

The August 16, 2012 Meeting

Tips, Tricks and Techniques

Enjoy an informative evening of tips, tricks and techniques brought to you by your fellow members. This is a meeting of informational sharing. If you have a tip, trick or technique that you would like to share, contact Thomas Kimbel who is in charge of organizing the event. It is not too late to e-mail him and participate in the meeting. Just a 5 minute or less presentation is all that it takes to maybe save your fellow members time and money with a handy hint.

Thomas Kimble tkimble02@yahoo.com

Future Meetings

September 20 --

Post-processing will be the topic including Photoshop, Picassa, Topaz, Lightroom, etc.

October 18 --

Black & White photography will be the subject of this meeting. Steve Wall will present a program about the ins and outs of this specialty.

November 15 --

Photo Exchange

December --

Holiday Party & Shoot

Joe is still waiting!
Please send 1 or 2 of your best shots from the Elmwood Cemetary field trip to Joe Sands at jastereo@yahoo.com

Future Field Trips

August 24 -- T-Bones Game

September -- Overland Park Arboretum

October -- To be announced based upon the recent survey

November -- Little Bean Marsh

Dates, Times and Meeting Locations will be announced later.

DUES

ARE DUE!

Our 'dues year' is from June 1 to May 31.

Please pay your dues for the new year at the meeting. You may also mail your dues check, made out to Digital Dimensions and Beyond, to Dara Russell, 9837 Juniper Lane, Overland Park, KS 66207.

(See Membership amounts on page two of this newsletter)

Survey Results

During the last meeting a survey was handed out for you to mark your interests. This was to help the planning committee decide the direction to work towards. This is your club and we want it to be of value to you. The results of the survey are listed below. They are in the order of preferences.

- 1 Landscapes/City Scapes
- 2 Post Processing
- 3 Nature
- 4 Portrait/Fashion/Glam
- 4 Sports Journalism
- 5 Macro/Micro/Closeup
- 5 Monuments/Parks
- 6 Printing/Matting/Framing
- 6 B&W
- 6 Nighttime
- 7 Tabletop
- 8 Architecture
- 9 Wedding
- 10 Local Events

Our regular meetings are held every 3rd Thursday of the month. The program begins at 6:30 pm but you can arrive as early as 6:00 for social time and chatting with our members.

The first hour consists of a guest speaker with the second hour containing announcements, Tips & Techniques and a member slideshow.

**Asbury
United Methodist Church
5400 W 75th Street
Prairie Village KS 66208**

For more information contact:
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Membership

Not a member yet? You can join Digital Dimensions at any meeting. Membership runs from June 1 to May 31 of the next year. Dues are pro-rated for new members.

Dues:

Individual \$30/yr

Family \$40/yr

Senior \$20/yr (over 60)

Student \$15/yr

Benefits of Membership

- Attendance at all monthly meetings
- Attendance at all field trips
- Attendance at year end shoot and holiday party
- 10% discount on most items at Overland Photo Supply
- Use of the 7x Sensor Loupe and Giottos Rocket Blower (available for use before meetings.) Members can use the loupe to inspect their own camera sensor and, if needed, use the blower to try and dislodge any dust.
- A monthly Newsletter
- A Website with great resources
- A Swap & Shop table
- The Digital Dimensions Library

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Member Slide Show

Each meeting we have a slide-show of photos submitted by our members. We hope that most members will submit photos.

Submission Guidelines:

- You may submit up to
- 5 images.
- Please be prepared to share some of your technical information such as aperture, shutter speed, lens, etc. and why you feel the image has impact and is enjoyable to you.
- JPEG should be the format.
- E-mail your images to
- ddkclideshow@gmail.com no later than 11:00 pm on the Wednesday night before the meeting.

Note: Andrew will no longer be able to accept images at the meetings.

You are also encouraged to bring hard copies of your photos to share before and after the meeting at a table in the foyer.

Visit us on Facebook!
Search for Digital Dimensions
and Beyond.
(You don't have to be a
Facebook member
to view the page)

Creative Critiquing

Every meeting we are going to critique 5 slides. They will be submitted anonymously on a first come first serve basis. This will allow people to speak honestly. If you want help with a particular aspect of your image you don't need to remain anonymous. To make critiquing of images more valuable to the contributor and the group we have selected some topics that can be very instructive to discuss.

Visual Elements within the Photograph

Light and Shadow

Does the light seem to be natural or artificial? Harsh or soft? What direction is the light coming from? Describe the shadows. Are they subtle or do they create strong contrasts?

Value

Is there a range of tones from light to dark? Where is the darkest value? The lightest?

Focus

What parts of the image are clearly in focus?

Space

Do overlapping objects create a sense of space? Is the space shallow, deep, or both?

Shape

Discuss positive and negative shapes.

Line

Is line used to guide the eye?

Scale

Do the scale and/or size of objects appear natural?

Color

What function does color play in the image?

Texture

How does the use of texture impact the image.

Angle

From what vantage point was the photo taken?

Framing

How does the framing help or hurt the image?

Dominance

What is the first thing you notice? Why?

Contrast

Are there strong visual contrasts?

Repetition

Are there elements that are repeated?

Variety

Do a variety of elements create interest or confusion?

Balance

Is there a visual weight to the image? Is it balanced?

Mood/Feelings

What mood or feeling does the image communicate?

Special thanks to Mary Ann Teschan for sharing her notes from her JCCC Digital Photography Class. This information/material is from Craig Sands student handbook. Thanks to Craig for helping us create a better critique of our photographs. The material was edited slightly to fit our format

Organizing Committee

A lot of thought and planning go into each of our meetings and field trips. Getting involved with the committee that does the planning for these events is a wonderful way to enhance your membership. We are always looking for new members of our Organizing Committee.

Several of the positions that are open for new members of the committee are: meeting moderator; planning coordinator; and outside services liaison.

Join our group. We meet on the first Thursday of each month.

John Caulfield
Dennis Chapman
Beth Dawson
Mike Farley
Mark Higgins
Fonda Kimble
Thomas Kimble
Andy McDonald
Denise Morrison
Kile Morrison
Irene Niehorster
Jim Rendina
Dara Russell
Larry Russell
Joe Sands
Lee Scott

Swap & Shop

We will have a dedicated table at each meeting for you to bring items such as equipment, magazines, books, etc. to sell, swap or share.

Announcements



Wacky Ink Studios
presents

Irene Niehorster

Her Illustrations
are on exhibit from
August 1 to September 30
at

Saint Michael and All Angels
Episcopal Church
6630 Nall Avenue
Mission KS 66202

Mike Moats Three Day Macro Photography Workshop in Topeka, Kansas

only \$169 for all 3 days

Dates and times,
September 21 5:00pm – 8:00pm
September 22 9:00am – 5:00pm
September 23 9:00am – 2:00pm

For more information or to sign
up for workshops go to
www.MikeMoatsBooks.com

*If you have any information about
photo trips, classes, contests, other
club news, events or anything having
to do with photography
that you think our members would be
interested in,
send me an email and we'll put it in
the newsletter.
Lee Ann Scott at:
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