

Digital Photo Academy Testimonials

Founded in 2006, Digital Photo Academy has been a go-to destination for photography education for over 18 years. Throughout this time, we've collected hundreds of testimonials from students who've found value in our workshops across our 24 different North American markets.

This collection of testimonials—totaling 1,152 comments—captures the real experiences of individuals who have benefited from our practical and hands-on approach to photography education.

Join us in discovering the authentic stories shared by our students about their time with Digital Photo Academy.

Comments to “Atlanta”

1. **Justin**

Oct 9th 2023 [REPLY](#)

The workshop went really well. I got a better understanding of a lot of stuff.

[EDIT](#)

2. **Michelle Spears**

Aug 29th 2023 [REPLY](#)

Ken,

Thank you so very much for a phenomenal class! It was so enjoyable and extremely informative! You have ignited a photography fire in me! Your teaching style is truly remarkable.

Our aligned interests made the class that much more enjoyable. I'm looking forward to DragonCon! Thank you for sending that AMAZING photo at Oakland Cemetery as well!

I can't wait for our next session – which I will be booking asap. I'll have my “homework” with me of photos I've taken so you can critique them 😊.

[EDIT](#)

3. **Brian-Rucker**

Dec 19th 2022 [REPLY](#)

I apologize for the delayed response to your last email. The week of Thanksgiving also brought a challenge with my dad who ended up in the hospital with pneumonia. He's doing much better now and I'm catching up with everyone.

Thank you for the time you allowed me that day! I learned a great deal over the few hours we spent together, your expertise was very enlightening. And I appreciate the info on the tripod and grip, I will definitely look into it! I would love the opportunity to sit with you again in the near future. I would be happy to pay for another 2 hours. Let me know what works best for you.

[EDIT](#)

4. **Jessie Olmsted**

Dec 8th 2022 [REPLY](#)

I am excited to use this knowledge you gave me. I actually picked up my camera after our class and was more comfortable with it. Now I just need to play with different lighting and settings.

Thank you again for taking time out of your weekend to teach me. I am excited to start this new journey in photography and hopefully more in Lightroom.

[EDIT](#)

5. **Augustin Dantes**

Jul 11th 2022 [REPLY](#)

It was an absolute pleasure. My wife learned a ton about her camera and how to set up and shoot a good photo. Very relaxed and she got Stan's undivided attention for a very long time. Well worth the cost. I'm glad I found you guys.

Thanks!
Augustin

[EDIT](#)

6. **Sulma Valentin**

Jun 6th 2022 [REPLY](#)

Thank you, I really enjoyed my time and thank you again for everything you went over with me. I really appreciate your patience and kindness with all my questions

- Sulma V

[EDIT](#)

7. **Kermit**

Aug 11th 2021 [REPLY](#)

We went over the settings on the camera and tried these out with a shot to note the effects. Stan showed tricks that alert areas of potential exposure or sharpness issues. I learned.

I am thinking of signing up for the Oct class at Oakland Cemetery.

Thanks for following up.

-kermit

[EDIT](#)

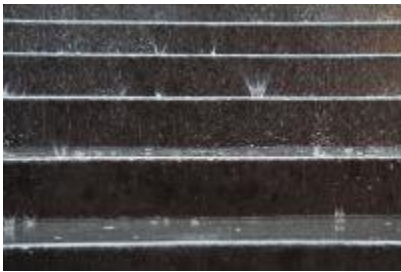
8. **Brittany Wyatt**

Jun 9th 2019 [REPLY](#)

Hi Stan,

Thank you so much for braving the weather and having a great class yesterday! My dad said it was the BEST fathers Day gift – he learned so much! I've attached a few of my favorite photos from the class. I can't wait to use my newly learned techniques in Greece! I'll be sure to share some of those

photos with you as well. Looking forward to taking more classes in the future.
Thanks!



[EDIT](#)

o **Brittany Wyatt**

Jun 10th 2019 [REPLY](#)

This class was very informative! The instructor, Stan, was very professional and knowledgeable. It was raining, but we made the best of it and still got some great photos. Would highly recommend!



[EDIT](#)

9. **Anonymous**

May 2nd 2019 [REPLY](#)

The instructors are top-notch!

[EDIT](#)

10. **Alicia**

Jan 25th 2019 [REPLY](#)

"The photography class last weekend was very good. Elton was very knowledgeable and shared many tips on how to improve my craft. I enjoyed myself and will be scheduling another session soon. Thank you"

-Alicia

[EDIT](#)

11. **Karen Brennan**

Aug 6th 2018 [REPLY](#)

"Everything from booking through and including the class was absolutely wonderful."

-Karen Brennan

[EDIT](#)

12. **Shawn A.**

Aug 3rd 2017 [REPLY](#)

"Pleasure meeting you all today. Well, most of you 😊
Here are some of my shots from today. Your feedback is most welcome and thank you Stan, for your excellent instruction. Please share any you guys got!"

-Shawn

[EDIT](#)

13. **Harmony Sockman**

Aug 3rd 2017 [REPLY](#)

"Stan, we had a great time and the location was awesome, inspiring and perfect for learning.

Thanks again for your time! "

-Harmony (and the girls)

[EDIT](#)

14. **Michael Dolinger**

Feb 15th 2017 [REPLY](#)

"I did attend the class with Stan Kaady and truly enjoyed it. I look forward to attending other classes as they become available. So please keep me in the loop. "

-Michael

[EDIT](#)

15. **Cindy Spicer**

Jan 31st 2017 [REPLY](#)

"Wow, Ken, I'm very grateful for the good feedback you sent me on my photos. I never expected you to take the time to tweak them or comment on each one. Thanks so much for the time you invested in our class and for these very helpful suggestions with examples! This is awesome. I'm not confident using brushes in LR, but I will definitely work to that end, now that I have seen the improvements that you applied with brushes. I'll be researching more about how to apply these effects and then work at practicing in LR.

AGAIN, many thanks!"

-Cindy Spicer

[EDIT](#)

16. **Bob Anderson**

Dec 12th 2016 [REPLY](#)

"Hello Elton,

Thank you so much for your time and instruction yesterday. Thank you also for braving the cold weather. I learned a lot that can be used for better photography. SPS will be visited after the holidays. I think there's a lot that can be learned and hopefully, I have something to be shared with other photographers.

I seem to have gravitated mostly toward the leading lines and rule of thirds. An ND filter will be applied to see if the ghosts can be “run off” on the low light/longer exposures. That tip is greatly appreciated.

Have a safe and enjoyable holiday season.”

-Bob Anderson

[EDIT](#)

17. Michelle

Aug 5th 2016 [REPLY](#)

“Hi Ken,

Great to hear from you, and thanks for the class! I had a good time, and I’ve attached my favorite shots. Any feedback you have would be much appreciated!

Best,”

-Michelle

[EDIT](#)

18. Rebecca Bozarth

Jul 30th 2016 [REPLY](#)

“I attended a class with photographer Ken Ross a few weeks ago. Ken was a fantastic teacher. We were on location at the Atlanta Botanical Gardens. While there, Ken explained depth of field, f stop, aperture, etc. He took time with each student answering all questions, no matter how entry level, with a positive gracious attitude. He was very informative and I thoroughly enjoyed his class. He pushed us to think beyond the norm, and to develop our eye as photographers. He gave us new ways to look at the subject, and helped us expand our creativity. I look forward to taking more classes with Ken in the future.”

-Rebecca Bozarth

[EDIT](#)

19. **Mitch Grimes**

Jul 27th 2015 [REPLY](#)

“Just a quick note to let you and others know what a great experience I had today during Stan’s photographic tutorial. I received 3 hours of 1:1 instruction from the functions of my camera and how to apply them in various compositions, settings and environments to tips and best practices of photography.

Stan took the time and attention to instruct based on my level of experience with the art as well as my familiarity of the equipment. I learned more in 3 hours than I have since purchasing my camera.

Thanks to Stan and Digital Photo Academy—I would recommend to anyone.”

-Mitch Grimes

[EDIT](#)

20. **Renee**

Dec 12th 2014 [REPLY](#)

“I really enjoyed the class and plan to take more classes in the future.”

- Renee

[EDIT](#)

21. **Deborah Grayflowers**

Dec 12th 2014 [REPLY](#)

“I loved the class , looking forward to taking more of your classes, (maybe on a cooler day). Thank you, the class was very informative”

- Deborah Grayflowers

[EDIT](#)

22. **Greg McFarland**

Dec 12th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"I attended Ken's composition in the field class on a cold Saturday at the Botanical Gardens here in Atlanta. Ken was there ready to go despite the weather and stayed until he had answered all questions from the students. I have been working on shooting manual instead of automatic and he really helped with tips on the best way to do that."

Thanks for the help Ken,

-Greg McFarland

[EDIT](#)

23. **Bhaskar Nagendr**

Dec 12th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"It was a great experience with you during photography session held on last Sunday in Little Five Points. I got a good amount of tips and tricks during the session.

As we were discussing about photography community in Atlanta meets every month, Can you please provide details and venue of those. I would like to participate and wanted to more into the photography to improve my photography skills.

Once again thanks for you session and everything!!"

- Bhaskar Nagendr

[EDIT](#)

24. **Ken Masters**

Dec 12th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Nice shots! Thanks for a great workshop in the garden. I enjoyed meeting everyone and I certainly learned much during the three hours.

I've also attached a couple of shots from the session, both very similar in nature to Ken's. I'd love to hear your thoughts."

- Ken Masters

[EDIT](#)

25. **J. Gary**

Dec 12th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Great class - presented by a very professional instructor, Ken Ross his name... Learned something? Yes I did... Weather - very good..... Did I get good photos? Yes I did....Look forward to classes - January and/or February.."

- J. Gary

[EDIT](#)

26. **Josalin**

Dec 12th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"I just wanted to sincerely thank you for the amazing class on this past Saturday at Piedmont Park. I really enjoyed it, and learned a lot of useful techniques for composition and also plenty about my very own camera. It's amazing the things you 'think' you know until you ACTUALLY know.

I should add that I do plan to join the photog club you gave us info on, and also plan to take another class with (you) DPA in the near future. I'm still quite amateur in the field of photography but aspire to be great one day so I want to soak in as much information and get as much practice as I possibly can. Thanks so much, again! We'll certainly be in touch."

- Josalin

[EDIT](#)

27. **Leigh**

Dec 12th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"I learned a lot on Sunday! And there's still a ton more to learn, and to practice!

I met up with a friend afterward for lunch and took a few photos of him, and some art on the walls. He then posted that photo to Facebook and got over 100 “likes,” which he had never gotten that many “likes” before. It made me feel good!

Hope you’re having a GREAT week!”

- Leigh

[EDIT](#)

28. **John**

Dec 12th 2014 [REPLY](#)

“Thanks Jen the class was awesome, your tips have really been a great help and improved my pictures and understanding of taking manual shots.

Can’t wait to take my next class.”

- John

[EDIT](#)

29. **Bridget Edwards**

Dec 12th 2014 [REPLY](#)

“I am attaching my favorite photos from our class this past Sunday. I had a great time and I am still so inspired and excited about getting out and using my camera more. Your enthusiasm is contagious, your patience appreciated and your willingness to spend time with each of us individually made this whole experience an enjoyable and learning one. White balance? Who knew!! I never gave it much thought...until now.”

