

## 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 (usually) meet at:  
Asbury United Methodist Church  
5400 W 75th Street  
Prairie Village KS 66208

For more information contact:  
John Caulfield [jcaulfield@kc.rr.com](mailto: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 pro-rated for new members.

**\*\*See page 5 for how to send!!\*\***

### 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

\*Virtual/Online Mtg\*

**Thursday**  
**April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022 6:30pm**

## Photographer

### Cole Thompson

Cole Thompson is uniquely UNqualified to speak on photography...

"I've never taken a photography class or a workshop. I don't have a degree in art. I've never worked as a photographer. I don't have gallery representation. I'm not a Canon Explorer of Light. And I only have three lenses and none of them are primes. Do I have any qualifications? Just one...my images. Nothing else matters."

In his presentation Cole will make the case that black and white is the perfect medium for any subject ...except for one. He will show work from his various portfolios including:

The Ghosts of Auschwitz-Birkenau / Harbinger / Ceiling Lamps / Moai / Sitting for Portrait / The Lone Man

Interspersed between the images Cole will share his photographic philosophies, such as:

Never listen to others, Photographic Celibacy, Coles Rule of Thirds, Equipment is overrated, Vision is the most important tool in my toolbox & many others!

At the end of his presentation Cole will answer questions and give away a print of one of his images! Be there!

**(No Tips & trick this month)**

### Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4398131772?pwd=cXhEWIAzTG15b2pSU9TSTdFcThwZz09>

Meeting ID: 439 813 1772

Passcode: Photo

## Future Meetings:

May 19<sup>th</sup> (Thursday) **\*\*@ the Church!\*\***  
Patrick Nabors – Macro Photography

June 16<sup>th</sup> (Thursday) **\*\*@ the Church!\*\***  
Ron Tilman

July 21<sup>st</sup> (Thursday) Picnic @ Loose Park

## Club Field Trips & Calendar:

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

**\*\*VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!\*\***

**April 23st (Saturday) Downtown KC Streetcar Night Outing/Shoot**

**Meet at 6:30pm @ [Union Station Streetcar Station](#)**

**See Page 3 for full info!**

**\*\*Weather/Rain-out date of April 30<sup>th</sup> (Sat)\*\***  
**(email will be sent Sat to confirm)**

**May 14<sup>th</sup> (Saturday) 8:30am UMKC Linda Hall – [Tree Peonies Garden](#)**

**June (in work) Possible [Royals Kauffman Stadium](#) Tour**

**August (in work) [KC Monarchs](#) Game/Shoot**

**\*\* 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!!**

**\*\*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

Please seek out Mary Kapka or Vicki Darr & let them know you might want to volunteer or have ideas.

Don't forget to visit our Website for great resources & additional information.  
[www.digitaldimensionskc.com](http://www.digitaldimensionskc.com)

Visit us on Facebook!  
[www.facebook.com/DigitalDimensionsandBeyond](https://www.facebook.com/DigitalDimensionsandBeyond)

(You don't have to be a Facebook member to view the page)

**See page 4 for a "Carole's Corner" article on Camera Care – Part 1**

## **\*\*DD&B Field Trips!!\*\***

We need some volunteers & we need your great ideas! Bring them to the meeting and talk to John or any of the planning committee members.

This is NOT a huge commitment, it's mainly just making a few phone calls, setting a date and showing up! Come and talk to us!

Some ideas (to get you started) that were raised/remembered from the slideshow work from past field trips at the January meeting were:

### In no particular order:

St. Louis (weekend trip maybe)

Water Drop

Clydesdales

Dogwood Canyon

Crystal Bridges

Rocheport

Strong City Rodeo

Train to Herman Mo

Steam Show – Warm Springs?

Ottawa Antique Tractors

Westin and Tin Kitchen

Plaza Dragon Boats in June

Nelson at night

Hillsdale

Moon Marble

T-Bones

New Century – Gardner Air show -

Thunderbirds

Trolleys on the Plaza

Big Brutus (Huge machine down by Ft Scott KS)

## **\*\*Member Slide Show\*\***

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](http://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.

