



February 2022 Newsletter

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Next meeting

Virtual/Online Mtg

**Thursday
February 17th, 2022 6:30pm**

Landscape Photographer Craig McCord

With a presentation on:

Tools & Techniques for Black & White Photography

Craig enjoys great personal satisfaction from photographic pursuits and is always looking to grow both technically and artistically. However, what he finds equally rewarding is teaching others the art and craft of photography. Based in the Midwest, he conducts landscape photography workshops around the US with a focus on Kansas.

Join Craig McCord as he discusses some tools and techniques of Black and White photography. He will explain how to visualize and compose for black and white and what to consider when choosing subjects.

Craig will also express his thoughts on why he returned to his photographic roots, shooting only black and white after years of color photography. Included in the presentation will be a brief demonstration of his post processing workflow using Lightroom and NIK Plugins.

No Tips & trick this month

Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88312846133?pwd=ejUwU0diTFpWaXdKa3JXQndkNIYyUT09>

**Meeting ID: 883 1284 6133
Passcode: photo**

Future Meetings:

**Mar 24th (Thursday)
John "Chip" Ellis (KC Monarchs Photog)–
Tips and Tricks for Sports Photography**

**April 21st (Thursday)
Cole Thompson – Vision in Photography**

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 pro-rated for new members.

****See page 5 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

**** Please see Page 3
for a very important
message from
Digital Dimensions
long time club
President –
John Caulfield ****

Club Field Trips & Calendar:

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

Cabin Fever Virtual Field Trip!

Instead of a field trip for January we're doing the first ever (and hopefully last ever!) **Virtual Field "Stay" Trip**. The theme is **Cabin Fever** and it will take place this Saturday, Jan 22nd - You name the time & place!

Pick your best 3 shots and submit them to the normal club slideshow email (ddkcsldideshow@gmail.com) and we'll review them at the February meeting!

****If you haven't - Get your shots
in by Wed night!****

**Feb 19th (THIS Sat) 10am
Glenwood Antiques (91st & Metcalf)
Lunch after at The Peanut in
Downtown O.P. (Noon)**

**March (date TBD) - Easy Jacks Junkyard –
Junction City, KS (Day trip w/lunch)**

**Future - In Work / Future
Powell Gardens
Linda hall Iris Park, UMKC
BBQ Restaurant Tour
St Louis**

Visit us on Facebook!

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

**See page 4 for a "Carole's Corner"
article on Your Camera-ICON Modes**

****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:
ddkcsideshow@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

Dear friends of DDB,

I am happy to announce that Mary Kapka and Vicki Darr are assuming the position of Co-President of DD&B effective immediately. Dennis Chapman will be a Senior Advisor.

I am stepping down as President after 13 years! It has been my honor to be a part of leading DD&B.

Thanks to all of you the club is in a great position for the future.

The key to success is supporting each other, share your talent, get involved & volunteer! There is a tremendous amount of talent in the club.

Keep making friends and memories,

John Caulfield

February 15, 2022

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

YOUR CAMERA - BASIC ICON SHOOTING MODES

Cameras use a variety of shooting modes to set the exposure. The photographer must choose one of them. Then the camera automatically sets the appropriate combination of f/stop (aperture) and shutter speed for a good exposure.

Shooting modes are indicated by icons (small graphics) or letters on a dial, either on top or on the back of the camera. This mode dial differs on different cameras. Sometimes there are also menus associated with the dial. The modes are explained in the instruction book for each brand and model of camera.

These basic icon shooting modes base their settings on the scene. Commonly found icons are for portraits, landscapes, action (moving subjects), people in dark scenes, and close-ups. Sometimes, but not always, the camera manual will state what actual aperture and shutter speeds are used.

Icon shooting modes are used for convenience by both beginning and experienced photographers. For beginners without extensive knowledge about exposure, these icons are very helpful.

- The icon of a lady's head is for taking portraits of people and animals. The camera sets a wide aperture for a sharply focused subject and a slightly blurred background.
- The icon of a mountain is for landscapes. The aperture is somewhat closed down to create a higher depth of field, resulting in a sharp foreground and background.
- The icon of a runner is for taking action shots of any moving subject so that the moving subject will be as sharp as possible. Although popular for sports, this mode works well for active children and pets. The camera sets a high shutter speed and a coordinating aperture depending on the available light.
- The icon of a person with a star is for flash pictures of people at night, dusk, dawn, or in other low light. The shutter speed is reduced so that the background has time to be recorded instead of being dark, as it is with a regular flash exposure.
- The icon of a flower is for close-ups of any subject. This mode allows the camera to be placed much closer to the subject. In all other modes, the closest focusing distance is much farther away. The shutter speed is chosen to coordinate with a wide open aperture (an f/stop with a small number).



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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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