- Bridget Edwards

[EDIT](#)

30. **Erika**

Dec 12th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Thank you so much for an amazing time and the tips and tricks you showed us! I'm so excited to go back out and practice.

It was nice meeting everybody and I really enjoyed our little women group :)"

- Erika

[EDIT](#)

31. **Don Jackson**

Dec 12th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"The Composition class this past weekend was great. The instructor Jen Kolb was excellent and very informed. The location worked out very well as there was a large neighborhood festival nearby with lots of potential subjects."

- Don Jackson

[EDIT](#)

32. **Joan**

Dec 12th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Thank you again for the most informative class today! Wow! Can't wait for tomorrow to put it all into practice!"

-Joan

[EDIT](#)

33. **Gary**

Dec 12th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Thanks again for a great class yesterday. I take a lot of training classes being in the technology business and your teaching style coupled with your knowledge and love of the subject makes you one of the best instructors I've had the pleasure of learning from.

I look forward to seeing you soon in a Field Composition class.

Take care and safe travels”

- Gary

[EDIT](#)

34. [Rita](#)

Dec 12th 2014 [REPLY](#)

“Thank you so much, Jen! Hope to see you again, also, at one of your scheduled photo shoots! I was outside in the front yard yesterday about 4 p.m., using as much as I could remember (unfortunately, my notes were inside) from our class last Saturday...just taking lots of pictures of our new, little dogwood and serviceberry trees and a much larger, older dogwood (especially close-ups of its beautiful flowers), and our flowering pink azaleas...trying different settings, angles, etc. I think that most of them turned out well. I need to look at them online to know for sure, but I was very enthusiastic about taking the pictures and happy about almost all of them!

Jen, thank you for everything you have shared with me and taught me! You are the finest of teachers, EVER!

Take good care.”

- Rita

[EDIT](#)

35. [Lela](#)

Dec 12th 2014 [REPLY](#)

“Thanks for the great class, Jenn!”

- Lela

[EDIT](#)

36. [Jeff Rose](#)

Dec 12th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"It was a fun informative day and luckily I got a couple of good shots"

- Jeff Rose

[EDIT](#)

37. **Lee McDermott**

Dec 12th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Thanks again for a great morning. It was a pleasure meeting everyone. I am really enjoying this photography thing and want to get input so I can take better quality pictures. Good luck to everyone."

- Lee McDermott

[EDIT](#)

38. **Amanda**

Dec 12th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Hi Jenn - I wanted to thank you again for such an awesome class on Saturday. I learned a ton. I was trying to tell my husband the one thing that I learned that was most impactful, and I couldn't come up with just one! I am going to shoot "M" from now on and I hope I get to learn from you again someday. You are an awesome instructor; felt like the class was 1 on 1. Thanks again!"

- Amanda

[EDIT](#)

39. **Lisa**

Jan 9th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"I really enjoyed the class and feel that I am more confident now. So step one has been achieved."

-Lisa

[EDIT](#)

40. **Josalin Hunter-Jones**

Jan 9th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"I just wanted to sincerely thank you for the amazing class on this past Saturday at Piedmont Park. I really enjoyed it, and learned a lot of useful techniques for composition and also plenty about my very own camera. It's amazing the things you 'think' you know until you ACTUALLY know;)

I should add that I do plan to join the photog club you gave us info on, and also plan to take another class with (you) DPA in the near future. I'm still quite amateur in the field of photography but aspire to be great one day so I want to soak in as much information and get as much practice as I possibly can. Thanks so much, again! We'll certainly be in touch."

-Josalin Hunter-Jones

[EDIT](#)

41. **Jill Delvalle**

Jan 9th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"I attended your beginner digital photography class instructed by Joel Silverman. I was very impressed with Joel and the content of the class. Joel was extremely accommodating, answering my numerous questions. I not only learned the technicalities of my camera, but also composition."

-Jill Delvalle

[EDIT](#)

42. **Teresa Knight**

Jan 9th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Just wanted you to know that I really enjoyed the 2 classes yesterday! I learned a great deal about my camera and I'm not "afraid" of it anymore. I'm sure I'll see you in the advanced class once I familiarize myself more with what you taught us yesterday. Thanks so much."

-Teresa Knight

Comments to “Boston”

1. **Diane**

Dec 3rd 2023 [REPLY](#)

The event was good. Brian was nice.

[EDIT](#)

2. **Giulia Escobar**

Nov 26th 2023 [REPLY](#)

The lesson with Brian was great!

[EDIT](#)

3. **Jane Himmel**

Oct 20th 2023 [REPLY](#)

I have also started the Digital Photo Academy online instruction resources and am getting a lot out of it. What strikes me in both my experience with Henry and with the online instruction is an emphasis on creative control and the idea that as the photographer, you determine what narrative you want to tell and how to use the camera and its settings to tell it. Yes, there are basic techniques I need to master, but I can also use settings and situations to tell the story, not just to create a perfectly exposed image. This is both inspiring and liberating, and also very different from the instruction I have done online before. The instructor I'm watching currently, DPA/David Wells, explains things very clearly and also provides multiple examples throughout the lessons that illustrate different ways to create the image. I'm invited into his decision-making process in some of the tips at the end of the lessons, and it's very helpful. So, thank you!

I intend to join the Facebook community, and thank you so much for sharing the photography primers with the “thank you email.” I look forward to studying those images!

[EDIT](#)

4. **Natalya**

Oct 10th 2023 [REPLY](#)

Thanks a lot for these classes. I learned quite a bit about not only my camera but also about the impact of different manual settings on photo shots. Visualization of the aperture settings (how we squeeze our eyes to see better) really helped to put it into perspective. I very much appreciate the thorough guidance you provided and plenty of opportunities to practice new knowledge while we were at the museum. I also enjoyed tidbits of information about the museum exhibitions and some creatures – I always like to learn new things about nature and not only. I now started playing with the camera on my own and am definitely considering taking it on my trip to the UK and will share any shots worth sharing or needing advice.

[EDIT](#)

5. **Jannik**

May 31st 2023 [REPLY](#)

The class was great!! Brian is SO knowledgeable and was a brilliant teacher. He really knows his stuff around photography and taught me a lot about my camera and how to use it. I loved it.

Would do it again any time! I'll go and practice for a while first though. Haha

[EDIT](#)

6. **Stephanie Marino**

May 31st 2023 [REPLY](#)

I had so much fun! Thank you for a great experience, start to finish.

[EDIT](#)

7. **Douglas Riis**

Jul 11th 2022 [REPLY](#)

Brian,

Thank you so much for yesterday's session at the Arboretum. Not only was it generally informative about principles for taking interesting photos but especially helpful about what I can do with my own phone camera.

Overall, it was an extremely informative and enjoyable experience. We are having a 60th Anniversary event on September 3rd. It occurred to me that might be something we could hire you to do. I hope so, because I know you'd be just the right person to do this for us.

Thanks,
Doug

[EDIT](#)

8. **Sara Musun**

Jun 10th 2022 [REPLY](#)

Thank you again. It was a great session.

- Sara M

[EDIT](#)

9. **Quelz55**

Aug 12th 2020 [REPLY](#)

Fantastic!

[EDIT](#)

10. **1michaelgoldman@gmail.com**

Aug 12th 2020 [REPLY](#)

Wonderful course!

[EDIT](#)

11. **Stephanie Gourley**

Aug 11th 2019 [REPLY](#)

We were at the Boston class. Michael was very helpful and did a great job of answering all our questions!

Thanks!

[EDIT](#)

12. **Norma Perea**

Jul 9th 2019 [REPLY](#)

Hi Michael

Thank you so much for all your help, attached is one of the pictures that I like the best



[EDIT](#)

13. **Vivek Karmara**

Jul 9th 2019 [REPLY](#)

Thank you Mike for all the teachings today.

Here is one picture which I liked the most of all the ones clicked through my gadget today.



EDIT

14. Anne Ceurvels

Nov 10th 2018 [REPLY](#)

"Here is a shot from Oct 6th with Chen. Very informative – walked away wanting to immediately test out what I had learned!"

-Anne Ceurvels



EDIT

15. Jeff Zajac

Oct 12th 2018 [REPLY](#)

"Had a fun outing at St Anthony of Padua church in Revere, Mass, in the Boston area. Thanks to Chen for setting me straight on white balance. The church is full of statuary, reliefs, stained glass and plenty of detail both inside and out."

-Jeff Zajac



EDIT

16. Jill Chakour

Oct 12th 2018 [REPLY](#)

“Let me start by saying that I very much enjoyed the workshop this past weekend, as well as the beauty of this church. I have to say that Chen was a wonderful instructor and I found him to be very helpful, knowledgeable as well as patient. I went to the workshop knowing very little about my camera feeling much more confident and took some amazing pictures (for me anyway). Thank you again!”

-Jill Chakour



EDIT

17. Kendra Jacomo

Jul 18th 2018 [REPLY](#)

“Took the composition in the field class at the Arnold Arboretum in Boston and learned some good tips about photo composition as well as some tips and tricks on getting off the automatic setting! Thank you DPA.”

-Kendra Jacomo



[EDIT](#)

18. **Sam Crisco**

Apr 30th 2018 [REPLY](#)

This course was great! Thanks Frank.

[EDIT](#)

19. **Erin Deshler**

Oct 23rd 2017 [REPLY](#)

"I had a great experience and enjoyed Steve's great enthusiasm for photography. I have attached some photos from that day. I learned more in one day with Steve than countless years of point and shoot.... Thank you!"

-Erin Deshler

[EDIT](#)

20. **Jacky Nyamwanda**

Jul 13th 2017 [REPLY](#)

"The course was great and although I am a novice and have a very simple, small, automatic Nikon Coolpix camera, I got some photos that I was happy with (see attached) I hope to take more classes in the future."

-Jacky

[EDIT](#)

21. **Al Andersen**

Mar 20th 2017 [REPLY](#)

"Sylvia,

Thank you for the tips and feedback. I agree that the only special one was the wheel/spokes. And of course I can see ways to improve it."

-Al

[EDIT](#)

22. **Karen Glowacki**

Mar 20th 2017 [REPLY](#)

Sylvia,

"Thanks very much for a great workshop. The museum was a fascinating place and I enjoyed practicing some shots, especially getting some of those more abstract shots. Sylvia, thanks for your advice, and special thanks for looking through my photos and critiquing them so thoughtfully. It was so very helpful."

-Karen

[EDIT](#)

23. **Jenn Newman**

Mar 7th 2017 [REPLY](#)

"Hi Sylvia,

Thanks so much for yesterday's class. I had a great time, learned a lot, and am inspired to get back into photography.

All my best,"

-Jenn

[EDIT](#)

24. **Jenn Newman**

Mar 5th 2017 [REPLY](#)

Great class with Sylvia at Charles River Industry Museum (Waltham, MA).
Thanks, Sylvia!

[EDIT](#)

25. **Shivani Janani**

Feb 15th 2017 [REPLY](#)

"Hi Richard and Sylvia,

Thanks so much for an awesome class!"

-Shivani

[EDIT](#)

26. **Tim Daley**

Feb 10th 2017 [REPLY](#)

We did stay inside for the majority, but we started with some outdoor photos. I included a couple that I took. Sylvia was great!!!
Thank you"

-Tim Daley

[EDIT](#)

27. **Robert Gittens**

Oct 21st 2016 [REPLY](#)

"Thanks very much Steve,

I enjoyed the workshop and the group. Thanks also for the gallery suggestions and resources.

