

### 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 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 August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021 \*\*6:00PM\*\* (slightly earlier than normal)

Photographer & Journalist

with a presentation on: My Life with Photography

Tom Strongman started his career as a photojournalist holding staff photographer jobs at major newspapers in Colorado before landing at the Kansas City Star in 1978. There he took on increasing photography and editorial rolls through 2001. In addition, Tom has specialized in covering the automotive industry for more than 25 years as the Contributing Editor for the Kansas City Star. His work also appears in the St. Louis Suburban Journals, the Columbus Dispatch, Universal UClick syndicate and Home and Away Magazine.

#### Zoom Link:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/881360 81592?pwd=YWNIZIZOdXd3RFRq MzFDT2IQd3ICUT09

Meeting ID: 881 3608 1592 Passcode: photo

Tips & tricks: None this Month

### Future Meetings:

Sept 16<sup>th</sup> (Thursday) Jeff McPhetters – Macro & Focus Stacking

Oct 21<sup>st</sup> (Thursday) Blake Rudis

# August 2021 Newsletter

www.digitaldimensionskc.com

Club Field Trips & Calendar: For up to the minute details see the web page <u>here</u> \*\*VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!\*\*

August 21st <u>KC Monarchs Baseball</u> game at Legends Field - KCK (Sold Out! Emails were sent)

Sept 10<sup>th</sup> 8am <u>Grinter Sunflowers</u> (brunch at general store on site)

Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> - Octoberfest – Hermann MO – Take Amtrak – there and back-same day (see email for more info)

October 16<sup>th</sup> <u>Water Lantern</u> <u>Festival</u> \*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, <u>jcaulfield@kc.rr.com</u>

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

Visit us on Facebook! <u>www.facebook.com/DigitalDimensio</u> <u>nandBeyond</u> (You don't have to be a Facebook member to view the page)

See page 3 for a "Carole's Corner" article on Choosing Basic Camera Settings

### \*\*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 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 <u>www.psa-photo.org</u>

### CHOOSING BASIC CAMERA SETTINGS

How does the beginning photographer decide which camera settings to learn about and use first? How to decide which settings are appropriate for the desired image?

Setting the ISO first is basic. This sets the camera's sensitivity to light and helps make good exposures in all lighting situations. The usual default setting is 100. Higher numbers are used in darker situations. Lower numbers are used in very bright light.

The photographer chooses the ISO, and the camera chooses the aperture and shutter speed that will, all together, produce the best exposure.

The main reason to change the ISO is when the photographer is not happy with the camera's choice for the combination of shutter speed and aperture. This situation occurs most often when the light is too bright or too dark.

Now, the beginning photographer can try the camera's various modes. The auto or Program modes are good for beginners, because they produce a well exposed image. So do the other automatic modes, such as portrait, landscape, action, or close-up. These automated exposures are fine as long as the photographer does not want to control the exact shutter speed or aperture.

There are two modes which allow the photographer to choose the exact shutter speed or aperture. The camera will then choose the other setting to make the best exposure. Using shutter speed priority mode allows the exact choice of shutter speed so that a moving subject can be captured either blurry or sharp. Using aperture priority mode allows the exact choice of aperture to create blurrier backgrounds or sharpness throughout. The desired look for the image determines whether to use an automatic or priority mode.

In manual mode, the photographer chooses both aperture and shutter speed. This often results in an underor overexposure. Manual mode is not generally for beginners. It is helpful for beginners when taking panoramas in multiple shots. If each section is shot with the exact same settings, the combined sections will produce the best finished panorama.



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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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