

## 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](mailto:jcaulfield@kc.rr.com)

## Membership **\*IS DUE\***:

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

## Next meeting

**Thursday  
July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017 –  
7:00pm**

**Shawnee Mission  
Park - Shelter 12**

**Open photo shooting meeting  
w/Picnic dinner to start, then  
club member Mike Jensen to  
give talk on Night Sky  
Photography then more time  
to shoot**

**Note!: Different time  
(7:00p) & meeting location  
than normal**

**\*\*link to [map](#)\*\***

7:00pm – Arrive  
7:30pm – Serve Dinner (hot  
dogs on the grill)

**\*\*BYO Drink & Bring a  
side dish to share!\*\***

8:00pm – Presentation by [Mike Jensen](#) then more time to shoot sunset (8:40), post sunset & night sky

**Tips & trick this month: None**

## Future Meetings:

August 17th (Thursday):  
Blake Rudis – Photographer, Photoshop Instructor, F64 Academy

September 21st (Thursday):  
Photography Contest

## Club Field Trips & Calendar:

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](mailto:jcaulfield@kc.rr.com)

July – No Field Trip planned

**August 21 (~1pm) – Rare total Solar Eclipse**

**\*\*Club Trip to St Joe is cancelled\*\***

**Self guided trip is suggested – once in a lifetime opportunity!**

Sept 15-17<sup>th</sup> [McLouth Threshing Bee](#)

Sept 23<sup>rd</sup> ? - Possible reschedule of Downtown St Joseph Trip (above)

Sept – Grinter Farms Sunflowers trip possible

**\*\* 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](http://www.facebook.com/DigitalDimensionsandBeyond)

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

**See page 3 for a "Carole's Corner" article for some photography tips**

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

## **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  
Dennis Chapman  
Frank Croskey  
Mike Farley  
Mark Higgins  
Carole Kropscot  
Andy McDonald  
Cathy Moffett  
Jim Rendina  
Dara Russell  
Larry Russell  
Joe Sands  
Mary Ann Teschan

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## *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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### 5 TIPS FOR PHOTOGRAPHERS

1. Holding the camera very still is becoming more difficult because of the use of monitors (screens) instead of viewfinders. Most people hold their cameras with their arms, hands, and elbows in the air. There is no way that the resulting image will be as sharp as if it were taken with the camera, arms, hands, or elbows resting on a steady support. The use of anything to imitate the steadiness of a tripod is desirable. Pressing the camera against your forehead, tree, wall, fence, camera bag, table, etc. results in sharper images.
2. Choosing whether or not to shoot standing up with the camera at eye level will determine the look of the picture. The image will look less ordinary when shot from a lower or higher camera position. Stoop, kneel, sit down, lie down, lean over, stand on a step, place camera on a fence, etc.
3. Choosing subjects that are worthy of being photographed is often overlooked. A flower or leaf that is not in perfect condition may not be worthy of a macro shot. Even a perfect flower may not be an interesting image until a bee lands on it. Photography is often a game of patience. Waiting for the lion at the zoo to pose himself will be worth the wait.
4. Placing the primary subject at a special place in the composition is key. Some photographers use the rule of thirds, which basically does not center the main subject. Since not all great images are the same shape as the standard camera frame, it is all right to shoot a scene with the intention of cropping it more perfectly afterwards.
5. Realize that the quality and direction of the lighting can make all the difference in the world. When the image would be improved by taking it at a different time of day or in different weather, do it. The photographer can change the light direction by walking around the subject. On a cloudy day, take one photo when the sun is behind a cloud and another when the sun is unobstructed. Compare the images and learn!