Best,"

-Bob

[EDIT](#)

28. **Beth DeBor**

Jul 8th 2016 [REPLY](#)

"It was a lot of fun and really informative learning from and working with him. He reinforced information I already knew and I came away with new ideas for techniques and composition. He is a great instructor with patience of a saint. I hope to take another workshop with Frank again in the future."

-Beth

[EDIT](#)

29. **Thomas Kwei**

Jul 5th 2016 [REPLY](#)

"Hi Frank,
Thanks for the workshop last night. It was fun. I don't know how to upload my photos to the DPA website.
You are welcome to share mine with whoever.
Thanks again. I look forward to future instructions from you.
Best. Cheers."

-Tom Kwei

[EDIT](#)

30. **Sergey Sevastyanov**

Jul 1st 2016 [REPLY](#)

"Hi Frank,

Thank you for the great workshop and opportunity to learn from a master. It was fun to meet you and other participants and learn something new. It gave me a much needed boost to go out and take pictures, some inspiration that I started losing. It was even more fun to share our deeply personal memories

of Brezhnev 😊 And wow! – it's been a very long time since I heard word "putsch" used for coup. "

-Sergey

[EDIT](#)

31. Jo

Jun 15th 2016 [REPLY](#)

" I loved the class. Steve, the instructor was very relaxed as he gave some helpful tips. We walked around Beacon Hill and got some great pics. He pointed out some great shots and always had a helpful tip to share. He was also available to ask anything. I thought he was great and would love to take another class with him. "

-Jo

[EDIT](#)

32. June Carson

Mar 24th 2016 [REPLY](#)

"David,
Thank you so much for your professional insight regarding my image of Joshua Tree at sunset! I found it very helpful to hear the subtle differences that make a good image a much better one."

-June

[EDIT](#)

33. June Carson

Mar 14th 2016 [REPLY](#)

"We did have a very good time at the workshop we attended. David did a great job during our photo session and was very helpful. We appreciated the time and effort he put into constructively critiquing our images. The video he recorded and provided showing how to implement his suggestions was very helpful and positively presented and received. "

-June & Steve

[EDIT](#)

34. **Stephen Carson**

Feb 29th 2016 [REPLY](#)

"Thank you very much. Enjoyed meeting you Saturday. Thank you for the tips during the workshop."

-Steve & June Carson

[EDIT](#)

35. **Keith**

Jan 19th 2016 [REPLY](#)

"Thanks Stan! I had a great time and thought it was a good class. I basically had a good understanding of the basics (aperture, shutter, ISO, exposure, etc.) before the class, but picked up some good pointers especially on paying attention to little details and patterns that could prove to be interesting photos. I've been shooting mostly nature and sunrise/sunset shots so it was great to have a chance to branch out and take some nice architectural shots and the MIT campus was a great location for variety. You got me further inspired to branch out and try new techniques and subjects to shoot so it was well worth it."

-Keith

[EDIT](#)

36. **Bruce Gorsky**

Nov 11th 2015 [REPLY](#)

"It was very good. Sylvia is very knowledgeable and gave a lot of great tips"

-Bruce Gorsky

[EDIT](#)

37. **Betty Lorenson**

Nov 6th 2015 [REPLY](#)

"I have taken your classes before and love them. Looking forward to Saturday."

-Betty

[EDIT](#)

38. **Jeff Kaplan**

Jul 20th 2015 [REPLY](#)

"The weather in Boston on Sunday was perfect, good thing shoot was moved to 9am, started getting hot by noon. Steve shared some great tips and took us to several wonderful places in Beacon Hill."

-Jeff Kaplan

[EDIT](#)

39. **Barbra Sher**

Jun 22nd 2015 [REPLY](#)

Ed and I want to thank you for a great class last night. We loved learning for example, by taking photos and talking to us about what worked and what didn't, you made the whole process come to life. Your energy and enthusiasm was contagious!"

-Barbra

[EDIT](#)

40. **Bill Connolly**

Apr 27th 2015 [REPLY](#)

"Thank you Sylvia. I've taken a number of DPA classes, but, this one was terrific because you explained things and gave excellent individual attention. Hope to see you again soon."

-Bill Connolly

[EDIT](#)

41. **Carrie Jenkins**

Feb 23rd 2015 [REPLY](#)

"Hi there Frank,
I took your class a couple weekends ago to learn some new things about my camera. I enjoyed the class very much and loved learning about some of your tips and tricks. I plan to take your class again to get some more practice in sometime in the spring once all of this snow has melted and the weather is warmer. I look forward to talking with you soon and hopefully will be seeing you come spring time to learn more about photography. Thank you for such a great class. I already have learned so much and have seen a difference in my camera skills."

o Carrie Jenkins

[EDIT](#)

42. **Robert Gittens**

Jan 21st 2015 [REPLY](#)

"Thanks for all of your help in ensuring that I got the info for today's workshop. I am very glad I was able to attend.
Despite the frosty temperature we were able to get some invaluable information and guidance about using our cameras and techniques for composing good shots. I really appreciated and enjoyed Frank's presentation. The time we spent outside was limited due to the cold but that was quite valuable as well."

-Bob Gittens

[EDIT](#)

43. **Linda Wilson**

Jan 21st 2015 [REPLY](#)

"Hello Frank,

I just wanted to let you know how happy I was with the workshops on Saturday. I came in for the know your camera controls (I think that was the official name). I have to say that I learned so much in such a short time. I have already put into use what I learned. You were quite informative and I loved your stories (history) and your analogies. I especially liked the cup of water one, if you have a moment to send that to me I would love it. I look forward to joining more of your workshops.

Thank You so much again, "

-Linda Wilson

[EDIT](#)

44. **Robert Gittens**

Jan 20th 2015 [REPLY](#)

"Frank,

Thanks for an informative and enjoyable workshop today. I enjoyed it and got a lot out of it. And thanks for your flexibility given the weather conditions.

I hope to connect with your colleague at Northeastern when I' back in the office.

You took some shots of me through the window at the T station. I'd like to see what you've come up with if you get a chance to work on them.

Thanks again and I hope to see you at another workshop."

-Bob Gittens

[EDIT](#)

45. **Earton Robertson**

Jan 19th 2015 [REPLY](#)

"Thanks for a most informative and enjoyable seminar."

-Earton Robertson

[EDIT](#)

46. **Darlene Solari**

Dec 17th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"I just wanted to say thank you to Frank Siteman for a great class! I got so much out of it and got so many great pictures."

-Darlene Solari

[EDIT](#)

47. **Jeffery Long**

Dec 12th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"I found the course with Steve Dunwell to be incredibly informative, practical, and helpful. I was particularly appreciative of the tutorial you gave concerning indoor shots."

- Jeffery Long

[EDIT](#)

48. **Carl Cascella**

Dec 12th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Thanks so much for your help regarding my enrollment in Boston Intermediate Class with Steve Dunwell. The Class was terrific! Steve was organized, energetic, and gracious. In addition to his obvious talents as a photographer, he's a terrific teacher. And, the Griffin Museum was a wonderful site in which to attend class. Thanks again for everything. A truly rewarding class!"

- Carl Cascella

[EDIT](#)

49. **Prabhat K. Srestha**

Dec 12th 2014 [REPLY](#)

Steve did a good job. The Advanced morning session and field trip was a plus. Thanks Amy, and Thank you Richard.... Hoping to see you soon."

- Prabhat K. Srestha

[EDIT](#)

50. **Bob Bass**

Dec 12th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Thanks, Steve. I learned a great deal yesterday and had much fun. I think the composition of the group worked well as a class. You did a great job of working with all of us at our levels and on the concerns we had. I think you covered an incredible amount of information and were most generous of your time. Would love to do something like this again with you."

- Bob Bass

[EDIT](#)

51. **Lucie Wicker**

Dec 12th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Thank you for providing such a valuable class. Not only have my skills improved, but I feel much more confident in my work!"

- Lucie Wicker

[EDIT](#)

52. **Heather**

Dec 12th 2014 [REPLY](#)

Steve, I am so glad that I signed up for the class, because I definitely came away with a better understanding of aperture, ISO, shutter speed, white balance, histograms, and tips for taking better photos! I ended up flipping through my camera manual when I got home, and I was delighted to find that I could understand so much more of what the terms meant where before it was too technical for me to grasp. I feel reinvigorated and am

excited to explore more of the features on my camera, build on the unconditional knowledge I gained, and dive in to taking more photos.”

– Heather

[EDIT](#)

53. [Stephen Shapiro](#)

Dec 12th 2014 [REPLY](#)

“I had an excellent experience in an advanced class taught by Steve Dunwell in Boston. We lucked out with the weather, stumbled upon a Veterans’ Day parade and shot evening picture of interesting lit bridges. It was a good combination of field and Photoshop instruction. I’m sure I will be taking courses in the future.”

– Stephen Shapiro

[EDIT](#)

54. [Hannah Diozzi](#)

Dec 12th 2014 [REPLY](#)

“I had a wonderful time at the Boston Public Library shoot. It was raining in Boston, so fortunately we had a great indoor venue. I had the smallest camera there (Canon G12), and the instructor Steve Dunwell was very respectful about that (I’ve had instructors in other places who get a little snooty about those things). I had a real breakthrough, I’d been flying on automatic for the 13 months that I’ve owned the camera, and just needed someone to say get it out of automatic and at least set it on program. I went all the way to manual and, with Steve’s help, was able to actually work the dials and buttons and take some pretty good shots. I’ll be looking for more DPA courses in the future.”

– Hannah Diozzi

[EDIT](#)

55. **Mary Sullivan**

Dec 12th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Hi Stan, Thank you for the great class, I was able to use the techniques I learned while in NH. Thanks again for the great class!"

-Mary Sullivan

[EDIT](#)

56. **Erin**

Dec 12th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Thank you so much for a great class on Saturday. I really enjoyed it and learned a lot. It was nice meeting everyone as well."

-Erin

[EDIT](#)

57. **Doug Schaejbe**

Dec 12th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Thanks so much for a great class yesterday. It was very helpful and I learned a lot!"

-Doug Schaejbe

[EDIT](#)

58. **Yana**

Dec 12th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Thank you, I had a great time and I learned a lot! Constructive criticism is always accepted since I am new at this!"

-Yana

[EDIT](#)

59. [Adrienne](#)

Dec 12th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"I really enjoyed the class!

-Adrienne

[EDIT](#)

60. [Sheri Martin](#)

Dec 12th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Thank you, Santiago, for an excellent class. My daughter and husband found it very enjoyable and informative. They will certainly be signing up for more classes. We especially appreciated the information you provided ahead of the class which helped the students to show up well-prepared."

- Sheri Martin

[EDIT](#)

61. [Dick](#)

Dec 12th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"The DPA class was terrific! I was always one that appreciated photography but never brought my camera along. As I near retirement, I really want to pursue photography as a serious endeavor. Kathy was an outstanding instructor who brought out the best in all of us. I would recommend this class to anyone."

- Dick

[EDIT](#)

62. [Donna DeSimone](#)

Dec 12th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"I just wanted to let you know that I really enjoyed the workshop on Sunday. It was great to be able to put the lessons into action and then get immediate

feedback. The one thing I learned was to always double check my settings, I tend to change settings and then forget to reset them for the next photo.”

