

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:
Mary Kapka marykapka@gmail.com
Vicki Darr 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 prorated 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

**Thursday
July 21st, 2022**

Shoot & Social at Loose Park

DD&Bers – Come join us for dinner & photography in the park! 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)
*Normal 6:30 start time***

Note: Different meeting location -not your Home or the Church-

No Tips & trick or Member Slideshow this month

Future Meetings:

Aug 18th (Thursday) Reed Hoffman – Adventures in Photography

Sept 15th (Thursday) Jeanna Hayes – Portraits

Oct 20th (Thursday) TBD

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

www.digitaldimensionskc.com

Club Field Trips & Calendar:

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

****VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!****

August 13th (Saturday)
KC Monarchs Baseball game at Legends Field – KCK
4:30p Tailgate/6:00pm Game (info/sign up to come)

Sept 17th (Saturday) 11:00am
Portrait Shooting/Lighting
John Caulfields House
(info/sign up genius to come)

October – Fall Color/ Baldwin City Possible – Date/Details TBD

Fall - Be thinking about submissions for Lenexa Exhibit (submissions due by Oct 31st)

**** 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

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

See page 3 for a "Carole's Corner" article on Metering 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 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

METERING MODES

A camera's light meter reads the amount of light reflecting off all parts of an image and then chooses an exposure. The exposure is composed of an aperture and shutter speed, chosen in coordination with an ISO.

It can seem logical that pointing a modern camera at any subject matter will result in a well-exposed image, but it is not as simple as that.

The light meter can average all the light it sees. Or it can set an exposure based on the center of the image. Or on only one small area. The camera's various metering modes allow the photographer to choose the method. The choice is based on which area of the image that the photographer wants to be exposed the best.

Generally, a camera has three basic metering modes, and each one is set to work differently with the light. Each camera brand chooses to name them differently although sometimes the names are often similar. The categories can be described as an overall mode, a center-weighted mode, and a spot mode.

The overall mode is the one chosen at the factory as the default setting. Often the beginning photographer does not realize there are any other choices.

In this overall mode, the camera divides an image into several zones and analyzes the light in various areas of the foreground, background, and center. Common names for the default metering mode are Evaluative, Matrix, or Pattern. This mode is good for average shooting situations with a fairly centered subject and a background with normal areas of lights and darks.

In the center-weighted metering mode, the camera gives more weight to the lighting at the image's center. The background's light and/or dark areas are of secondary influence.

In the spot metering mode, the camera gives virtually all weight to the spot where the camera is aimed. The spot-metered subject will be well exposed regardless of its surroundings. The background may look over or under-exposed, however. The spot mode is not meant to give an entire image a well-exposed overall look.

Each level of brightness and darkness needs its own exposure to look its best. This means that not every part of an image can be simultaneously perfectly exposed. The photographer must settle either for a good general look or for one specific area to better exposed than the rest of the image.,

It is the photographer's job to find an acceptable exposure by deciding which area deserves the best exposure and then choosing the metering mode to accomplish that goal.



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*It is extremely helpful & appreciated if you would mail in your membership dues.
Dues can also be paid at the in-person club meetings at the check-in desk.*

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