

## Next meeting...

### 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:

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### 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

**\*\*THERE IS  
NO  
MEETING\*\*  
on Thursday  
October 19th, 2017  
at the church**

**instead, we are doing a  
club field trip/photo shoot  
in Weston Missouri**

**on Sat. Oct 21<sup>st</sup>  
at 9am**

Meet at (9am):

The Tobacco Barn that's  
located just a little ways inside  
of Weston Bend State Park

[-Weston Bend State Park \(google map\)](#)

[-Map of the Park](#)

Will be shooting in the park and then out & about – lunch is downtown at 11 @The Tin Cup (\$ for lunch will be provided to paid members)

**For further details (places of interest, etc) see the earlier email that was sent or the back of this newsletter.**

**No Tips & tricks or slideshow this month**

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 3 for a "Carole's Corner" article on Cropping**

### Future Meetings:

November 16th (Thursday):  
Craig McCord – Long Exposures

December:

**\*\*NO MEETING at the church\*\***  
Lenexa Exhibit opening takes its place

### 2017 -DD&B Exhibition @ Lenexa City Hall:

We've had such excellent experiences the last few years & have been asked back! Save the Date for Friday Dec 1<sup>st</sup> for the opening/party. You should have received an email with further details.

**\*\*Submissions will be taken between Sept 1 & Oct 31. The 1<sup>st</sup> (35) photos only will be taken\*\***

### 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)

**October 21<sup>st</sup> – Weston (<<see middle)**

**November 26<sup>th</sup> (Sunday) 4pm – Plaza Lights Photo Shoot (self guided) Meet @ warthog (Buca Di Beppo) at 4pm – 6:30 at Tomfooleries for Dinner**

**December 1<sup>st</sup> (Friday) 6:30-8:30 – Club Photo exhibit at the new Lenexa City Hall building (details were sent by email to members)**

**January - Patrick Nabors Frog/Reptile Seminar/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!!**

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

## *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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### CROPPING

Cropping a photo often leads to finding an improved version within the original. Any photo, even an already good one, is a candidate for cropping. A great image may be contained within a good or average photograph. It pays to experiment with cropping every photo.

To crop a photo is to cut off part of it. A little off the top, bottom, or sides can work wonders. More advanced cropping results in a section of the photo being taken out and used as the final image. It is worthwhile to try various types of cropping on each image.

The basic crop removes the extraneous areas around the edges of the image. Beginners often concentrate on the subject matter without giving enough attention to the background. This may result in areas which don't need to be there. A common example is too much sky. Removing part of the photo which has nothing objectionable in it can still help a photo's impact. If an area of the image doesn't contribute enough to the image, it may not have to be there. This same basic crop can also remove extraneous items that are distractions in the areas near the edges of the image.

The free-form crop allows the photographer to crop to get the best look for the image. Beginning photographers often include too much in an image. Sometimes there are two or three good photos within the original.

It is vital to realize that the crop can be rotated. The rotation solves the crooked horizon problem. Rotation also produces another "look" to the image, as if the camera had been tilted. Sometimes it just simply improves the picture.

Digital images in the computer are easily cropped in most photo editing programs. Nowadays, this is the most popular way of cropping. Easy! Great for experimentation!

(cont. – For further details @ Weston trip)

(from the earlier email)  
**OCTOBER MEETING IS CHANGED TO A SATURDAY  
PHOTO TRIP**

**No meeting at the church on Thursday, Oct. 19**

MARK YOUR CALENDAR for  
**Saturday, October 21**

**The October club meeting will be a group photo trip to photograph in and around Weston, Missouri!**

**October is the month for you to do what you like to do best - take photos!** Bring out the photographer in you! Do you like to shoot scenics, macro, architecture, nature, abstracts, patterns, color, vehicles, people, wide angle, telephoto, HDR, flowers, photo-journalism, or travel shots? Maybe even a touch of fall colors!

DD&B is excited to announce a new photo experience for you at the October "meeting"! It's an organized destination photo shoot! We've planned it all out for you, including lunch, once you've arrived in WESTON at 9 am.

- **meet at 9am at the tobacco barn just inside the park! (Weston Bend State Park) – see links on the 1<sup>st</sup> newsletter page for maps**
- brief meeting and review the details of the day's photo shoot in and around Weston.
- **get your FREE lunch \$\$ - free to all paid members.** Details when you get there, but you'll get 15\$ towards lunch. We plan to eat at Tin Kitchen, located in the heart of the Weston Business District.
- then immerse yourself in the wealth of photo ops all around you!

**WHAT'S IN WESTON?**

Take a look at the images taken by John Caulfield and Frank Croskey as they scouted out Weston for us [http://www.caulfieldphotos.com/weston\\_ddb](http://www.caulfieldphotos.com/weston_ddb)

***Partial list of photo ops in Weston, Missouri***

1. Weston Bend State Park – (Lookout Point & Tobacco Barn)  
16600 Highway 45 North

2. Holiday Distillery / McCormick Distilling Company  
1 McCormick Lane

3. Weston Wine Company  
519 Main

4. Gift & Specialty Shops  
Main Street

5. The National Silk Art Museum  
423 Main Street

6. Pirtle Winery  
502 Spring Street

7. Laurel Hill Cemetery  
Welt Street

8. Weston Tobacco  
357 Main Street

9. Historic Weston Orchard & Vineyard  
18545 H Highway

10. Weston Red Barn Farm  
16300 Wilkerson Road

11. Tin Kitchen  
509 Main Street

Remember this trip replaces the Thursday October 19 meeting at the church - we will NOT have a meeting at the church.