– Donna DeSimone

[EDIT](#)

63. **John & Nancy Forcucci**

Dec 12th 2014 [REPLY](#)

“We had a fantastic time at your class – very helpful and informative. In fact, you’ve inspired us to take time out every day to continue learning about the D90 (and consider a Canon in the future – haha). We’re looking forward to exploring more photo-taking after getting some details under the fingers.”

– John & Nancy Forcucci

[EDIT](#)

64. **Deborah Shapiro**

Dec 12th 2014 [REPLY](#)

“Thank you for the class program. Also, thank you for a great workshop. I understand so much more about my camera and about photograph and that there is so much more to learn. I so appreciate your ability to make everyone feel comfortable, and to answer all our questions no matter how small. You were so enthusiastic about photography and were able teach it as well. I look forward to my next class after I practice a bit.”

-Deborah Shapiro

[EDIT](#)

65. **Alsya Affandi**

Dec 12th 2014 [REPLY](#)

“Thanks for making it so much fun! See you around!”

– Alsya Affandi

[EDIT](#)

66. [Darlene Dykas](#)

Dec 12th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Thanks for a great class! I've got a lot of "practicing" to do, but looking forward to it! I'm hoping to catch some great shots in Belize the end of this month. If I have any questions, you'll be hearing from me :)"

- Darlene Dykas

[EDIT](#)

67. [Tara Golden](#)

Dec 12th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"It was so nice to meet you and thanks so much for a great class. Very informative and helpful, now to just get out of that auto mode all together!The class was great!"

- Tara Golden

[EDIT](#)

68. [Mary Beth Griscom](#)

Dec 12th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Thank YOU! I enjoyed meeting you and getting more info on my camera and shooting with it. I'm sure that I will be taking other classes, so I may see you again!"

- Mary Beth Griscom

[EDIT](#)

69. [Gary Fournier](#)

Dec 12th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"The intermediate course was everything and more that it was supposed to be! Kathy's relaxed style and enthusiasm for photography really made the class very enjoyable and informative. I look forward to taking numerous other classes with DPA very soon. Thank you Kathy and also thank you to the DPA team. You guys are great!!!!"

- Gary Fournier

[EDIT](#)

70. [Dotty Tribeman](#)

Dec 12th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"The beginner's class in Boston, with Kathy Tarantola, was great. Small size, comfortable setting and relaxed atmosphere. Kathy's approach was casual, relaxed and informal also, which helped me take in the information in a different way. I felt as if I had absorbed the knowledge rather than just 'learned' it. Thanks Kathy!"

- Dotty Tribeman

[EDIT](#)

71. [Cathy Curtin](#)

Dec 12th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"I wanted to let you know I enjoyed the class yesterday with Kathy Tarantola. I learned a lot and know I have a lot more to learn. This was a great first step into the learning process."

- Cathy Curtin

[EDIT](#)

72. [Diane Cooke](#)

Dec 12th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Thanks for sharing your photos and for the class. I learned a lot about composition which I love.

Now, I have to practice! practice! practice!"

-Diane Cooke

[EDIT](#)

73. **Chris**

Dec 12th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Thanks again for a great class Frank. I got a couple of okay pictures out of it, time to buy a tripod!"

- Chris

[EDIT](#)

74. **Beth**

Dec 12th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Thank you for a great class."

- Beth

[EDIT](#)

75. **Colleen Kochman**

Dec 12th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"I enjoyed our photo composition class at the Copley Library on Saturday!"

- Colleen Kochman

[EDIT](#)

76. **Parvez Bukhari**

Dec 12th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"It was an honor and a pleasure to spend the day with Frank Siteman for the Digital Photography Seminar in Boston, a rare opportunity and a real treat to learn from a master photographer and an accomplished businessman. I learned a lot from the picture taking tour of Winchester - a very photogenic

town, and then most of the day benefiting from Frank's expert critique and mastery of Adobe Photoshop. It has renewed my resolve to take better pictures and learn the Photoshop as thoroughly as possible. Thank you very much, and thanks for the souvenir – the reflector, I am sure each ding represents a masterpiece.”

– Parvez Bukhari

[EDIT](#)

77. [Michel Marie Rose](#)

Dec 12th 2014 [REPLY](#)

“I had a wonderful day with you on Saturday. I truly gained way more value than the price of admission. It is amazing to me to talk with you and others who have been in this business so long and come at it from such artistic depths. I don't know if I will ever have artistic depth, but I sure do love digital photography, especially macro work and portraiture. Thanks again for a wonderful day!”

– Michel Marie Rose

[EDIT](#)

78. [John R Reali, Jr](#)

Dec 12th 2014 [REPLY](#)

“I had a great time Saturday in class. I learned some things that I did not know about, so please keep up good work and I hope to see you in the December class. Thank you for good day Saturday.!”

– John R Reali, Jr

[EDIT](#)

79. [David Valle](#)

Dec 12th 2014 [REPLY](#)

“I enjoyed the day with Frank and as a result will start shooting in raw, using aperture priority and getting more knowledgeable with Photoshop. My son

can get an education discount so I'm looking into getting Lightroom and Adobe Photoshop CS3. Thanks for an enjoyable day!"

- David Valle

[EDIT](#)

80. [Peter Bixby](#)

Dec 12th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Thank you, I really enjoyed the workshop. I learned a lot and it was a good group of people."

- Peter Bixby

[EDIT](#)

81. [Sally Reed](#)

Dec 12th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"The scales have fallen from my eyes: I now (finally) understand why I should almost always be shooting in RAW. It changes everything for me. As someone who was not totally in love with my digital camera before the workshop, I am now excited and enthusiastic about shooting again. Also, the tutorial Frank gave us with masks in Photoshop alone would have been worth the price of admission. Frank's upbeat style, clear explanations and willingness to go over some things multiple times meant that the new material was retained and understood and was immediately usable. Attached find two photos. One is my original which I shot Friday the day before the workshop. You can see my low tech reflector: a linen napkin. The other portrait is the one I was able to create from it on Sunday, based on what I learned on Saturday."

- Sally Reed

[EDIT](#)

82. [Coreen Powderly](#)

Dec 12th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"I was trying to crop a picture and was able to use the tool to show what I want it to be but don't know how to finalize the crop. Your help is greatly appreciated and thank you very much for sharing the picture of Jamie. She was very excited to see it. I have remembered quite a bit from class on Saturday and do remember how to zoom in on a specific subject, yippee!!!! Thanks again for all your help and I look forward to taking some more classes with you to fine tune my skills. I still have lots more to learn."

- Coreen Powderly

[EDIT](#)

83. **Edith Clifford**

Dec 12th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Your studio class was nothing short of wonderful - I learned a ton and had tons of fun. I have a pyramid of nuggets!! I decided a couple of weeks ago to give raw a try, but didn't know how to use the converter. With many thanks."

- Edith Clifford

[EDIT](#)

84. **Gary Fournier**

Dec 12th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Thanks so much for the class on Saturday. We learned quite a bit about portraits and about photography in general. It is really enjoyable to learn from someone who is very knowledgeable and passionate about what they do."

- Gary Fournier

[EDIT](#)

85. **Ravinder Shan**

Dec 12th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"The workshop was an excellent learning experience and I thoroughly enjoyed. Meeting and talking to you was a pleasure as always. Look forward to meeting you again."

- Ravinder Shan

[EDIT](#)

86. **Bill Connolly**

Dec 12th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"I came to this class thirsty for a drink of knowledge. Frank gave us a fire hose! Great class. I'd do it again for the things I missed or didn't absorb the first time!"

- Bill Connolly

[EDIT](#)

87. **Administrator**

Jan 9th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Thank YOU! I enjoyed meeting you and getting more info on my camera and shooting with it. I'm sure that I will be taking other classes, so I may see you again.... ;-}"

-Mary Beth Griscom

[EDIT](#)

88. **Administrator**

Jan 9th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"It was so nice to meet you and thanks so much for a great class. Very informative and helpful... now to just get out of that auto mode all together! LOL Thanks so much for any info. The class was great!"

-Tara Golden

[EDIT](#)

89. **Darlene Dykas**

Jan 9th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Thanks for a great class! I've got a lot of "practicing" to do, but looking forward to it! I'm hoping to catch some great shots in Belize the end of this month. If I have any questions, you'll be hearing from me :)"

-Darlene Dykas

[EDIT](#)

90. **Donna DeSimone**

Jan 9th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"I just wanted to let you know that I really enjoyed the workshop on Sunday. It was great to be able to put the lessons into action and then get immediate feedback. The one thing I learned was to always double check my settings...I tend to change settings and then forget to reset them for the next photo."

-Donna DeSimone

[EDIT](#)

91. **Deborah Shapiro**

Jan 9th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Thank you for the class program. Also, thank you for a great workshop. I understand so much more about my camera and about photograph and that there is so much more to learn. I so appreciate your ability to make everyone feel comfortable, and to answer all our questions no matter how small. You were so enthusiastic about photography and were able teach it as well. I look forward to my next class after I practice a bit."

-Deborah Shapiro

[EDIT](#)

92. **Alsya Affandi**

Jan 9th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Thanks for making it so much fun! See you around!"

-Alsy Affandi

[EDIT](#)

93. **Administrator**

Jan 9th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"We had a fantastic time at your class – very helpful and informative. In fact, you've inspired us to take time out every day to continue learning about the D90 (and consider a Canon in the future – haha).

We're looking forward to exploring more photo-taking after getting some details under the fingers.

Thanks for your previous email with class photo and that great church image (love the info on "how" you managed it). It's neat to read the specs of the photo and know what they mean!"

-John & Nancy

[EDIT](#)

94. **Administrator**

Jan 9th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Thanks to you Frank, for a very interesting and informative class. I've already put some of your Photoshop skills to work and I must say, the techniques make a world of difference including the sizing shortcut to increase or decrease the size of the brush tool. That alone was worth the price of admission LOL.

I have to admit there are some things I could do better and hope you will be kind enough to entertain questions here and there once I know what to ask.

Again, thanks for a very enjoyable and fund way to learn photography. All the best."

-Harvey

Comments to “Chicago”

1. **Brian Clabby**

Nov 12th 2023 [REPLY](#)

Ron was an excellent instructor, especially for beginners. He helped ensure the content was easy to understand and provided really great recommendations on how to use a camera without overcomplicating things. Really nice person, accommodating, and made sure to answer every question.

[EDIT](#)

2. **Marisa Bucolo**

Oct 24th 2023 [REPLY](#)

We had a great time in our class with Ron last week. He helped us understand better how to use a camera, how to take time staging and adjusting lighting to our photography needs. He was very knowledgeable and interactive, and managed to convey a ton of information in just 3 hours.

[EDIT](#)

3. **Robin**

Sep 3rd 2023 [REPLY](#)

I enjoyed my class with Ron and learned a lot of forgotten info on ISO and aperture.

He is very knowledgeable.

I look forward to following both Digital Photo Academy groups on Facebook. It's so nice to know other shutterbugs.

[EDIT](#)

4. **Patrick Masterson**

Jul 31st 2023 [REPLY](#)

Both of Ron's classes were tremendously helpful — indeed, I'm glad I signed up for the first course on mastering the basics of your camera since I wasn't using the one I was used to, so having a hands-on walk-through for that

really helped me get familiar with my camera. I relearned a lot and felt a lot more comfortable messing around with the auto settings turned off during the following composition class, which was a lot of reminders I'd forgotten or just hadn't thought about in a long time. While nothing I took ended up being especially satisfying to me upon further review, I got my footing back enough to keep practicing and turn out something better the more I shoot. Forever a work in progress.