**\*submissions accepted no later than 11:00 pm on the Wednesday night before the meeting\***

### *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](mailto:ddkclideshow@gmail.com)

**\*\*For more specific details about sizing/formatting your images, a Lightroom Export template & more, please see the detailed [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.

## **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**

*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](mailto:jastereo@yahoo.com)

## **\*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.

## **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

Dennis Chapman

Frank Croskey

Vicki Darr

Jackie Eatinger

Mike Farley

Mark Higgins

Mary Kapka

Carole Kropscot

Andy McDonald

Cathy Moffett

Dara Russell

Joe Sands

Michelle Schwartz

Mary Ann Teschan

## Evening Field Trip - Hop-on/Hop-off Shoot from the KC Streetcar

**Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> – Field Trip - 6:30pm-8:30-ish pm** \*\* Weather/Rain-out date April 30<sup>th</sup> (Sat)\*\* (email will be sent Sat to confirm)

Be sure to get there by 6:30 for a chance to win a Parade of Hearts t-shirt! The raffle will happen before we get on the streetcar.

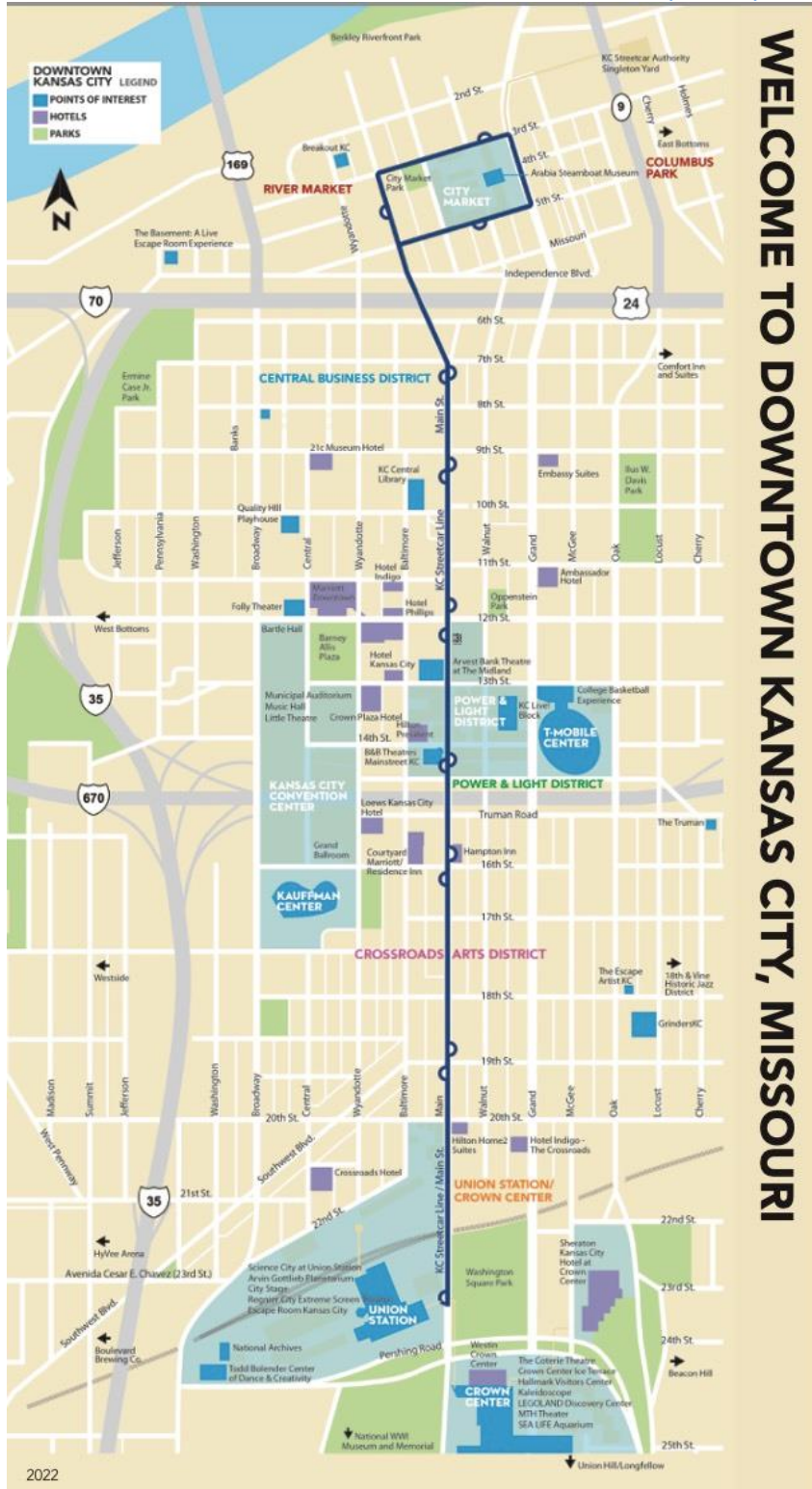
**Meet location: Union Station streetcar stop (beginning of the line)**

