (Page 65), I knew Sarah would do what she could. We set up for the portrait in front of her house. I even talked her into being the proud mother in the background who was sending her daughter, Adelaide, off to school for the first time. After the shoot was over, I let Sarah play with my camera and my newly purchased lens that produces some unique effects. She giggled as she shot photos of her daughter. Sarah never saw this photograph or any of the others she took that day. She died unexpectedly a few days later. I will always remember her contagious passion and joy for photography. This enthusiasm shined brightly as she took this photograph. We all lost a great talent, a great mom and a great friend. Her optimistic voice will forever ring in my ears as it keeps my camera pointed in the proper direction."

— L.G. Patterson

Sarah Emily Messer Becking  
1972-2008