

## 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:

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Vicki Darr [vmdarr@gmail.com](mailto:vmdarr@gmail.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

## Next meeting

**\*In Person!\***

**Thursday**  
**May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022 6:30pm**

**Macro Photographer**  
**Patrick Nabors**

Patrick Nabors is an Overland Park KS photographer, as well as a tropical frog and gecko breeder. He began his exploration of photography in pursuit of product photos of the animals he was working with, and while he also enjoys a wide range of other types of photography, he has developed a specialization in photographing small creatures in his home studio.

Patrick enjoys exploring and sharing techniques for Macro photography, in particular focusing on the use of flash to enable greater depth of field and a significantly less issues with motion blur! During his presentation, Patrick will cover some less expensive ways to get your feet wet with macro photography, as well as a great slideshow of macro images of frogs, geckos and other creatures from all over the world!

**(Tips & trick – Sito Colon from Overland Photo)**

**We're back in-person this month!**  
**(Asbury United Methodist Church)**

## Future Meetings:

**June 16<sup>th</sup> (Thursday) Ron Tilman – Wildlife & Nature**

**July 21<sup>st</sup> (Thursday) Picnic @ Loose Park**

**Aug 18<sup>th</sup> (Thursday) Reed Hoffman – Topic TBD**

Don't forget to visit our  
Website for great resources  
& additional information.  
[www.digitaldimensionskc.com](http://www.digitaldimensionskc.com)

## Club Field Trips & Calendar:

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

**\*\*VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!\*\***

**\*Past\* May 14 (last Saturday)**  
**Kauffman Memorial Gardens**

**June 18<sup>th</sup> (Saturday) 7:45pm**  
**Union Station Fountain -**  
**Sunset Shoot. Meet at 7:45pm**  
**@ [Union Station Fountain](#)**

**July 21<sup>st</sup> Picnic Dinner & shoot**  
**at Loose Park**

**August (in work) [KC Monarchs](#)**  
**Game/Shoot**

**\*\* 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 leaders. Please seek out Mary Kapka or Vicki Darr & let them know you might want to volunteer or have ideas.

Visit us on Facebook!

[www.facebook.com/DigitalDimensionsandBeyond](https://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 Camera Care – Part 2**

## **\*\*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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### **CAMERA CARE, Part 2**

A camera can become unusable if any of its parts are not handled properly.

Batteries need to be handled correctly. It is best to carry extra batteries in a container where they cannot move around and hit each other. Touching batteries with dirty or greasy hands is not recommended. Batteries should not be kept in a camera which is not going to be used for more than a month. Very cold batteries may not work until they warm up and are free of condensation. Batteries should not be frozen.

Batteries and battery chargers work best when the charging is done for the length of time recommended by their accompanying instructions.

Batteries used together at the same time should be the same brand and have the same level of charge. All of the batteries should be replaced simultaneously.

Lenses should be kept free from fingerprints, dust, and dirt. Cleaning should be done frequently and properly with the correct supplies. A special cloth is recommended, such as a smooth microfiber cloth meant for a lens. Using fluid meant for cleaning lenses is important. So is putting that fluid on the cloth and not directly on the lens. Many types of cloths are too rough and cause scratches, such as paper towel, tissue, or a person's clothes.

The front element of a lens can be damaged by objects hitting it. A lens hood is a piece of equipment that is attached to the front of the lens. It sticks out and shields the front of the lens from scratches. Using a clear or skylight filter protects the glass. If desired, the filter can be removed before photographing. A lens hood also prevents the sun's rays from hitting the lens and causing unwanted flare spots or star bursts in the photos.

Nothing should be forced when using a camera. If the pop-up flash will not pop up, there is a real reason. Finding the answer in the camera's instruction manual is better than pulling hard and breaking something. If a removable lens is difficult to take off or attach, it is time to re-read the instructions. It will be helpful to refresh one's memory before an important photo shoot. Anyway, it is always a good idea to carry the instruction manual in a pocket or the camera bag.



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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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