

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 ***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.

****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
June 17th, 2021 6:30pm

Photographer & Educator

Reed Hoffmann

with a presentation on:

Infrared Photography

Reed Hoffmann's been playing with infrared photography for over ten years, starting with filters and eventually having four different cameras converted to infrared. He'll share what he's learned, from the different options available, their strengths and weaknesses, to what you can do with those photos, in this presentation.

Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81029506769?pwd=ZmF6bm9jdVh4bFgrYmFRYXRITHcwUT09>

Meeting ID: 810 2950 6769
Passcode: photo

Tips & tricks: None this Month

Future Meetings:

July 15th (Thursday)

Loose Park – Meeting @ the Park
****see Sign-up Genius email!****

Aug 19th (Thursday)

Tom Strongman – My Life with Photography

Sept 16th (Thursday)

Ryan Brown – Canon Representative

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

www.digitaldimensionaskc.com

Club Field Trips & Calendar:

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

****VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!****

****self guided****

June 20 (Sun) -Sunset – [Taps at The Tower](#) – WWI Memorial – possible also shooting Union Station & fountains

****self guided****

July 3rd-4th – [Kansas City Air Show](#) (now @ New Century AirCenter, New Century KS – Blue Angels this year.

August – [KC Monarchs Baseball](#) game at Legends Field - KCK

**** 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/DigitalDimensionsandBeyond

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

See page 3 for a "Carole's Corner" article on Static & Dynamic Composition

****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

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

****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

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.

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

STATIC & DYNAMIC COMPOSITION

Although the primary subject matter can be placed anywhere in the frame, some locations will look better than others. Not everyone has the same likes and dislikes, so there are no definite rules. Yet human beings tend to react similarly to some locations of objects.

A photo looks static when the main subject is centered. A motionless subject is just sitting there in the middle without any unique appeal. Examples are an ordinary, head-on view of a flower or building. Beginning photographers are apt to place the main subject in the center of the picture. That is another reason why such images are often regarded as amateurish and nothing special.

Being centered includes both horizontal and vertical margins. Sometimes a subject is centered from top to bottom although off to one side. Other times a subject has equal space from the side edges although not centered vertically. Equal margins in either direction produce a more static look.

A dynamic photo contains elements of angles, leading lines, off-centeredness, and light and dark areas. This type of composition is usually planned. The planning indicates a more experienced photographer. Also, human beings like to see something out of the ordinary, something which is not noticed in everyday life. The eye needs something to convince itself that the photo is more than 2 dimensional.

Objects with angles or objects lined up diagonally help prevent a motionless static feeling. Roundness and curves help, too. So do darkness and lightness. Light areas appear closer to the viewer. Dark areas recede away.

A dynamic photo may have the element of leading the viewer into the picture. This can be more interesting than looking directly at the main subject. A road or fence leading up to the main subject implies a feeling of motion. Dark areas leading to light areas draw the viewer into the light. The viewer's eye travels from the edge of the image to the main subject. The static version would be simply the main subject, equally lit on all sides.

Photographers need to take the time to look for a dynamic way to present the subject. Finding a more unique composition can be difficult. The use of nearby objects is one method. It pays to look around. Noticing what is dark or light is also part of the planning.



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It 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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