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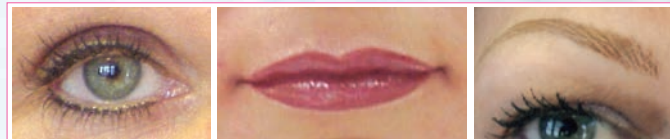
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Just imagine how wonderfully convenient it would be to wake up each morning without having to apply your makeup or reapply it throughout the day—or evening. That's the beauty of permanent makeup by Cheryl A. Doss, R.N.!

Performing permanent makeup procedures in the Venice area for 25 years, Cheryl has been voted the *Venice Gondolier's* Readers' Choice winner for Permanent Makeup for the past eight consecutive years and was recognized for the last three years as a *Sarasota Herald-Tribune* finalist. A Florida licensed registered nurse and facial specialist certified in medical aesthetics, Cheryl earned certified SofTap® Instructor status and offered personalized SofTap® training to medical and beauty professionals from around the nation. Cheryl has been credited with developing the soft, natural-looking hair-stroke eyebrows technique, which



was published in COSMETECH magazine. She has been a guest speaker at the Society of Permanent Cosmetic Professionals (SPCP) and the American Academy of Micropigmentation (AAM) conventions on the topics of color and eyebrow design. She has authored numerous trade publications including a permanent makeup training manual.

In addition to the popular hair-stroke eyebrow technique, Cheryl also provides eyeliner that simulates the appearance of thick eyelashes, and lip color that redefines and enhances lip shape. Contact Cheryl today for an appointment, and you will soon be looking your best while enjoying your favorite activities, no matter what the weather, any time of day!

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Nature's Glowing Wonder

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Mother Nature's Magical Lights

Some of us may have cherished memories of catching fireflies, or what many call lightning bugs, on warm summer nights. When the sun came down, running to catch these flying twinkly creatures evoked a sense of wonder as they glowed in the trees and in the air. If you were really lucky, you could catch a few and cup them in your hands to see the flashing light through your fingers before you released them, letting them fly into the night.





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may shine with an orange or yellow hue. These winged wonders can be seen usually between the hours of midnight and 3 a.m., and if it is raining, they will not glow at all.

Fireflies live approximately two months, just long enough to mate. Oddly, although the name firefly might give the idea that they are flies, they are actually winged beetles.



If you like to plan ahead, starting in mid-March and running for just a couple of weeks, Blue Spring State Park located in Orange City, just north of Orlando holds its annual Lights at Night event. There, you can enjoy a fairy-tale-like experience as their dark tropical forest becomes a magical place all lit up with enchanting fireflies.

One of nature's most charming gifts, fireflies continue to produce a sense of awe and delight for children and the young at heart as these winged wonders light up the night with their magical glow.

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In the state of Florida, this magical attraction begins in early spring and lasts through late summer with most of the sighting in the Everglades and in our nature preserves. More than 2,000 species with over 56 species can be found in Florida.

These critters are nocturnal, and if you are wondering where they spend most of their day, you will find them on the ground in the grassy, marshy areas and the sandy soil. They can also be found near the edge of lakes, ponds, and streams. Once the sun goes down, they are ready to spring into action, and the light show begins!

Interestingly, most fireflies are males and glow in the night to attract mates. The females are usually nestled in plants or flowers, and once they connect with a male, they respond with the same light pattern. Each species has a unique glow pattern that they use to communicate, some with a bluish-green light and others

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