

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 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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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 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

**Thursday
January 19th, 2023**

Jim Mathis

with a program on

“The Joy of Photography”

His presentation will center around the various aspects of photography and why different people enjoy photography for different reasons.

Jim Mathis has been involved in many areas of photography since he got his first camera in the fourth grade. He has managed a camera store, owned a custom photo lab, owned a commercial photography studio, collected vintage cameras and images, started a photography museum, and taught Photoshop and photography classes. He currently specializes in copying and [restoring old, damaged or faded photographs](#).

Tips & trick this month:

Pop Up – please bring a Tip or Trick to share on how to take better holiday lights, winter & snow photos!

Future Meetings:

Feb 16th (Thurs) [Deanna Dikeman](#)
Family Photo Project

Mar 16th (Thurs) Meeting In Work

Apr 20th (Thurs) [Brian Gayley](#)
Portraits & Head Shots

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](#)

****Jan 23rd (Next Monday) 3:30-5:30pm - Don't forget to pick up your photos from the Lenexa Show!****

January – Introducing the New DD&B Buddy Program. Program will be explained at the meeting (or see the email sent on Jan. 10th)

Basically – Put your name in, we'll pair you up with another club member, you both decide where to meet & you get out there and shoot!

February – Date/Time TBA
Photographing at the Nelson Atkins Art Museum

Spring – Date/Time TBA
Warm Springs Ranch – Budweiser Clydesdales

Lenexa Photo Exhibit

Thanks everyone for your submissions!
Photos are still available for viewing in the Lobby of Lenexa City Hall through the pick up day (January 23rd).
If you haven't yet, stop by and see all the excellent work by your fellow club members!

****VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!****

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 Exposure Compensation (Pt. 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

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.

Planning 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 on the Planning Committee.

Join our group. We meet on the first Thursday of each month!

For more information contact:

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Planning Committee Members:

Vicki Darr

Mary Kapka

Dennis Chapman

Mark Asbury

Nancy Armstrong

Frank Croskey

Jackie Eatinger

Mike Farley

Patricia Fries

Mark Higgins

Carole Kropscot

Andy McDonald

Cathy Moffett

Crystal Nederman

Dara Russell

Joe Sands

Michelle Schwartz

Mary Ann Teschan

John Caulfield (emeritus)

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

EXPOSURE COMPENSATION (PART 2)

Exposure compensation is used to make the image either lighter or darker. It is a valuable tool for accurately reproducing scenes which turn out too light or too dark. The photographer has the opportunity to compensate for the light meter's inability to automatically reproduce some subject matter the way he or she wants it to appear in the final image.

Here is the mechanical aspect of exposure compensation. The amount of light entering the camera is controlled by the lens opening or by the shutter speed. A larger opening with the same shutter speed will let in more light. A longer shutter speed with the same lens opening will let in more light.

The lens opening is called the f/stop, also known as the aperture. Aperture means "opening." When the light meter chooses an f/stop, it connects a shutter speed to it, automatically. If the photographer changes the f/stop or shutter speed, the other setting normally changes accordingly, thereby maintaining the SAME exposure.

Exposure compensation does NOT result in the SAME exposure. Instead, the image is lighter or darker.

Each camera handles exposure compensation with different menus, dials, icons, and buttons. It is common to see the plus or minus symbol like this +/- or a horizontal graphic with a zero in the middle and a + on the right and a – on the left. Going in the plus direction adds light and brightens the image. Going in the minus direction darkens the exposure.

The pluses and minuses are increments of f/stops. The range is plus or minus 2 f/stops with divisions in one third of a stop. As an example of how this works, it can be said that the photographer can open up (or close down) one third of a stop, two thirds of a stop, one stop, one and one third, one and two thirds, or two stops.

Experienced photographers know to open up between one and two stops to brighten snow images. Or to subtract several increments to reproduce a black dog properly. Experience is the best teacher.

Another teaching aide is to try Automatic exposure bracketing, AEB, if it is available. Three images are taken at intervals below and above the standard auto exposure. The photographer can quickly see the effect of adding and subtracting light to an image.



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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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