

Next meeting

Thursday
July 15th, 2021

Shoot & Social at Loose Park

DD&Bers – this is our first all member meeting since Covid!

There will be a boxed dinner provided - your cost \$5 for members and guests alike! This is a \$15 dinner for \$5 - what a deal! Box dinner will be ham & swiss on croissant, two sides & a cookie!

****Bring your 5 dollar bills to pay Mike Farley the night of the meeting!****

Bring your camera! After dinner we'll be to do a short small-group photo challenge. There will also be time to shoot the rose garden, pond, ducks, etc.

***Use parking lots off Wornall Rd* (sign up for this meeting should have been done already by sign-up genius – see earlier emails)**

Note: Different meeting location (not your Home or the Church 😊) Rain or shine!

No Tips & trick or Member Slideshow this month

Future Meetings:

Aug 19th (Thursday)

****Back at the church!****

Tom Strongman – My Life with Photography

Sept 16th (Thursday)

Ryan Brown – Canon Representative

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

Club Field Trips & Calendar:

For up to the minute details see the web page [here](#)
****VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!****

August 21st (tentative)–
[KC Monarchs Baseball](#) game at Legends Field - KCK
(more info to come)

July 18th [The Great Car Show](#)
(Liberty Memorial Lawn)
Self guided

October 16th [Water Lantern Festival](#)
Self guided

**** 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

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

****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:

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

THE BACKGROUND

Being aware of the background is equally as important as the subject. It is all too easy to see an interesting subject and snap a picture. The photographer must learn to take the time to evaluate the background as well as everything else that goes into making an excellent photo.

The main goal is to have a background that is not distracting. The viewer's eye should notice the subject first and foremost. A distracting background is one that the viewer notices too quickly after seeing the picture.

If the background catches the viewer's attention immediately, it is too bright, too busy, or too colorful. Distractions occur with bright spots, objects touching the subject, or very sharp items that are so interesting that they make the viewer want to look at them too much.

If the background shows the clutter of everyday life, the photographer can lower the camera and use the sky as the background. If an object appears to be growing out of a person's head, the photographer can take a step sideways or ask the subject to move.

Busy backgrounds are busy because of too many items. One solution is to use a large aperture, such as 5.6 or lower number, to throw the background more out of focus. This method works best with telephoto lenses. It does not work well with wide angle lenses.

Hot spots are a common background problem. Sunlight coming through tree leaves often produces distracting bright spots that attract the eye away from the main subject. Photos with such trees in the background are better taken on an overcast, cloudy day. Perhaps a better solution is to change the composition to avoid any hot spots. Hot spots are also found as glare on shiny objects or from direct sunlight which overly brightens parts of objects.

The background is part of the composition. Changing composition means moving the camera, the subject, or the photographer. After seeing a photo-worthy subject, the photographer must move around, left and right, up and down, to find the best composition, including the background. When both tactics fail, it is usually better not to take the photo.

An excellent background is one that does not take attention away from the main subject. Instead, it enhances the main subject. It can be interesting in itself as long as that interest is secondary.



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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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please mail dues to:

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