

#### 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

#### 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. \*\*See page 4 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 February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021 6:30pm

Photographer & Club Member Mike Jensen

with a presentation on: **The Future of Photography** <u>Click here for presentation info!</u>

Mike Jensen is a master level professional photographer who has been taking photos almost all of his life, starting at age 8 with his mother's Brownie camera. Since then, Mike has amassed an amazing collection of award-winning landscape & wildlife images as well as provided a truly broad range of photography services.

Mike has written numerous articles for magazines, newspapers, blogs & websites. Most recently, in October of 2019 Mike was named as one of the Seven Best Fine Art Photographers in Kansas City by Peerspace.

#### Zoom Link:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85 274217497?pwd=S0xCMVBM cEIHYkIMN2puUjc1T0NmZz09

Meeting ID: 852 7421 7497 Passcode: photo

Tips & tricks: None this Month

## Future Meetings:

April 15<sup>th</sup> (Thursday) <u>Mike Matthews</u> – Bird Photography

May 20<sup>th</sup> (Thursday) <u>Gary Friedman</u> – Flash Photography

June 17<sup>th</sup> (Thursday) Jessica Cepele - Social Media Photography

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

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# Club Field Trips & Calendar:

For up to the minute details see the web page <u>here</u>

Club Field Trips: In work f/ 2021

\*\*SEE PAGE 2-VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!\*\*

#### **This Saturday!**

**March 2021 Newsletter** 

Mar 20<sup>th</sup> (Sat) 10:00am West Bottoms Shoot Meet at "The Ship" (restaurant in West Bottoms – possibly grab lunch after)

April – In Work Overland Park Arboretum (details to come)

May – In Work Painting with Light (details to come)

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

Visit us on Facebook! www.facebook.com/DigitalDimensio nandBeyond

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

See page 3 for a "Carole's Corner" article on Aspect Ratio

## \*\*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 fields 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: <u>www.digitaldimensions.smugmug.com</u> 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:

ddkcslideshow@gmail.com

#### \*\*For more specific details about sizing/formatting your images, a Lightroom Export template & more, please see the detailed <u>submissions</u> 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

## \*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 <u>here</u>.

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 Mary Ann Teschan

## 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.

Written by Carole Kropscot, FPSA, originally for the Photographic Society of America <u>www.psa-photo.org</u>

## ASPECT RATIO

Aspect ratio is how the height and width of an image are related to each other. This is important when making a print from a camera image. Standard size prints usually do not match the aspect ratio of a camera's viewfinder.

This can ruin a careful composition in the viewfinder. Therefore, the photographer's composition must take into account that important items near the edges of an image may not appear on prints of certain height and width proportions.

The idea of proportion is helpful to know when making enlargements. An image's height and width are multiplied by the same whole or fractional number. If the proportions of an original image are 3:2, then a double size print would be 12 x 8. A standard 8" x 10" print will necessitate cropping of the original image. The only way to show this entire original image on 8" x 10" paper is to make a 6.67" x 10" print. This results in two wide margins of white paper showing above and below a horizontal print. This is called printing "full frame."

Digital cameras have different ratios of height to width. No matter which one is chosen, the photographer will lose some of the image to cropping when making a standard size print.

When an image is used on a website where it may not need to fit a specific area, there is no problem. Images entered in salons and other photo competitions via e-mail usually do not have aspect requirements. The rules state the maximum for height and width, but the other dimension can be anything less.

It never hurts to leave a little extra room around the edges when composing an image in the viewfinder. This allows for desired cropping later on.



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We 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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please mail dues to: Digital Dimensions and Beyond P.O. Box 4221 Overland Park, KS. 66204-4221