

## 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 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**  
**April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021 6:30pm**

**Photographer & Educator**

**Mike Matthews**

**with a presentation on:**

***Bird Watching Through  
the Lens of Your Camera***

Mike's passion for nature photography began over forty-five years ago and he has been shooting professionally for twenty years. Mike's images have been published in numerous national publications. Many of his images have been published by universities for articles relating to specific topics like human/wildlife interaction.

Mike is a master falconer and has trained birds of prey for over forty years and offers bird of prey workshops in both Florida and in his home state of Kentucky. Mike offers a variety of guided Nature Photography Tours, Birding Workshops, Floral workshops, and Extreme Macro.

Mike has been a Keynote speaker throughout the USA on these topics. Mike's hope is that you will enjoy his passion for photography, capturing nature in its truest form through inspirational images.

### Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85615315286?pwd=UTVoSUtsTkI5bjhHMGMx4VIRLcmt4UT09>

**Meeting ID: 856 1531 5286**  
**Passcode: photo**

**Tips & tricks: Light Painting**

## Future Meetings:

May 20<sup>th</sup> (Thursday)  
[Gary Friedman](#) – Flash Photography

June 17<sup>th</sup> (Thursday)  
Reed Hoffman - Infrared Photography

## Club Field Trips & Calendar:

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

**Club Field Trips: In work f/ 2021**

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

### This Saturday!

**April 17<sup>th</sup> – 9:00am**

**Overland Park Arboretum**

**Meet at entrance – BYO Box/Bag  
lunch and eat outside on the  
picnic tables after shooting**

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

**June – Possible picks: Kauffman  
Gardens/Nelson Inside/Fountains  
(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](mailto:jcaulfield@kc.rr.com)

**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)**

**Don't forget to visit our  
Website for great resources  
& additional information.**

**[www.digitaldimensionskc.com](http://www.digitaldimensionskc.com)**

**See page 3 for a "Carole's Corner"  
article on Using Shutter Speed**

## **\*\*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

## *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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### USING SHUTTER SPEED

Shutter speed lets the photographer experiment with speeding up or slowing down time. It is amazing to see what the human eye cannot see in real time. This is the powerful aspect of shutter speed.

Time slows down in the soft blur of a waterfall. Shutter speeds longer than 1/20<sup>th</sup> of a second blur the water. Experiments with longer and longer shutter speed reveal the possible results. Other potential subjects are moving people, cars, bikes, motorcycles, even flowers already blowing in the wind. Slow shutter speeds require the use of a tripod or another steady support.

The ability to catch a split second in time is powerful. Using shutter speeds of 1/250<sup>th</sup> of a second or more can result in new visual discoveries. A higher shutter speed of 1/500<sup>th</sup> is needed to freeze objects moving from one side to the other. Objects coming straight toward the photographer can often be captured at 1/250<sup>th</sup>.

The choice of aperture will also change the photo. When full sharpness from front to back is desired, aperture would be f/11 or higher (f/22). When the background needs to be less in focus, aperture would be f/8 or preferably lower (f/2). The amount of light on the subject is what determines the choice of the combination of aperture and shutter speed.

When photographing a moving subject, the beginner can test the full range of shutter speeds and combinations with various apertures. Later on, the evaluation of the images will be a big learning experience. Since digital images retain the camera settings, the photographer can see which shutter speeds produce the desired image.



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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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