

THE SHUTTERBUG
KANATA SENIOR CENTRE DIGITAL CAMERA CLUB
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Almonte Waterfall

December 4th Programme

Black's Photography. A representative from Blacks will talk to us on creative ways to display and use our photos.

Marg's Photo Tips. Marg Jackman will share with us some of her very useful photo tips.

Cathy Edmonds. Cathy is a very talented artist and photographer and will speak to us on Composition in photography.

Fall "Show and Tell" Slideshow". Members whose shots were selected to be shown will be invited to talk about their particular image.

Deadline

If your photos were selected for the "Fall Show and Tell" slideshow. Please email your files to John Williamson at cameraclub@kanataseniors.ca. The deadline is November 27th.

Interesting Websites

From Bill Robertson
<http://photography.alltop.com>

This is a portal to dozens of photography blogs, picked for the quality of their material

From Fraser Campbell

<http://ottawa.kijiji.ca>

This is a free classified advertising web page for all sorts of buying and selling services. There is a large section on photographic equipment.

Photographing Outdoor Christmas Lights

www.photokaboom.com/photography/learn/tips/048_Christmas_lights.htm

I recently found this excellent tutorial on photographing Christmas lights. The instructions are given for both Point and Shoot cameras and Digital SLR's. One tip that isn't included in the article, if you have image stabilization or vibration reduction on your lens or camera, turn it off when using a tripod. While you won't notice any difference at fast shutter speeds, with slow shutter speeds there will be considerable blurring. I found this out the hard way.

This site also has literally hundreds of tutorials for Photoshop Elements.

Visit from Henrys

A big thank you to all members who attended the November 6th meeting, helping to make it the success that it was. We were treated to an excellent presentation by manager Tobin Kennedy and Quinn Brown from Henry's Kanata store. They were both knowledgeable and well prepared. They are willing to come back again in the spring. Something to look forward to!

The second half of the programme "Fall Show and Tell" was also very successful. Members brought in many excellent prints, making for a difficult task selecting ones to go forward to the slide show. Based on the number of people who participated this is obviously a very popular format.

Marg's Hints by Marg Jackman

Best times to shoot images are at dawn and dusk, when lighting is golden and magical for landscapes and cityscapes. In the early morning many streets are empty, so there is little distraction for

architectural shots. Dusk again gives golden skies with the best colours coming after the sun goes down. Be sure to look behind you at this time as it can also offer great photo opportunities. Shooting silhouettes at sunset was also discussed.

It was suggested to look for bold vivid colours in scenes, also try shooting the details rather than trying to include everything.

When on a trip don't forget to take images of signs, names, parks etc in order to simplify editing and identifying places later on.

As a follow up to Henry's presentation, a reminder that learning a new camera takes time. Don't try to learn it all at once. Take things one step at a time.

Photo Opportunity

If any of you are interested in photographing the waterfall at Almonte, the water is now flowing again. The water has been diverted for many months due to a hydroelectric project below the falls, leaving nothing but bare rocks to be seen. The water is flowing fast and furious, quite a sight to see, whether you want to photograph it or not.

Directions.

Take 417 west to exit 155, turn left on March Road. Continue on to Almonte (approx 14.5 km). Turn left onto Mill Street immediately after crossing the bridge. Parking area is on the left close to the falls between Fitzgerald's restaurant and the Sunoco gas station.

Need information on shooting waterfalls? Try this site www.ronbigelow.com/articles/waterfalls-1/waterfalls-1.htm you'll find more information here than you ever thought you would need to know.