I don't know how the other guys felt about having things rescheduled from the church to Garfield Park Conservatory, but like Ron, I'm grateful we ended up there; in addition to simply being a pleasant place to walk around, the conservatory afforded more opportunities to shoot and get creative with framing, colors, shadow/light, angles, etc.; between that and Ron's decision to print out a lot of what he was talking about in the first course when we were going over our cameras, I felt I came away with the best possible iteration of these classes. Talking with him about lenses and other more pointed equipment questions was also enlightening, and I had a lot to chew on coming away at the end of the afternoon.

Thank you again for setting things up and for allowing me to be part of these classes. It was a good way to spend a Saturday morning and, thanks to my brother, has inadvertently reinvigorated my long-dormant interest in photography.

[EDIT](#)

5. **Angelina**

Jun 12th 2023 [REPLY](#)

It was great. Tahany did wonderful job. I really enjoyed the event. Thanks.

[EDIT](#)

6. **Melissa B**

Jun 7th 2023 [REPLY](#)

Garfield Park Conservatory is an outstanding location and Ron taught me many helpful technical tips about using my camera & stylistic elements to consider while taking photos. Thank you, Ron!

[EDIT](#)

7. **Melissa B**

Feb 6th 2023 [REPLY](#)

Ron is an excellent instructor! He was very friendly and patient with all of the students and covered all of the important features on my digital camera. Ron provided and explained each concept with specific examples that were easy to understand and see. He also provided many tips about using the camera settings. I'm hoping he teaches a class at the conservatory so I can take another class with him.

[EDIT](#)

8. **Erin P**

Jul 19th 2022 [REPLY](#)

Don was a great instructor and I learned a lot! He even adjusted the curriculum to my and the other students proficiency with photography! I would recommend him and this course to anyone!

- Erin

[EDIT](#)

9. **Jacqueline K**

Jul 19th 2022 [REPLY](#)

Great class! I appreciate all the information I received.

- Jacqueline

[EDIT](#)

10. **Randy N**

Jul 19th 2022 [REPLY](#)

The instructor was great and I appreciated the handouts with examples. That helped my understanding of the concepts.

- Randy

[EDIT](#)

11. **Greta Huizenga**

Jul 11th 2022 [REPLY](#)

Great teacher! Great info! I really benefitted from this private course!



[EDIT](#)

12. **Jeff P**

Mar 3rd 2020 [REPLY](#)

Workshop went well! I feel a lot more comfortable with a camera in my hands and have been itching to get on the floor.

[EDIT](#)

13. **Josh D**

Jan 7th 2020 [REPLY](#)

Very helpful. I learned a lot about how my camera worked.

[EDIT](#)

14. **Amy McCue**

Aug 8th 2019 [REPLY](#)

Actually, it was great! A lot of information but Ron explained everything so well. Glad I took the classes back to back to apply what I had learned. I'm a

hands-on learner so having that class right after the first was very helpful to me. I also appreciated that Ron made an effort to spend time with each of us in the class to help us get the most out of the experience.

[EDIT](#)

15. **Sheila L**

Aug 5th 2019 [REPLY](#)

Very good course to learn the basics on how to work your camera. Would do again.

[EDIT](#)

16. **Felicia T**

May 2nd 2019 [REPLY](#)

I thoroughly enjoyed my private session learning how to use my Canon 5D. We met outside of Millenium Park and went over the basic concepts of photography. I learned a lot in that one session and he even had printed out copies of all the stuff we learned. I definitely got what I was looking for but wish I had more time with him. I am already applying what I learned to my workplace. Would recommend to anyone looking to take better photos!

[EDIT](#)

17. **Anonymous**

May 2nd 2019 [REPLY](#)

Sai was super nice, patient and taught us a lot about our cameras and taking great pics.

[EDIT](#)

18. **Anonymous**

May 2nd 2019 [REPLY](#)

It was a great session with Don. Really helpful to do some time inside on the camera basics before heading out to the field. Thanks guys for a great session!

[EDIT](#)

19. **Chris Larson**

Apr 30th 2019 [REPLY](#)

I meant to send you a note yesterday but the afternoon got away from me. Don and I had a very productive and enjoyable morning. His easy style was very helpful and I enjoyed getting to know him and his techniques. We took some time to go over my concerns, talk about my equipment and talk about technical craft, and then we walked around the city and put some of those approaches to work. We've exchanged a few emails and he has shared many helpful papers and documents too. I really appreciate his insight and I hope we stay in touch! Thanks to Don and DPA!

Chris Larson

[EDIT](#)

20. **Steve. B**

Jan 25th 2019 [REPLY](#)

"Ron was very knowledgeable and was able to inform the students about what they were trying to accomplish at the beginning level (the whole class were beginners). I learned some new things and reinforced some topics that I was unsure of, which made me a better photographer."

-Steve. B

[EDIT](#)

21. **Anonymous**

Jan 7th 2019 [REPLY](#)

"It was a great session with Don. Really helpful to do some time inside on the camera basics before heading out to the field. Thanks guys for a great session!"

-Anonymous

[EDIT](#)

22. Anonymous

Jan 7th 2019 [REPLY](#)

"Sai was super nice, patient and taught us a lot about our cameras and taking great pics."

-Anonymous

[EDIT](#)

23. John Kelly

Jul 10th 2018 [REPLY](#)

"Sai did an amazing job! My wife was very happy with her experience. She said he taught her things about her camera in the first 15 minutes that made the cost of the class worth it. He also did a great job of teaching her how to use her camera to do specific things she wanted to learn. We are recommending you to our son who takes engagement photos for couples, but wants to learn more about composition in general. Thank you and Sai!!!"

-John Kelly

[EDIT](#)

24. Anonymous

Jul 9th 2018 [REPLY](#)

"I started photography as a hobby 3 months before. This is my first class with direct Instructor. Sai Sivanesan is a very good instructor and he has vast experience in photography. Its a very good learning experience. Learned good tips and tricks from him. Going forward I would like to attend some more classes from DPA."

-Anonymous

[EDIT](#)

25. **Nicole Haley**

Dec 5th 2017 [REPLY](#)

"Hi, Richard. Thanks for checking in with me about the photo workshop. The instructor was very personable and well informed and took the time to answer everyone's questions, as well as personal hands-on instruction. I was very impressed with the quality of the workshop and felt it motivated me to learn more about using my camera. I look forward to taking additional workshops in the future.

Warm Regards,"

-Nicole

[EDIT](#)

26. **Carrie Jameson**

Aug 14th 2017 [REPLY](#)

"Thanks Don – great class with excellent instruction as usual! 😊 "

-Carrie

[EDIT](#)

27. **John Blackwood**

Jul 13th 2017 [REPLY](#)

"Don
Thanks for the great class we had a great time and learned some things along the way. "

-John

[EDIT](#)

28. **Jill DeJong**

Oct 14th 2016 [REPLY](#)

"Richard,
Just wanted you to know that our son loved the Chicago class with Sai. He was able to learn a lot and really take it all in. Thank you very much for providing these classes.

Sincerely,"

-Jill DeJong

[EDIT](#)

29. **Laurel Crown**

Jul 1st 2016 [REPLY](#)

"Sorry I haven't sent a more detailed report or reviews of the pics others have posted. Honestly, I feel a little intimidated by my inexperience. I really enjoyed getting to spend three hours focused (no pun intended) entirely on taking photos. Even though I didn't spend my time on the technical aspects of my shots, I loved seeing the city from the perspective of the water taxi and as a photographer. Isaac was more serious about applying the techniques Don taught us, and really enjoyed the experience."

-Laurel

[EDIT](#)

30. **Daniel Schmanski**

Jul 1st 2016 [REPLY](#)

"I definitely enjoyed the class. I thought the location and route along the Chicago River was very good in providing unique photo opportunities. Don was a very good instructor and explained camera techniques well and understandably. In addition to that, I think that he did well in making the point that photography is really just an art and you should try to capture a piece of art in your shots rather than just a photo. Good class."

-Dan

[EDIT](#)

31. Peter Bukowski

Apr 1st 2016 [REPLY](#)

"I enjoyed the day and put several images on the Facebook page."

-Peter Bukowski

[EDIT](#)

32. Carina Yopez

Feb 2nd 2016 [REPLY](#)

"...I really learned a lot of useful tips. I would love to take another class at some point. "

[EDIT](#)

33. Melinda

Jan 19th 2016 [REPLY](#)

"Very pleased; Ron is a good instructor.
Feeling more confident that pix from The Great White continent will be fine.
Thank you."

-Melinda

[EDIT](#)

34. Carrie Jameson

May 18th 2015 [REPLY](#)

"Love your pictures, especially the girl and her reflection in the water.
I also wanted to say i really appreciate the handouts, and the gear tips. Both are super helpful!
I had a great time! Thanks for a fabulous day!"

-Carrie Jameson

[EDIT](#)

35. **MariCarmen Saldivar**

Apr 7th 2015 [REPLY](#)

"I just want to let you know I had a great time learning composition with Don Peters.

Unfortunately I got late, however Don was very kind and helped me to catch up

and I learn a lot and had a very good time.

Don was very responsive and help to look things on different way that resulted in very nice photos. He looked at my pictures and gave honest and creative feedback.

I look forward to attend another class with Don."

-MariCarmen Saldivar

[EDIT](#)

36. **David Montague**

Feb 18th 2015 [REPLY](#)

"Just wanted to pass along a shot I took last night. Don Peters has been great to work with and continues to offer constructive advise on how I can take my images to the next level. I still have a very long way to go....

Thanks again and I really enjoyed the Saturday, Lake Eola class."

-David Montague

[EDIT](#)

37. **Bill Indursky**

Dec 12th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"I learned so much! I loved Tom. He is an awesome instructor! I just shot my first engagement session in manual the day after (Sunday) and the photos turned out amazing."

- Lauren

[EDIT](#)

38. [Bill Indursky](#)

Dec 12th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Great group; nice meeting everyone. Hope to see some of you again."

- Ayana

[EDIT](#)

39. [Bill Indursky](#)

Dec 12th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Thank you so much for the wonderful class taught by Tom McKenzie in Detroit!!! I was visiting from Boston, and my sister bought me a space in his class. He did a beautiful job - as I learned so much from his instruction."

- Claudia Vanderpool

[EDIT](#)

40. [Bill Indursky](#)

Dec 12th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"We had a perfectly nice day in Downtown Detroit (Greektown). Our trainer Tom was able to gap the bridge between beginners and experienced photographers."

- Ulrich Gollwitzer

[EDIT](#)

41. **Bill Indursky**

Dec 12th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"I enjoyed our outing. you are a good teacher. and i am sure you are a talented artist!

maybe we can collaborate on some film projects of mine!"

-Bassel

[EDIT](#)

42. **Bill Indursky**

Dec 12th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"I really enjoyed your instructional photography course this weekend. I really learned a great deal as you provide details and clarification on topics that I have been reading about and could not quite figure out. I guess its true that their is not substitute for actually getting out their and doing it. So in the sprit of getting out their and practicing I took your advice and went out after the class and bought that Calumet Genesis 400 strobe lighting key that we discussed. I guess I have got the bug and am in the game now.

