

THE DIGITAL CAMERA CLUB

KANATA SENIORS' CENTRE

Your Photos

This space is devoted to members' photos. Photos will be picked from those displayed at each monthly meeting. Make sure you include your name and the subject of your picture.



Name, subject



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Schedules for 2008/2009

Month	Day	Day	Intermediate	Beginners	Comments
Sept	5	26	Open House	Guest Speaker (combined meeting)	Rod MacIvor
Oct.	3	24	Back-up of photos	Camera Basics	Maple Syrup shoot-out Oct. 10th
Nov.	7	28	Flash Photography	What's New	Possible guest speaker
Dec.	5	26	Portrait photography Children	Combined meeting on Dec. 5 – Center closed Dec. 26	
Jan.		23	Center closed	Guest Speaker – combined meeting	

News

You will recall that earlier this year the Kanata Senior's Camera Club was in danger of closing down. A meeting was held on April 4 to try and resolve some of the outstanding issues. As a result of this meeting, an organizing committee was formed to create a plan for the club's future. The committee members are:

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Floating Member	Bill Williams

This group has now met several times and compiled the schedule for the beginning of the 2008/2009 season. It was felt that a newsletter will help to keep club members advised of activities, ideas and news.

Note that the club belongs to the club members. Your input, ideas and participation will always be appreciated and acted on. Let us know any concerns you have regarding the club; send us your suggestions and above all, share your experiences with all club members through the newsletter and at meetings.

The newsletter needs a name: For now we have a challenge for you. We need a name for the newsletter. Send us your suggestions.

Librarian's Discoveries

Adobe Photoshop Elements Resources

1. Website - www.photoshopelementsuser.com - FREE AREA - Adobe Photoshop 6.0 learning centre with free videos showcasing all the new features, free tutorials, free discussion forum to view (not post) questions, tips, subject areas, take better pictures area etc. 21-day online Elements courses for sale as are books and training DVDs. SUBSCRIBER AREA One-year Canada \$59 USD, two-year Canada

\$95 USD. Subscription to Adobe Photoshop Elements Techniques printed newsletter by mail (8 issues yearly) with articles on step by step techniques to edit photos. Most articles have their photos available for download to practice the steps on. Print and video tutorials, downloadable plug-ins & brushes, online gallery to share your images, discussion forums to view (and post) questions and comments. (Volunteers answer your questions promptly).

Also -
www.photoshopcreativeelements.com
This is a user site with a big emphasis on creative use of Elements and full Photoshop.

2. Books - Noteworthy that many of the example images used in the books are available for downloading free from the books websites to practice the editing techniques in the chapters on the photos.

Photoshop Elements 5 The Missing Manual Series, Barbara Brundage, Pogue Press

O'Reilly www.missingmanuals.com
Advanced Photoshop Elements 5.0 for Digital Photographers, Philip Andrews, Focal Press www.adv-elements.com

3. Popular websites on Photoshop Elements

Adobe www.adobe.com

Jay Arraich
http://arraich.com/elements/psE_intro.htm Lots of Elements information, both basic and advanced from a longtime Photoshop guru.

Adobe Support forum
www.adobe.com/forums - get answers without calling Adobe support.

Digital Photography Review
www.dpreview.com Many camera specific forums.

Retouch Pro
www.retouchpro.com. The forums cover all kinds of retouching and

artistic uses of Elements and Photoshop.

Adobe Photoshop Elements Alliance
www.elementusers.com. Another forum strictly for Photoshop Elements. Not the most active forum.

Elements Challenge pages
www.cavesoffice.org/~grant/Challenge
Maintained by Grant Dixon, this site offers a chance to try your Elements skills with a different Elements challenge each week. Anyone is welcome to participate, no matter what his skill level. There is also a links page with many tutorials and download sites.

Vacation Hazards

If you are vacationing at the ocean you need to take care that your camera is not damaged by saltwater spray which is very corrosive. Here is how:

- Bring lens cloth and small towels to wipe down your camera
- Cover your camera with a zip-lock plastic bag – cut a hole in the bag for the lens to go through, secure the front end of the lens barrel with an elastic band
- If you don't have a zip-lock bag, use a shower cap
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Note that these precautions also work well for rainy days.

Useful Web Sites

For those who use digital SLR cameras, go to:
<http://photography-on-the.net/forum/showthread.php?t=414088>

For free use of Photoshop-type software go to:
<http://www.lifeclever.com/10-free-web-based-alternatives-to-photoshop/>

For a look at what other local clubs are doing, go to:

www.cameraclubottawa.ca

They have an excellent list of photospot around Ottawa under Information then Photospots.

July Shoot-Out opportunity

Ann Williams has made arrangements for a shoot-out at White House Perennials near Almonte for Thursday July 24 at 7:30 a.m. The rain date is July 25th at the same time. Please arrange for your own transportation.

Go to www.whitehouseperennials.com for more information about this location.

How to find them: Take Hwy 417 West to the Almonte exit (155), the first exit past the Hwy 7 Toronto turnoff. Turn left onto Country Road 49 (March Road). Go straight through the town of Almonte to Hwy 29 (Esso gas station on your right). Turn left at the stoplights onto Hwy 29 toward Carleton Place. Rae Rd. is the second right turn, a distance of 4 km from the stoplights. Turn right onto Rae Rd. Go 1.2 km. We are located on the right at 594 Rae Rd., a few hundred meters past the first stop sign. The entrance to the garden is the second driveway.

Summer Photoshoot Suggestions

Ann Williams has provided a number of suggestions for good photo shoot location during the summer:

- Blakeney
- Almonte – town and falls
- Hogs Back
- Pakenham – Bridge and town, churches
- Carp Farmers' Market
- Locks on the Rideau System

- Perth – city & Tay basin, market on Saturdays

Mentors Group

Most of the mentors will be around on and off for the summer. If you need help call or email and we will see what we can do. Because mentors will be away sometimes if you don't get an answer back in a couple of days try someone else. We are here to help.

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Summer Challenge

For the September meetings we challenge you to take pictures of water. Any kind of water will do (can you catch a drop splashing into a bowl of water?). We look forward to seeing your photos.