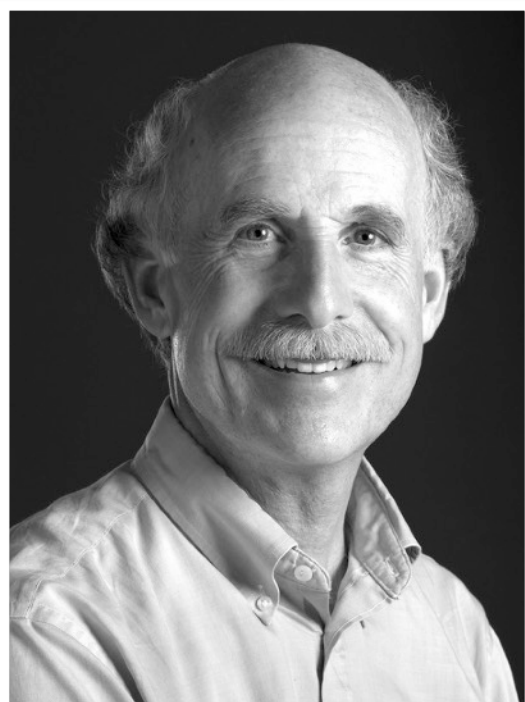




Photo by John Caulfield

November 16 Meeting Keith Myers Photos



Keith Myers, News Photographer and DD&B Club Member, was inducted into the Missouri Photo Hall of Fame in 2015. At our club meeting this month Keith will share photos and experiences from his long and varied background as a professional photographer.

Keith worked as a stringer for UPI in the 1970's, and covered the Kansas City Royals World Series in 1985 for the Kansas City Times. In 1987 he won a first place feature award in the Pictures of the Year competition for his photo of prisoners with HIV. In 1990 Keith became Assistant Photo Editor for the Kansas City Times and the Kansas City Star after they merged. More recently Keith has spent time photographing events in Platte County and restoring historical photos including more than 200 he shared with Platte County Historical Society. Bruce Hogle will talk on "How to Dress for Cold Weather," and Sito from Overland Park Photo will show us some of their latest photo gear.

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Photo by Tom Strongman

Member Slide Show

Each meeting we have a slideshow of photos submitted by our members. The photos submitted for the slideshow will be available for viewing on the DD&B website and a few may be selected for this newsletter. We hope that most members will participate.

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.

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

*Submissions accepted no later than 11:00 pm Wednesday night before the meeting. You are also encouraged to bring hard copies of your photos to share before and after the meeting at a table in the foyer.

DD&B Lenexa Photo Exhibition November 28th, 2023 to January 21st, 2024

Be sure to visit the annual DD&B Club Photo Exhibition in the Lenexa City Hall Art Gallery. We'll have 30 member photographs on display. A reception is planned for December 8th from 6:00-7:30 pm; details to follow.

Holiday Dinner at Konrad's

Our December gathering this year will be on Sunday, December 17th in downtown Lee's Summit. We have tables reserved at [Konrad's](#) from 3 pm to 6 pm. We will not have an organized photography shoot, but come early and/or stay late to shoot Christmas lighting and decorations in the area. Club members can bring one guest; you do not need to make a reservation—just let the host or hostess at Konrad's know you are with our group. We'll be able to order off the menu individually as we arrive. Many thanks to Patricia Fries for arranging this!

Loess Bluffs Field Trip November 25th

Join us as at [Loess Bluffs National Wildlife Refuge](#) on Saturday, November 25. This is a Missouri wetlands used by thousands of waterfowl and hundreds of Bald Eagles on bird migration. We will meet at the refuge headquarters at 8:30 am. To reach the refuge from KC take I-29 to exit 79, turn left and go approximately 3 miles. The headquarters is on the left. This is an all day trip, but feel free to arrive and depart as you are able. If we have to cancel due to weather or refuge issues we will announce it by Friday afternoon. Bring plenty of warm clothing, all your camera gear, and a lunch. We will meet at the picnic area around noon and compare notes weather permitting. Your leader is Mark Land. If you have any questions you can contact Mark at kestrelland@gmail.com or 816-590-9814 and leave a message.



Photo by Nancy Armstrong

Christmas Light Displays Kansas City Area

If you are into photographing Christmas Light displays, here are some places you might want to check out:

[Mayor's Christmas Tree Lighting Event](#) at Crown Center on November 24th, 5:30 PM

A [Plaza Lighting Ceremony](#) is held every year on Thanksgiving night. The event will run from around 5 pm to 8 pm this year; Kansas City Rapper Tech9Ne` will flip the switch, followed by fireworks and performances by Quixotic and the Celtic-rock band The Elders.

[Union Station](#) holiday decorations and its gigantic Christmas tree are always a delight to photograph.

Festival of Lights at Powell Gardens

The [Powell Gardens Festival of Lights](#) will take place Wednesday through Sunday from 5 PM to 10 PM from November 16th to December 30. Tickets must be purchased ahead of time; in addition to festival tickets you can also make an evening of it and purchase tickets for drinks and tapas.

“The Mischievous Elf” at Legends Field November 24-December 31

[Enchant Christmas](#) will be in Kansas City this year November 24th to December 31st. According to the website, “Enchant is an immersive experience weaving magic into its every corner, perfect for joyful seasonal celebrations. Adventure through The Mischievous Elf, a captivating, larger-than-life light maze that is the cornerstone to the Enchant experience.” Ticket prices range from \$25 to \$35 and are available [here](#).



Evelyn Hofer: Eyes on the City at Nelson-Atkins Museum

Evelyn Hofer is known for her photographs of European and American cities including Spain, Florence, London, New York City, and Washington DC. Hofer favored large format cameras and worked in both black and white and color. The photo above is from a [New York Times](#) article on her work in that city. The Nelson-Atkins exhibit opened on September 16th of this year and will run through February 11th in 2024.

CAROLE'S CORNER

MNEMONICS

A convenient way to check important items before pressing the shutter button is to use mnemonics, a memory aid, such as a simple word. By going through the letters in a word, the photographer can be reminded of important factors to double check. Whatever the photographer's native language, this memory device can be used. The following examples are for English-speaking persons.



Photo by Donna Vincent

For example, FAST can be a reminder for major camera settings. Focus, Aperture, Shutter speed, and then Take the picture. Many a photo could be improved by checking and changing the F, A, or S before the T. The camera's centered point of Focus may not be the desired spot. The chosen Aperture may not produce the desired depth of field. The chosen Shutter speed may stop the action when a sense of movement was desired. Then, Take the picture!

The word FAST could even be used again! F for Focal length, A for Angle of the camera, S for "Is it a Snapshot?" and T for Take the picture.

When a photographer discovers repeated problems in his or her own images, he or she can create a custom mnemonic. For example,

if there always seems to be a distraction in the background, the photographer could choose BD (Background Distraction) or DB (Distraction in the Background). Whatever is easily remembered by that photographer is the best to choose. Then before pressing the shutter button, the "help" word or initials is remembered and used.

Since there are so many aspects to a fine photographic image, it helps to use mnemonics. Categories to stop and think about are subject placement, quality of the light, leading lines, impact, feeling, mood, angle of view, ISO, white balance, exposing for the highlights, and many more.

The word, words, or initials help remind the photographer to pause and think before pressing the shutter button. The large format photographer always took the time to check all



Photo by Mollie O'Day

aspects, because each image took so long to set up and was so costly. Today's digital photographer tends to be too quick to press the shutter button after discovering a worthy subject. PAT (pause and think).