That said, I really would like to lean more about studio lighting techniques and the correct method for controlling light in a 3 light setup. On your card that you gave me I see you have a studio. Not sure if you do one on one training or rent out your space for individual use but I would love to discuss these options if available. My plan is to practice with my equipment and I would welcome any pointers and or assistance. Also, any readings that you feel would be helpful would be appreciate.

Again, Thanks so much for the information provided during this Saturday class. I learned a great deal and hope that I have the opportunity to work with you in the future."

-Forrest Barnes III

[EDIT](#)

43. **Jeff Marcowitz**

Dec 12th 2014 [REPLY](#)

“Was good talking to you today. Thanks again for the Italy advice and more importantly, thanks for the time you spent with me on the advanced digital course. I don’t know if the results are evident, but I certainly am thinking about the things you said when out shooting.

Attached are some contact sheets I generated in Lightroom and printed to PDF. A subset of some shots I took in San Francisco last week. Most of the shots have very little post-processing as of yet. I’d be very interested in any feedback relative to composition, exposure, subject, etc. Also any post-processing recommendations. All handheld – no tripod.

I don’t mean to take up much of your valuable time, but any feedback you wish to share will help reinforce the lessons learned.

Thanks again.”

– Jeff Marcowitz

[EDIT](#)

44. **Annika Jaspers**

Dec 12th 2014 [REPLY](#)

“Thanks so much. At least now I’ll be able to prove that I swam in the Dead Sea!

I enjoyed the class and picked up lots of good pointers. Now I just need to find the time to implement them!”

– Annika Jaspers

[EDIT](#)

45. **Bill Indursky**

Dec 12th 2014 [REPLY](#)

“I took a seminar at your studio several months ago. It was great and it covered the basics about digital camera use. Thanks for putting on the seminar — I found the information really helpful. I would like to ask your

advice regarding choosing a lens specifically for taking portraits. If you could recomend a specific lens I would be very grateful.

Thanks again for everything.”

– T J Minogue

[EDIT](#)

46. **Rudy Tardin**

Dec 12th 2014 [REPLY](#)

“Thank you again for your time today. I really enjoyed the class and learned a lot more about Photoshop today in a couple hrs. than in all of the days I have spent trying to figure it out myself.

I would love to get out and take some photos with you first hand. The advanced class at Navy Pier sounds like it would be a fun time.

Thanks again and hope to see you soon.”

– Rudy Tardin

[EDIT](#)

47. **Bill Indursky**

Dec 12th 2014 [REPLY](#)

“It was a wonderful workshop we had yesterday and thanks so much for taking time and explaining things outside the session.

Definitely looking forward for the advanced class in summer.”

– Vijay Kumar

[EDIT](#)

48. **Scott Oblander**

Dec 12th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"It was a pleasure meeting you and taking the Photoshop class with you a week ago. It was interesting to get your approach on photography. I have been thinking about the class and the Photoshop commands I learned are very useful. The commands we were able to explore were the spot healing, red eye, patch, auto levels, brightness/contrast, crop, channel mixer, cloning and dodge/burn. Were there any commands that we did not have time to explore? If so, I would be interested to know so I can read about and practice them myself. As we discussed, Photoshop can do a thousand different things, but it is best to learn the most useful tools at the beginning. I also enjoyed the general the photography knowledge that you shared. Thank you for your time."

- Scott Oblander

[EDIT](#)

49. **Bill Indursky**

Dec 12th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Whenever Robert gave us pointers or talked with us as a group, he made a point of making sure we found a nice shady spot. We huddled under the trees and found shade where we could! I left the class knowing more than I did before I came — which I would imagine was the point! He was very personable, very knowledgeable and was able to answer any and all questions. He was patient and showed us examples of his own that helped us visualize composition in the field by viewing things from different angles and looking at things differently."

-Gayle Hannan

[EDIT](#)

50. **Keith Raaum**

Dec 12th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"I just want to drop you a note to thank you for making the class with Robert happen today. Robert was knowledgeable, personable, entertaining, and the experience with a real working professional was more valuable than I can tell you. While Robert followed the curriculum, he was still able to adjust the

session to address my personal questions and needs. I would definitely consider doing something like this again.”

– Keith Raaum

[EDIT](#)

51. **Jamie Clute**

Dec 12th 2014 [REPLY](#)

“I am writing to let you know that my instructor, Robert Potter, was the best teacher I have ever had. I went through a semester in college for photography and no one taught it like he did. I learned more in the one day I was with Potter, than I learned that whole semester in college. I was so excited about learning so much, I didn’t sleep much the next few days. I thank Potter for putting my excitement back into my first love/passion, photography! I can’t wait to take another class. Thanks so much DPA and Potter!”

– Jamie Clute

[EDIT](#)

52. **Amy Kerkela**

Dec 12th 2014 [REPLY](#)

“Mr. Potter addressed a wide array of topics with thorough explanations into each subject. I feel that everything I could have thought of (and more) was addressed throughout the day. It was an incredible learning experience!”

-Amy Kerkela

[EDIT](#)

53. **Bill Indursky**

Dec 12th 2014 [REPLY](#)

“Contacting you regarding my class yesterday with photographer Robert Potter. The experience was amazing. It was the most exhilarating time for me. We saw some amazing sites and took great pictures. I cannot wait to look

over my pictures to see the details that I took away from the class. These types of classes are hit or miss to me, because there are so many variables that have to go right. It's almost like a blind date, you never know what you're going to get. However, Robert was amazing and the other students were great. We all worked pretty well. There was a lot of tips given and explanation of how to get better shots, and tips and tricks. I absolutely loved it."

- Kay

[EDIT](#)

54. **Bill Indursky**

Dec 12th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"I had a lovely time and learned an extensive amount from Mr. Potter. He was patient, kind, and knowledgeable. He taught us many items that we expected to learn and went well beyond the initial scope of the class to meet our needs/interests as appropriate."

- Elizabeth Hollow

[EDIT](#)

55. **Bill Indursky**

Dec 12th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"I participated in the Lincoln Park Zoo Composition in the Field class with Robert Potter. I thought it was a fantastic class. Robert was so informative and he really answered all my questions. He did such a great job of giving each student individual support with their camera. I was so inspired after leaving the class I spent much of the rest of the day and the next day taking pictures using the information he taught me. He made a camera that I thought was great before even better because now I actually understand how to use it!! Thank you for the experience and the wonderful instructor!"

- Katie Helwink

[EDIT](#)

56. **Bill Indursky**

Dec 12th 2014 [REPLY](#)

“Dear Don, Just a quick thank you for today’s wonderful class at St. James–my daughter Moira and I loved it, thank you so much. We’ll be back to try to join you in your next class...need to check schedules and get our ‘ducks in a row’ — we will be steadfast with our manuals and basic ‘fun practice’ and hope to see you again soon. I do especially hope my son Matthew will join us one time too. You are an awesome teacher Don, it was an honor being with you! Enjoy the rest of your weekend...take care, Moira Felish and Mary Murray (Mom) Felish (and Matthew in absentia!) PS Please keep us posted too about shows where your work may be featured. I am trying to take the kids to photography shows and I think yours would be incredible.”

-Michael Felish

[EDIT](#)

57. **Donna Armstrong**

Dec 12th 2014 [REPLY](#)

“Thanks again for a great class yesterday.. We could not have had a better day for weather, the class size was perfect for learning as a group, the dynamics of the group worked well together, everyone interacted with everyone else. We don’t always get that.. And needless to say the instructor was very informative but more than that you were there for us and we felt that.. You stayed very engaged with us, watching us and making sure we were understanding.. Your enthusiasm for photography and people shows through!!!”

- Donna Armstrong

[EDIT](#)

58. **Bill Indursky**

Dec 12th 2014 [REPLY](#)

“I have learned so much from you and I thank you for being a remarkable instructor. I will be finally moving out of Green mode (auto mode) on my

DSLR and start exploring other interesting features. You made the class interesting and fun and instilled me with the desire to continue learning.

I appreciate you letting me know what I am doing wrong along with giving me ways I can correct my mistakes. It is comforting to know that whenever I have a question you answer right away.

Once again, thank you so much for your time, expertise and patience.”

- Ashok

EDIT

59. **Bill Indursky**

Dec 12th 2014 **REPLY**

“I just wanted to tell you how much my husband and I enjoyed the photography class at the Lincoln Park Zoo (8/3/13), taught by Don Peters. My husband is an avid amateur photographer with years of experience and lots of camera equipment, and I’m a novice with no skills at all, comfortable with just a point-and-shoot. I purchased our tickets through Groupon for my husband’s birthday, thinking that he would love a “composition in the field” photography class. I didn’t realize until after the class was over that he actually was dreading the class beforehand, because he expected it would be too structured and simplified. I was somewhat apprehensive for the opposite reason — I feared it would be too advanced and intimidating for a novice like me. Both of us ended up being pleasantly surprised.

Don Peters is an excellent teacher who adjusts his teaching to fit the skill levels and needs of his students. He presented basic information at the beginning of the class that was clear enough for me to understand, and yet helpful even for an experienced photographer like my husband. Then he led our group around the zoo to practice the skills he taught us. He was always available to answer questions and assist us, but there was no pressure to do things a certain way. He encouraged us to experiment. We both came away feeling like we learned a lot; I was not intimidated, and my husband was not bored. 😊 Don even followed up with handouts of helpful tips for things he noticed people in our group seemed to be interested in, like photographing flowers, or how to adjust the shutter speed to “freeze” the water flowing from a fountain.

We came away from the class feeling like it was definitely worth it. Don Peters is good at explaining concepts and helping his students to feel comfortable. I would take a class from him again, and I would recommend him to others.”

– Linda L.

[EDIT](#)

60. **Bill Indursky**

Dec 12th 2014 [REPLY](#)

“I just wanted to let you know that I attended the Church Street/Lake Eola (Orlando) Composition in the Field class on March 23rd with Don Peters. He did a fantastic job and I thoroughly enjoyed it. He catered the class to the student’s needs and desires and I appreciate that as I am very new at it.

Don is a great asset to your company. I hope you offer more classes with him.”

– Tricia

[EDIT](#)

61. **Bill Indursky**

Dec 12th 2014 [REPLY](#)

“I attended the Composition class Saturday in Chicago. It was a WONDERFUL experience!!! I learned from the moment I arrived! I learned about the settings on my camera that I had no idea about. I learned to take some great and fun shots that I need to practice now. I appreciated the instructor Don Peters, who taught camera settings, suggestions for different angles to photograph, as well as types of photography (like moving cars, etc.).

It was a great way to spend the day!

I think I’d like to practice what I learned at this class and then take the same class again in several months to further deepen my knowledge about both my camera and about photo composition.

Thanks for making the class so enjoyable!"

- Ruth Lamour

[EDIT](#)

62. **Bill Indursky**

Dec 12th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Thanks so very much for a wonderful day with you. I learned a lot and realize how much more I would have absorbed the weather had been more cooperative. Still, it was an amazing day of learning and fun.

I'll keep checking the website to see if you're teaching other courses as I'd enjoy registering again. I did, by the way, mention Digital Academy to my flickr-photo friends."

