

March 2014 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

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 prorated for new members.

Dues:
Individual \$30/yr
Family \$40/yr
Senior \$20/yr (60 & over)
Student \$15/yr (25 & under)

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
March 20, 2014**

**Garen Stickelman
Camera Settings &
Focusing Modes**

***PLEASE BRING YOUR
CAMERA TO THE
MEETING***

**Tips & tricks this month:
Lens & Camera
AF FineTune / AF Microadjusting
using the LensAlign system
(John & Joe)**

Future Meetings:

April 17th (Thursday):
Green screen photography
(Gil Carlon)

May 15th (Thursday):
Bruce Hogel – Kansas Landscapes

June 19th (Thursday):
Possible: Garmin - GPS with photography
& other GoPro type systems.

****See page 3 for an article on the
new Overland Park rules/costs
for photographing in their
parks****

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](#)

Need members to volunteer

We'd like more member participation in leading some of these outings! For most there is very little work involved. See below for trips we are thinking of and needs for leaders. Better yet, bring us your ideas!

Please send John an email letting him know you might want to volunteer for one of the tasks, jcaulfield@kc.rr.com

April:
Saturday April 12th (morning)
[Topeka Tulips!](#)

Further details to be announced by email and on the website's field trip page.
-Marianne Hammer to lead.

May:
[Baker Wetlands](#) (outside Lawrence, KS)
-Carmen Carter to lead.
Details to be announced.

June/July:
Astronomy /Dark Sky shoot
-Mary Ann Teschan to lead.
Details to be announced.

Future:
-East Bottoms/Cliff Drive
-Kit Bond Bridge from Riverfront park
-Culinary Institute of O.P. Food Shoot
(leaders needed – please inquire)

**** 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!! ***

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

May 23-25:
Images Art Gallery
Gallery/Gardens/Zoo Trip
([see flyer here](#))

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)

Light Painted Nightscape **"Click" Outing**

Would you like to learn how to create beautiful light painted nightscapes like those photographed by [Noel Kerns](#)? If yes, join the Studio Click group as it ventures outside at night to photograph landscapes using creative lighting techniques. Gil Carlon will show us how to use strobes and colored gels to add light to our subject and will also discuss post-processing techniques. Date and location are to be determined. Email [Carmen Carter](#) if interested and/or have location suggestions.

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.

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.

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

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.

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*

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
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
Mary Ann Teschan

<http://www.kansascity.com/2014/01/17/4759818/overland-park-adopts-new-rules.html>

Overland Park adopts new rules for professional photography in parks

By MATT CAMPBELL
The Kansas City Star

The meanies at Overland Park City Hall just made it illegal for you to have your engagement photo taken at one of the city's 83 parks without a permit.

Or did they?

The City Council this week imposed a fee of \$50 for commercial photography and video in its parks, prompting some professional shooters to grouse to news reporters. But commercial photography, technically, has never been allowed in the city's public parks. City code generally forbids commercial use of public parks. By adopting Resolution 4049, the City Council was actually making photography legal — although requiring a permit.

"We had a request recently to do a little bit of filming that was a commercial venture and because of that ordinance, we couldn't allow it," said Greg Ruether, manager of the Overland Park Parks and Forestry Department. "We can now accommodate those requests."

The city has required a permit since 2007 for commercial photography at the Overland Park Arboretum and Botanical Gardens and at the Deanna Rose Children's Farmstead. The fee of \$25 per hour or \$400 a year remains unchanged at those locations. The new permit fee for the rest of the parks is \$50 and is good for up to five days.

Commercial photography is defined as a shoot that is done for a fee, that uses special equipment, that promotes products or that involves

models, sets, changes of clothing or props.

"This would include but not (be) limited to portraits capturing engagements, weddings, high school seniors, quinceañeras and family portraits," stated a city staff report. People taking snapshots while visiting the parks are exempt from the permit requirement, as is most nature photography, Ruether said.

Kansas City also technically forbids commercial use of its parks without permission, but the city does not impose a fee for photographers taking pictures if they are for personal use.

"As long as the pictures that are being taken, whether by a professional or a regular person, are just for personal use, they do not need to get a permit," said Heidi Downer, spokeswoman for the Parks and Recreation Department. "If they're going to sell those photos, if they're going to promote a business, a brand or something with those photos, they do need to get a permit."

A permit is required for all professional photographers, however, at the Shoal Creek Living History Center at Hodge Park because it depends on a volunteer organization that needs the money.

Overland Park's new permit requirement is not expected to generate significant revenue for the city. It was intended, instead, to give the city more control over what goes on in the parks. Professional photo shoots sometimes obstruct parks and trails from other users.

"We're trying to balance private use versus public use," said Sean Reilly, spokesman for the city.

Permits for photo shoots at the Overland Park Arboretum can be obtained there and for other parks at the Matt Ross Community Center. But, as before, it all really depends on the honor system. Photographers without permits may be told to cease, but there are no penalties, Reilly said.

To reach Matt Campbell, call 816-234-4902 or send email to mcampbell@kcstar.com.