**There is free parking at the Crown Center garages on the weekend.**

Each loop of the streetcar from Union Station back to Union Station is about 30 minutes. We will buddy-up into smaller groups, then hop on/hop off to photograph, staying in your groups.

More information: Map of KC streetcar and the stops: <https://kcstreetcar.org>

Parade of Hearts website (maps and locations of all hearts): <https://theparadeofhearts.com/hearts/>



## **Carole's Corner**

\*\*Long time club member & planning committee member Carole Kropscot has agreed to share some pieces she has written in the past on photography fundamentals for the PSA (Photographic Society of America). Thanks so much Carole for the contribution.

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Written by Carole Kropscot, FPSA, originally for the Photographic Society of America  
[www.psa-photo.org](http://www.psa-photo.org)

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### **CAMERA CARE, Part 1**

A camera can be broken by the way the photographer handles it. A photographer's camera knowledge needs to include more than how to set the settings.

A camera is damaged by liquids. The photographer does not want to spill a soft drink, coffee, water, or other liquid onto the camera. Liquids such as lotions, hand-sanitizers, and lens cleaning fluids should not be in the same camera bag.

It is dangerous to photograph in the rain, even when covering most of the camera with a plastic bag. A professional camera repair person may be able to fix a camera with liquids inside, but usually not.

Moisture from a waterfall, ocean, lake, river, fog, or a damp basement can make the camera inoperable sooner or later. Photographing on a boat or near a pool may result in water hitting the camera. Therefore, it is vital to dry the camera's exterior very well after such a photography session.

A camera does not like cracker crumbs, either. Food should not be kept or consumed near a camera, lenses, filters, or flash. Small particles of food can enter the camera when changing lenses, digital memory cards, or batteries.

Zoom lenses are especially susceptible to particle damage. The process of zooming can embed the grains of sand (or food) and cause malfunction. So immediate careful cleaning (brushing and wiping) during and after photographing on a beach or in a desert is a must. The same care applies for dusty or dirty photo locations. Cleaning out the insides of the camera bag is important, too.

If small particles make their way inside the camera, they should be removed by a professional camera repair man, and not by the photographer.

When storing a camera for a short or long time, the lens cap should be attached. The lens should be retracted into its closed position. An accessory flash should be taken off the camera.

Traveling with a camera in a car presents special challenges. A loose camera on the seat can fall off. So can a camera bag. The camera should not be left in a hot car or placed in the harsh rays of the sun. The same care should be taken with batteries, flash, lenses, and filters.



**\*\*Club Membership normally runs from June 1 to May 31 of the next year\*\***

*It would be extremely helpful & most appreciated if you would kindly mail in your membership dues during this time when we are unable to meet in person.*

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Senior \$20./yr. (60 & over)

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