—Sharon Hicks - Bartlett

[EDIT](#)

63. **Bill Indursky**

Dec 12th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Thanks very much for the offer. I did just want to say that I attended the class with my mom, and we had a really great experience. Yes the weather was pretty oppressive, and Millennium Park was really crowded, but Alex was good and the actually venue of Millenium Park offered a really cool backdrop for this type of class. My mom and I were beginners in the truest sense of the word, but Alex was patient and gave good direction. We were sharing a camera and the batteries died mid-class (yes, we were those people), and Alex had batteries on hand that he gave us, and he even let me use his own extra camera to give us each more time with the concepts. So overall, it was a pleasant experince. I just wanted to let you know. Thanks!"

-Melissa Semp

[EDIT](#)

64. **Bill Indursky**

Dec 12th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"I just wanted to send a quick note to thank Alex, his team in Chicago, and your staff for a wonderful class last weekend. It as been years since I put my film SLR away for a digital point and shoot. Now that I have have my new camera, I feel inspired to get back shooting. Alex was great at giving us direction and pointers to make our shots even stronger throughout the class.

It was a good class. I'll certainly be looking for more.

Thanks again."

-Steve

Comments to "Cleveland"

1. **Barbara Bruhn**

Aug 8th 2023 [REPLY](#)

Thank you so much for the images, which are wonderful, and for a terrific class yesterday. Your knowledge is vast and you communicate it so easily and understandably. I learned so much and enjoyed every minute. How very lucky for me that I got to be your solo student yesterday. I feel ready to venture beyond auto mode and preprogrammed scenes! Let me know when you're giving any other classes. I will be there. Many thanks.



[EDIT](#)

2. **Aric Hluch**

Jun 10th 2022 [REPLY](#)

It went very well, thank you! Tom was a great instructor. I look forward to applying the skills I learned. I will be sure to send some good shots (when I get them).

-Aric

[EDIT](#)

3. **Timothy M**

May 3rd 2019 [REPLY](#)

Amazing time and experience. They also showed me a few pro tips that really help. I would recommend this trip to anyone who wants to up their game at photography, and spend some time at some proven great sites to shoot!

[EDIT](#)

4. **Cheryl Neal**

Jul 13th 2017 [REPLY](#)

“Good morning Michael! Thank you so much for the class yesterday! Your patience, thoroughness, and professionalism are outstanding! I learned more in this class than in a previous two classes combined I had taken the past two years!!

Thanks again.”

-Cheryl Neal

[EDIT](#)

5. **Bill Indursky**

Dec 15th 2014 [REPLY](#)

“I had a great time yesterday taking pictures at the University Circle and discussing with you about composition and post processing. Composing shots with a broad viewpoint has always been my problem area, and I believe I have learned quite a few things that would help me going forward. The time you spent on Lightroom was also very valuable and I have tried to utilize those tools while post processing the shots I took yesterday.”

– Soumen Bhattacharya

[EDIT](#)

6. **Ernie Piscioti**

Dec 15th 2014 [REPLY](#)

“Alex, this class was fantastic. It rivaled any of the workshops I recently took at the Palm Beach Photographic Centre. For example, many of the teachers there placed an emphasis on impressing the students. You on the other hand, put the emphasis on explaining and teaching. I really learned a lot from you.”

– Ernie Piscioti

[EDIT](#)

7. **Mike Murray**

Dec 15th 2014 [REPLY](#)

“I was in your sports photography session two weeks ago that went to Gymnastics World. I really learned a ton from your session. I mean an absolute ton!”

– Mike Murray

[EDIT](#)

8. **SunnyDay**

Dec 15th 2014 [REPLY](#)

“I really enjoyed the class I took with Jeff Bishop last Sunday at Tower city. I learned some new information along with getting to take pictures at a great place. I plan on taking some additional classes in the future. Here are some of the shots I took that day.”

-Kristy Begovich

[EDIT](#)

9. **Bill Indursky**

Dec 15th 2014 [REPLY](#)

" I have never shot in manual before, this was my first time. All of us in the class were beginner and Jeff did a great job of slowing down and making sure we understood the basics before jumping into things... I learned a lot! "

-Ashley Frasher

[EDIT](#)

10. **Bill Indursky**

Dec 15th 2014 [REPLY](#)

" My first class with DPA, and I learned a lot from Jeff!"

-Lindsey Marrero

[EDIT](#)

11. **Bill Indursky**

Dec 15th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Great class with Jeff Bishop at the CLE Metroparks Zoo!"

-Mary Carol

[EDIT](#)

12. **Bill Indursky**

Dec 15th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Thanks, Jeff. We enjoyed the class. In case new York wants proof you were teaching, here is a picture!"

-George

[EDIT](#)

13. **Bill Indursky**

Dec 15th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"The class was great! I think that my husband and I were somewhere in the middle of the group when it came to photography. You did an outstanding job of meeting the needs of everyone in the group, which must have been quite a challenge since this was an extremely diverse group. I learned a lot – and my biggest take away.....Don't pack up and leave seconds after the sun goes down at sunset. The sky just lights up for those 20 minutes following sunset, and I have missed it all these years, especially at the beach!!!! So many wasted opportunities! Also, I didn't know that the histogram existed, and how helpful that is! Even though I am usually technologically challenged, you made many of the technical aspects of camera functions quite understandable. Your class has made me excited to keep learning."

– Michelle Fox

[EDIT](#)

14. **Bill Indursky**

Dec 15th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Thanks for teaching this class, I really enjoyed it. Here are a few of my favorite shots that I captured."

– Matt Knott

[EDIT](#)

15. **Bill Indursky**

Dec 15th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"This was my first Composition in the Field Photography class. I never heard of DPA until my daughter saw a Groupon for the class and asked me to go with her to the class. I am glad I went. We attended the Composition in Field class at the Westside Market in Cleveland Ohio. The DPA instructor was Jeff Bishop. I enjoyed the experience and learned a lot about taking pictures in a low light environment. We will be attending another session with Jeff in July."

– Debbie

[EDIT](#)

16. **Bill Indursky**

Dec 15th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"I had a great experience with Jeff Bishop and the 12 other students in our composition class on Saturday (June 16) at the Cleveland West Side Market. I am fairly comfortable with composition in general but I learned some other things that were very valuable to me. One was the experience of shooting in low light on the fly and the difficulties it brings, and the other was some great advice from Jeff about photographing people candidly or with their permission. Jeff said to try to feel out the individual, see if they are smiling and might be approachable..if not move on. This was the first time I had ever asked a complete stranger if I could photograph them. I asked approximately 13 people, only two declined and the rest said yes! It was a great confidence boost and I will take this with me the next time(s) I am in this situation:"

- Bryan Szucs

[EDIT](#)

17. **Ken Teitlebaum**

Dec 15th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Hi Alex, just a note to let you know how much we enjoyed your workshop. We really appreciated the individual attention. You are an excellent instructor and passionate about your work. Who else would have given us an extra hour of instruction. I was so excited I took these on the way home."

- Ken Teitlebaum

[EDIT](#)

18. **David Sinclair**

Dec 15th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"I think your class was great and just to prove it I had some more fun with our Christmas Cactus and got a much improved result. Looking forward to more workshops."

– David Sinclair

[EDIT](#)

19. Erin Pierce

Dec 15th 2014 [REPLY](#)

“Thank you again for Saturday... it was a great class! I bought a book to help me grasp the concepts even more. I should’ve asked your recommendation for a book but so far this one seems pretty good. At this point I think I would like to take the intermediate class... as I went to take a few pictures yesterday, I’m still struggling with the basics. Let’s stay in touch... I’ll keep my eye on the course schedule. Thanks again.”

– Erin Pierce

[EDIT](#)

20. Pat Cornelius

Dec 12th 2014 [REPLY](#)

“Thanks for the sensational day. I am committed to going raw! Hope there will be more chances to get to learn from you, since you do so well to adapt to the level of need before you.”

– Pat Cornelius

[EDIT](#)

21. Harold Kaiman

Dec 12th 2014 [REPLY](#)

“Hi Alex, I enjoyed your Intermediate photo workshop very much. I received a great deal to think about as well as inspiration to develop more skills with Photoshop (I recently got access to the CS2 version). I am interested in your Advanced class—perhaps in the Fall.

The attached pics show off the present level of my selection skills using the “magic extractor” tools of Elements 5. The Quick Fix feature makes this pretty simple. I also used “layers” to create the background.”

- Harold Kaiman

[EDIT](#)

22. Dick Beery

Dec 12th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Thanks for a great class yesterday. I will post a couple of my pictures sometime next week as I am going to be out of town the rest of this week.

I went outside today around 5:30 and did some shooting on my wife's flowers and experimented with fill flash and other things learned yesterday.

Trying to make sure I shoot something everyday to keep honing the skills.

Thanks again."

- Dick Beery

[EDIT](#)

23. Mark Hardymon

Dec 12th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Alex - Just wanted to thank you again for the wonderful class on Sunday. Learned a lot, just hope I can retain some of it! As an aside, when we were trying to get my flash to work as it was supposed to in the studio, I reset all the defaults. What I neglected to do was reset the camera to RAW, so all of my outside photos were in normal JPEG. They still turned out fine and actually have a few I'm quite happy with. I have reset the camera now and have been shooting in RAW since then. Again, thanks for sharing your expertise, you are a terrific teacher. Best of luck, hope to cross paths again."

- Mark Hardymon

[EDIT](#)

24. Amanda Clancy

Dec 12th 2014 [REPLY](#)

“Good morning Alex. Thank you again for your time (and patience!) yesterday teaching us all about our cameras. I truly enjoyed the class. Now I just have to find the time to play around with it and get to where these things come to me w/out thinking! Good luck with that, right?”

Have a great day and thanks again; I truly enjoyed the class.”

– Amanda Clancy

Comments to "Dallas"

1. Pleres C

Nov 7th 2023 [REPLY](#)

I thoroughly enjoyed my time with Henry this past Saturday!

My eyes were opened to objects and scenes that likely would have been missed hadn't Henry pointed them out to me. I've been to the Dallas Museum several times before but it was like experiencing it from an entirely different POV, one that was focused on stillness, intention and reflection on the past.

Henry was also a great model and storyteller. Attached are some of the photos taken during the class. Thanks for sending the PPTs, hope to have the chance to learn from Henry and the academy again.

[EDIT](#)

o Pleres C

Nov 7th 2023 [REPLY](#)

Photo:



[EDIT](#)

2. Jane Himmel

Oct 20th 2023 [REPLY](#)

😊 Henry and I hit it off quite well and enjoyed the day. I am returning to creative pursuits after many years working and not doing much of anything with art. Henry had some great advice for me. I learned a lot and am most assuredly inspired to keep going with my photography.

I have also started the Digital Photo Academy online instruction resources and am getting a lot out of it. What strikes me in both my experience with Henry and with the online instruction is an emphasis on creative control and the idea that as the photographer, you determine what narrative you want to tell and how to use the camera and its settings to tell it. Yes, there are basic techniques I need to master, but I can also use settings and situations to tell the story, not just to create a perfectly exposed image. This is both inspiring and liberating, and also very different from the instruction I have done online before. The instructor I'm watching currently, DPA/David Wells, explains things very clearly and also provides multiple examples throughout the lessons that illustrate different ways to create the image. I'm invited into his decision-making process in some of the tips at the end of the lessons, and it's very helpful. So, thank you!

I intend to join the Facebook community, and thank you so much for sharing the photography primers with the "thank you email." I look forward to studying those images!

