

July 2013 Newsletter



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Meetings:

Our regular meetings are held every 3rd Thursday of the month. The program begins at 6:30pm 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.

We meet at:
Asbury United Methodist Church
5400 W 75th Street
Prairie Village KS 66208

For more information contact:
John Caulfield jcaulfield@kc.rr.com

**** Dues are Due! ****

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

Member Benefits:

- 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

Next meeting

**Thursday
July 18, 2013**

Clicks

We will be meeting as the full group with short presentations from each click group.

Topics are:

Macro/Tabletop Group:
A presentation on tabletop stop-action/timelapse photography.

Landscapes/Cityscapes Group:
A presentation on the Kaw Point shoot.

Studio/Lighting Group:
A presentation on effective use of fill flash.

Post-Processing Group:
A presentation on some of the new features in Adobe Lightroom 5 as well as its GPS & Map features.

Future Meetings:

August 15th (Thursday):
From Snapshots to Gallery Images:
Gil & Andy on techniques used on their trip to Moab & Arches National Park.

September 19th (Thursday):
not at the church - we will meet at Shawnee Mission Park – walking tour or free shooting. Details to follow.

Don't forget to visit our Website for great resources & additional information.
www.digitaldimensionskc.com

Visit us on Facebook!
www.facebook.com/DigitalDimensionsandBeyond
(You don't have to be a Facebook member to view the page)

Club Field Trips:

For up to the minute details see the web page [here](#)

July 27th :
Kansas City Zoo
See [website](#) for details & liability release.

August:
No club trip planned but the Midwest Balloon Fest is an excellent photo opportunity. (see below)

September:
Fireworks in Lone Jack MO
Details to be announced.

October:
Rocheport MO & Rock Bridge State Park/Devils Icebox Cave.
Gil Carlon to lead.
Details to be announced.

November:
Squaw Creek MO to photograph Eagles

Other Photo Opportunities: Happenings around the area you may be interested in

August 9th -10th :
[Midwest Balloon Fest \(Olathe\)](#)

September 6th -8th :
[Topeka Huff & Puff Balloon Fest](#)

September 7th :
[Old Settlers Days – Johnson County](#)

September 12th :
KelbyTraining
[Joe McNally Flash Seminar in KC](#)

If not listed, dates, times and meeting locations will be announced later.

**** If you have ideas or interest in leading a field trip please let someone on the planning committee know. We need your ideas and input!! ***

Clicks Groups

(Clicks is the clubs effort to get more group interaction and go deeper into some of the topics that YOU expressed interest in we're starting some small interest based groups...and we're calling them *Clicks*.)

Current groups (and their leaders) are:

Landscapes/Cityscapes (Thomas Kimble)

Studio/Lighting (Gil Carlon)

Post-Processing (John Caulfield/Mark Higgins)

Macro/Tabletop (Jim Rendina)

Macro/Frog shoot info:

If you or anyone you know is interested in doing a Macro / Tropical Frog shoot with Patrick Nabors (he presented at the March 2013 meeting) he is available. Groups of 3 work best for his setup and he is willing to do a 3 hr shoot for 40\$ per person (3 people). So get a group together & contact him at Patrick@Saurian.net or through his website [here](#).

Also see Jim Rendina at the meeting w/any questions you may have.

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.

Member Slide Show:

****updated info****

Each meeting we have a slideshow of photos submitted by our members. We hope that most members will submit photos as well as discuss.

In addition, the photos submitted for the slideshow will be available for viewing on the DD&B website: www.digitaldimensions.smugmug.com They are displayed by both member name & by month. If for some reason you would NOT like your images (new or past photos) displayed on the website please let us know at the same email you use to submit.

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 format. 1600 pixels on the long side at 90%/high jpg quality is recommended for the best viewing later on the website but feel free to submit larger or smaller.
- Please leave EXIF data if possible
- E-mail your images to: ddkclideshow@gmail.com

no later than 11:00 pm on the Wednesday night before the meeting

(for more specific details about submissions please see the [submissions web page](#))

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.

Member Tip (for Nik Software Users):

Free Nik Software Suite for Nik Software Plug-In Owners

If you've purchased one of Nik Software's plug-ins (like Silver Efex Pro) within the last 5 years, you can contact Nik Software and get the entire suite for free. To take advantage of this deal: call or email Nik Software and give them the email you used to register your plug-in or your product key numbers. It's helpful to have the product key number available in case they don't have your email address.

Go to

<https://support.google.com/nikcollection/> to obtain the contact information and a list of products in the Nik Software Suite.

New - DD&B Flickr Group

For any Flickr users, be aware that there is now a Digital Dimensions Flickr Group. We would encourage any members with Flickr accounts to join & post to that group, specifically photos that were taken at or related to DD&B field trips or meetings. The group can be found [here](#).

[Flickr](#) is a great place to show your photos and is an excellent resource for gathering feedback & for getting questions answered. It has a huge number of very active groups on almost any photography topic or subject you can think of and is worth checking out.

Announcements

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.

Joe Sands at:

jastereo@yahoo.com

****Call for your great Shooting Locations & Local Events to shoot****

One of our members Julie Sleszynski is going to put together a list of best locations for shooting Kansas City photos and keep an area events calendar with photo opportunities. She would like input from you on your favorite shooting locations. Please be specific on the location such as "Shawnee Mission Park Shelter 4 and Marina for sunrise photos" rather than just "Shawnee Mission Park."

You can contact Julie at: jsleszynski@hotmail.com or by phone at 913-451-4587.

Let her know if it is okay for her to contact you if she needs more specific information about the locations such as:

- Architecture in KC (Kauffman Center...)
- KC Skyline (KAW Point...)
- Sunset and Sunrise locations
- Your favorite photography spots.

Suggestions or updates to an events calendar are welcome as well.

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.

Committee Members:

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