



FINDING INSPIRATION

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Essential Strategies for Keeping Your Photography Spark Alive

As a photographer, staying inspired is essential to keeping your creativity alive and evolving. However, even the most passionate photographers can face creative blocks. To keep your photography spark ignited, here are some essential strategies:

1. Change and Observe Your Environment

Sometimes, a simple change of scenery can be the key to reigniting your creativity. Explore new locations, revisit familiar places at different times of the day, or even rearrange your home or studio. By changing your environment, you'll notice different details and perspectives that may inspire a fresh approach to your work.

2. Experiment With Different Genres

If you're feeling stuck, try experimenting with a genre you're unfamiliar with. If you're usually focused on real estate photography, try street photography, portraiture, or even nature photography. Stepping outside of your comfort zone encourages you to think differently and approach photography from a new angle.

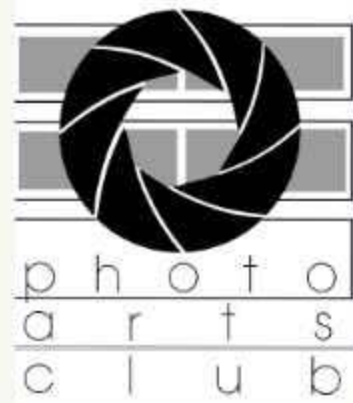


Scavenger Hunt 2024

Scavenger Hunt Photos Due this month! Here is the list.

All images are due to **Michele** by **October 31st**. Images are to be photographed only in the Toledo Botanical Gardens. **Send by email with 2024 Scavenger Hunt in the Subject email.**

1. Sparkle
2. Curve
3. Thirds
4. Flowing
5. Framed by Nature
6. Editorial or Sense of Community
7. Abstract (What is it?)
8. Bug(s)
9. Pattern Repeating
10. Spirals
11. Colorful
12. Rainbow(s)
13. Bird(s)
14. Rusty
15. Nature's Architecture



email images to michelekipplen@gmail.com

Subject : 2024 Scavenger Hunt

www.photoartscluboftoledo.com

GALLERY REFRESH SCHEDULE

It is time to refresh our clubhouse gallery! We're excited to share a schedule of themes and dates for adding or exchanging works in the clubhouse. We encourage you to provide framed and/ or matted images, as the clubhouse is open to the public every second Saturday of the month from now through December. Here's the schedule

November 19th 1pm- 4pm- Items for Heralding the Holidays

April 12th 10am-4pm- Let's Spring into Spring

Please review the calendar of events on our website for drop-off and pick-up dates for your work. Let's work together to make our gallery vibrant and engaging!

Text Michele if you have any questions .



Additional Drop off dates

November 9th- 11am 4pm

And any date that there is a club activity going on. Just let Michele know.

Gift Card Collection

It's time to collect gift cards for our Annual Gift Card Raffle held during the *Heralding the Holidays* event!

The cards can be sent to the clubhouse by mail or dropped off on the 2nd Saturday of the Month from 11-3 pm. Please **do not** leave them in the outside mailboxes!

Drop off cards Anytime the club house is open.

RSVP'S

Be diligent & RSVP when needed.- Thank you

We encourage you to RSVP for our upcoming activities, photo walks, and interest groups! By confirming your attendance in advance, you help us ensure that we have everything prepared for an enjoyable and fulfilling experience. RSVP allows us to organize the events more efficiently, offering you the best possible environment to connect with fellow members and explore shared interests. It also helps us cater to specific needs and preferences, such as transportation requirements or other arrangements. Please take a moment to let us know if you'll be joining us so we can make these events memorable for everyone. Thank you for your cooperation!



MEMBERSHIP ASSISTANCE

We are seeking enthusiastic volunteers for upcoming events: We need greeters to help open and close the clubhouse, ensuring a smooth and welcoming experience for all attendees. Your participation will make these events memorable and enjoyable for our community. If you're interested in volunteering, please get in touch with Wennie Anderson and join us in making these events a success!

Spooktacular Fest - Oct. 12. Greeters to pass out candy for shifts during 11am till 4pm.

Saturday Nov. 19th- Exterior Decorating/ Setup- 1pm till 4pm

Friday, Dec. 6- Greeters- 4pm till 8pm

Saturday, Dec. 7- Greeters- In shifts 10am till 4pm

Sunday, Dec. 8- Greeters- In shifts 11am till 4pm



Spooktacular Fest
Saturday, Oct.12
11am-4pm



All artist villages will be open for passing out candy.
We will have a spooky photo wall set up.

Officers

Michele Kipplen- President
Ross Ellet- Vice President
Cindy White- Secretary
Michele Ross- Treasurer
Wennie Anderson- Past President

Board Members

Mary Mather
Charlie Mather
John Dillon
Laurie Detrich

Committee Chairs see website



UPCOMING EVENTS

Interest Groups

Please Make sure to RSVP on the Website!!!!

Elements Group Resumes

Oct. 14, 2024 7pm

Clubhouse

Club Member Steve Stalker will lead Photoshop Elements. The Software is designed for consumers who are just getting started with photo editing and want an easy way to organize, edit, create, and share their photos. Automated options deliver great results to enjoy as is or use as a starting point for creative exploration. If you have a laptop or iPad that has the software please bring it with you.



**Looking for a great
exhibit to view check this out:**

<https://www.cincinnatiartmuseum.org/art/exhibitions/discovering-ansel-adams/>



UP COMING PHOTO DAY TRIPS

Fall Day Trips

Covered Bridges - October 19th

Let's capture the history and architecture of some of Ohio's noted covered bridges with a scenic background of Fall colors.

Bridges we will stop at as time allows:

- Middle Road Covered Bridge
- Benetka Road Covered Bridge
- Smolen- Gulf Covered Bridge
- Netcher Road Covered Bridge
- Windsor Mills Covered Bridge

More details to come!

RSVP on our website by Friday, Oct 18th by Midnite.



Gallery Work Day

Saturday, November 19, 1pm- 4pm

We will be refreshing our gallery for Heralding the Holidays 2024

We will need helping hands to hang Christmas Lights , and decor outside .

The hope is that the weather will be good and we can get this done.

Those interested please reach out to Michele.

Also this is the day ALL Framed and UnFramed prints are due that you would like hung in the gallery for the event.

**The October Monthly contest is a digital contest
on ZOOM. The Assignment is Mother Nature Taking
Over.**

Please plan to attend on zoom if you enter images!

