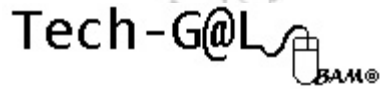


# Cougar in Western NC who has an eye for photography



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I live in WNC near Asheville and I am engaged to a guy 10 years younger. As of yet, I am not a professional photographer because I have not yet been paid any money for any photographs that I have taken. However, I am a published photographer because I have had 2 photographs published. One was used the week of March 1st, 2010 on the local news and their website, see below. Then my daughter's school used a photograph that I took as the entire cover (front and back) of the yearbook a few years ago. This photo is available via request.

My name is Beth A. Martin, I am an IT Professional. I have been in the IT field (which is still a man's field even today) for nearly 15 years. After a divorce, I moved out of South Florida to WNC to have the help of my parents in raising my kids. I have a 7 year old Diabetic son and a 10 year old daughter. My actual residence is about 25 mins. west of Asheville, NC. It takes about 1 hour to get to Gatlinburg, TN. 1 1/2 hours to get to either Knoxville, TN or Greenville, SC. It is about 3 hours to Atlanta, GA or Charlotte, NC.

I am now employed as the IT Administrator with a manufacturing facility in WNC, another man's field. So I have a lot of experience with working with men. I have often been told that I am "one of the guys". I actually prefer working with men more.

Since I still live alone with my children, I do much of my own basic home repairs. I have done everything from change a light bulb and catch a live mouse to replace an entire bathroom exhaust fan. I have hung a dimmer chandler ceiling fan and even done some basic electrical repairs. Ironically enough, I am still a bit of a girlie girl. But I do what I have to do to survive!

My fiancée was born and bread in WNC. He is a southern Christian gentleman. He was also a volunteer firefighter. We have been engaged for awhile now because I am super independent. He is also 10 years my junior, so I am a true to life Cougar! We go out in Asheville a lot.

This past summer I did a ton of traveling and outdoor stuff. Hiking with the kids, creeking, tubing, etc. I have pictures galore on my site <http://www.tech-gal.com>. Last week, we had a ton of snow in WNC and the kids were out for their 12th snow day. After shoveling my driveway, I took them out to play and I have included the picture here. This picture was also shown on the local news (WLOS) and it is on their website <http://wlos.com/newsroom/features/see-it/> under Weather Photo Gallery.

I plan to visit Greenville, SC and Atlanta, GA this summer and St. Louis, MO and Chicago, IL this 4th of July. I may also possibly visit Virginia Beach, VA, Washington DC, the Outer Banks of NC and maybe even a small trip to South FL. So I can take pictures while I am visiting.

Please feel free to check out some of my photographs on my site at <http://www.bship.com/photosphp.html> or <http://www.bship.com/2009Pix.htm>.

If interested and you'd like some photographs of WNC or the surrounding areas, please feel free to e-mail me at [tech\\_gal@yahoo](mailto:tech_gal@yahoo).

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