

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 pro-rated 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

DON'T FORGET TO BRING \$\$ & ITEMS YOU'D LIKE TO SELL (OR GIVE AWAY) AT THE SWAP & SHOP THIS MONTH
-Tables will be available to display your stuff & it will be a slightly shorter meeting to accommodate-

Next meeting

**Thursday
January 21, 2016**

**Larry Thomas
-Keys to Good
Composition-**

Larry is a local artist as well as head of the photography department at Johnson County Community College & has juried many competitions. He will present on the many topics related to composition in taking better and more visually pleasing photographs. Knowing and understanding the traditional "rules" is vital - even if it's only so you know the right time to break them.

**Tips & trick this month:
None- Swap & Shop time!**

Future Meetings:

Feb 18th (Thursday):
April Watson – Nelson Art Museum
Photography Curator

Mar 17th (Thursday):
TBD – Prairie Fires Photo Shooting

April 21st (Thursday):
David Hutson – Photojournalism & motorsport photography

2015 - DD&B Exhibition @ Lenexa City Hall:

****Pick Up!!****

We had an excellent exhibit. Please pick up your photograph (or PLEASE arrange for someone else to do so) on:

Monday January 25th
from 12-1pm or 3-5:30

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

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

Jan: No formal club outings planned yet.

Feb 13th (Sat) 5pm Shawnee Mission Park Sunset Shoot

Meet at Shelter 12 – The sun/sunset will be lined up perfectly over the water. ([Map](#))

**March
(TBD)**

**** 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!! ***

Visit us on Facebook!

www.facebook.com/DigitalDimensionsandBeyond

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

See page 2 for a note from The City Union Mission (may donated gifts at the Plaza Christmas Shoot)

****City Union Mission****

At this year's Christmas shoot the club collected presents and cash donations for needy families that City Union Mission sponsors. Below is an excerpt from a note of thanks that we got from the Mission:

OVER 3200 Kansas City's poor or homeless were cared for this Christmas thru your help

*Thanks for the Digital Dimensions part in the No Family Forgotten
We were able to provide Christmas to families right up until noon on Christmas eve thru your partnership*

Last year we only were able to provide for 59 families thru No Family Forgotten

The clubs efforts was nearly 600 dollars in cash and supplied Christmas items.

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.

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

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

****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 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.

Sensor Cleaning

Club member Mark Greenberg was nice enough to send in his experience w/ getting his camera sensor clean w/a local company:

“Earlier this year, I noticed that all my images were showing a great number of sensor dust spots. Much time was spent in post processing getting rid of these photo spots. My attempts to clean the sensor with various cleaning aids in my Nikon D800 were not at all successful and may have made the situation worse. After some inquiries, I was directed to a business called ELECTRONIC SERVICES. They charge a nonrefundable fee for evaluating the camera. That fee is applied toward any charges incurred for further work. All my camera needed was a thorough sensor cleaning so my final total expense was about \$62.00. The sensor was perfectly clean and my images were spotless. I have decided that sensor cleaning is like owning a house—a certain budget should be allocated for yearly maintenance.”

Contact info:
Electronic Services, 9150 W. 135th St,
Overland Park, Ks 66221,
913-402-1200

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
Gil Carlon
Dennis Chapman
Mike Farley
Mark Higgins
Carole Kropscot
Andy McDonald
Cathy Moffett
Jim Rendina
Dara Russell
Larry Russell
Joe Sands
Mary Ann Teschan