[EDIT](#)

3. **Jane**

Oct 10th 2023 [REPLY](#)

We had a wonderful afternoon at the zoo! Henry provided me with applicable advice on both settings and composition as well as artistic considerations. The hands-on practice with Henry's guidance was extremely helpful. I'm exhausted tonight in a good way. 😊 I'll pull together the photos tomorrow to share. I would like to do some of the online instruction, too. I will look through the sample lessons tomorrow.

[EDIT](#)

4. **Sudip Bhattacharyya**

Mar 13th 2023 [REPLY](#)

Thanks for arranging this workshop. I thoroughly enjoyed it. Big thanks for Mr. Mike, he was great and helped me a lot in taking good photos. Looking forward to such events in the future.



[EDIT](#)

5. **Richard Araujo**

Feb 5th 2020 [REPLY](#)

The class was very good on Saturday. William helped me and the folks in attendance learn about positioning photos, the thirds rules, leading lines, etc. he did a very effective job as I am somewhat experienced and he was able to convey his message clearly to newer folks and those of us with DSLR cameras.

[EDIT](#)

6. **Mary Sue**

Nov 1st 2019 [REPLY](#)

Nina was a wonderful teacher! She brought very useful printout reference sheets, taught me about my camera, taught me about Lightroom (which is invaluable and I would have never used it!), and advised me on lighting! I learned a lot in three hours! Thank you so much!

[EDIT](#)

7. **Shay Paschall**

Aug 5th 2019 [REPLY](#)

Thank you for this class. Marquis really enjoyed Mr. William and said that he was really funny. Marquis said he learned a lot about his camera and how to take better pictures. Thank you again.

[EDIT](#)

8. **Patricia J**

Jul 9th 2019 [REPLY](#)

This class was very informative and our instructor William was amazing. I purchased a camera in December and wanted an affordable, in person class to learn to take better pictures and this class was just that. I will definitely sign up for another class.

[EDIT](#)

9. **Yael Avneri**

Mar 4th 2019 [REPLY](#)

“Hi!!! It was a fun day ,thank you”

-Yael



[EDIT](#)

10. **Bill Tober**

Mar 25th 2018 [REPLY](#)

My wife and I took the Mastering Your Camera Controls and the Composition in the Field (Dallas Farmer’s Market) from William Morton

What a great and informative time!

We will be taking future composition classes in the future

Thank you for helping us get better at photography and photo composition!
– Bill and Kendall

[EDIT](#)

11. **George Williams**

Dec 5th 2017 [REPLY](#)

“We had a good day at the park in Dallas.
William Morton was informative, patient, and courteous.
Attached are a few of my photos from the day.”

-George

[EDIT](#)

12. **Liz Dubuis**

Nov 21st 2017 [REPLY](#)

“William,
Thank you so much for an informative afternoon. Having the instant feedback to shots was very helpful. Gave me some food for thought and areas to exercise and experiment on. Also really enjoyed flipping thru the album you posted from yesterday. Seeing the very same things but thru your eyes and lens was interesting and provided several ah-ha moments. Particularly not to be afraid of shooting what otherwise seems mundane. With the right angle and light, magic happens. I need to review my pics further and cull out one or two to post. I have so much to learn!”

-Liz

[EDIT](#)

13. **Lee ostermann**

Jan 12th 2017 [REPLY](#)

Hi,

I’m interested in learning photography, but have no idea which digital camera to buy. Can you recommend a beginner camera that takes close ups and

distant shots, but that isn't too complicated? If I have to stop and read a manual often, I'll miss all the action! My budget is under \$300, if possible.

I want to take your farmers market class, and probably others.

Thank you for your help, if you can.

Lee (I'm a chick) Ostermann

[EDIT](#)

14. Cesar Reyna

Nov 14th 2016 [REPLY](#)

"The class with Henry was great. He is extremely patient and was able to show me how to use my camera and take better pictures. I can't wait to put his lessons into practice. "

-Cesar Reyna

[EDIT](#)

15. Bridget Wiss

Nov 18th 2015 [REPLY](#)

"I greatly enjoyed this class. This is actually the third class I've taken with Mr. Biber and I've learned something new every time. I'd recommend the class to anyone. I've attached my favorite image from Saturday. Mr. Biber is very interesting and I look forward to my next class with him."

-Bridget Wiss

[EDIT](#)

16. Earnisteen Austin

May 19th 2015 [REPLY](#)

"First off, please let me apologize for not responding sooner for not thanking you for taking time out of your schedule to assist me. I do look forward to

signing up for classes with Henry. I would also like to be able to get more comfortable with taking pictures in the manual settings. ”

-Earnisteen Austin

[EDIT](#)

17. [Kim Obryon](#)

Apr 24th 2015 [REPLY](#)

“Karen and Henry provided an informative and even personalized instruction to our large class. They took the time to review, critique and guide us as individuals. As aspiring photographers, whether seeking a new profession or just enjoyment, they gave knowledge to better our craft with their amazing skills.”

-Kim Obryon

[EDIT](#)

18. [Bill Indursky](#)

Dec 15th 2014 [REPLY](#)

“Karen was fantastic – relaxed, confident and passionate about photography and sharing her knowledge. She was willing to answer any questions we had and kept the group on track. Her introduction material and discussion were also well prepared. Karen was on-hand and eager to review our photos as we took them and this helped reinforce her teachings over the duration of the class.

The class was pitched just at the right level for me; I wanted something that moved past the intro/101 class and this helped me greatly. Very glad to see this as a DSLR class for people who have already covered the basics”

– Philip Kernohan

[EDIT](#)

19. [Bill Indursky](#)

Dec 15th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"I enjoyed this morning, and will think about the principles we learned when I frame my shots in the future. I actually love a lot of the pictures I took this morning!"

- Michelle Sigle

[EDIT](#)

20. David Leaser

Dec 15th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"I wanted to thank you for sharing your knowledge with us in class Saturday. It was my first class of any kind on photography or Photoshop. I really enjoyed it. I can't wait to try out the b&w conversion method you showed me."

- David Leaser

Comments to “Denver”

1. **Zach**

Nov 7th 2023 [REPLY](#)

Thanks Ellen!

I learned a lot from your class it was much appreciated!

Thank You,
Zach



[EDIT](#)

2. **Armando**

Oct 9th 2023 [REPLY](#)

The workshop went well. Learned some new things I've been scratching my head about. I already put it into practice today with my kids. Got a nice action photo of my son jumping across a bridge at the park.

[EDIT](#)

3. **Susan**

Sep 19th 2023 [REPLY](#)

Everyone loved the photography class and we were hoping you would schedule a series with Ellen so that we could learn more and get to know others in the class.

[EDIT](#)

4. **James**

Jul 18th 2023 [REPLY](#)

I found the workshop really helpful — I'd heard of a lot of what Ellen told us previously, but I'd never had it wrapped up as "these are the basics, you now know the basics, now _practice_" — I think the most helpful part is I've spent a lot of time reading things online, but there's just no end to that. The workshop was more focused and organized, and it was also really interesting to see how Ellen looked around for photos.

[EDIT](#)

o **James**

Jul 18th 2023 [REPLY](#)

I took this photo during the workshop! I had rule of thirds in mind, but also Ellen talked to us about accentuating what struck us about what we were taking pictures of, so like with that red flower, how it sort of stood taller and a bit separate from what was around it.



[EDIT](#)

5. **Lisa Wolkerstorfer**

Jul 12th 2023 [REPLY](#)

The workshop went super. I learned about shutter speed and aperture. Great info for taking snapshots for YouTube. Thank you for making it happen. Enjoy your weekend.

[EDIT](#)

6. **Chad**

May 31st 2023 [REPLY](#)

Thank you both, Andy & Richard. I definitely learned a lot from Andy's instruction.

[EDIT](#)

7. **Robyn Premo**

Mar 13th 2023 [REPLY](#)

I had a great time in class yesterday with Dan! He was very knowledgeable and I learned lots. I cannot wait for take the composition in the field course in April.

[EDIT](#)

8. **Allison**

Jan 31st 2023 [REPLY](#)

Thank you for the class, it was great!



[EDIT](#)

9. **Charles Davidson**

Dec 8th 2022 [REPLY](#)

Thank you EVERYBODY for responding to my inquiry re best tripods.

I will be taking your recommendations with me when I get my refund check next year, which is my usual time to buy gear.

What a great bunch of people you all are!

Charles Davidson

[EDIT](#)

10. **Lori B**

Jul 19th 2022 [REPLY](#)

I had a 6 hour class located at Red Rocks and Mark was awesome! He was very professional and knowledgeable. He explained everything in a way a new photography student could understand and he was so passionate about it! I learned so much and have been using my camera to practice almost everyday since.

- Lori

[EDIT](#)

11. **Lori Bottiger**

Jun 6th 2022 [REPLY](#)

Thank you so much for setting everything up! Mark is a fantastic teacher and I learned so much.

-Lori

[EDIT](#)

12. **Kristin**

Aug 4th 2021 [REPLY](#)

It was very informative and I feel like I have a lot to practice! Thank you!
Kristin

[EDIT](#)

13. **Jessica**

Aug 20th 2020 [REPLY](#)

Mia thoroughly enjoyed the workshop ... she felt like she learned so many helpful, informative, and personalized tips from Dan and she was eager to start implementing them as soon as she got home! She was definitely inspired by Dan's amazing stories of world travels and unique photoshoots! Thank you for furthering Mia's love for the art of photography!

Jessica(mom of Mia)

[EDIT](#)

14. **sandeep sandos**

Mar 16th 2020 [REPLY](#)

I really enjoyed it! I had bookish knowledge of photography, this was good opportunity for me to put theory into practice.

[EDIT](#)

15. **Jarrold**

Jan 7th 2020 [REPLY](#)

The class went wonderful with Dan and was extremely informative for both Lucy and I.

Learned lots of little tips and tricks that we watched transform our photos right before our eyes, while we were still in the field! Loved it.

[EDIT](#)

16. **Santana S**

Aug 29th 2019 [REPLY](#)

Good class for beginners on what all the functions of your camera are. Everyone brought in their own camera and the instructor picked out the most complex one and described what all the buttons/functions did. Gave

great examples of photos he has taken to go with descriptions on how a photo changes with each of the settings.

[EDIT](#)

17. **Anonymous**

Jan 7th 2019 [REPLY](#)

"Great experience with Dan, he knows his stuff!"

-Anonymous

[EDIT](#)

18. **Amber**

Dec 13th 2018 [REPLY](#)

"Ellen was a wonderful instructor. She took the time to explain different camera functions to anyone that needed help. She was great at pointing out different ways to take photos, so that you are not taking the same pictures as everyone else."

-Amber

[EDIT](#)

19. **Catherine**

Jul 9th 2018 [REPLY](#)

"He was a very good teacher, I learned a lot about photography."

-Catherine

[EDIT](#)

20. **Jessica Blackie**

May 7th 2018 [REPLY](#)

It was great. Thank you! I'm thinking of doing a private class...

Jessica

[EDIT](#)

21. **Donna Feldman**

May 7th 2018 [REPLY](#)

The class was great. I learned a lot.

-Donna

[EDIT](#)

22. **Alexis Smith**

Sep 30th 2016 [REPLY](#)

"The class was not only informative but it was also fun."

-Alexis

[EDIT](#)

23. **Steven Martin**

Sep 23rd 2016 [REPLY](#)

"Thanks Richard. Great class btw. Mark did a superb job."

Thanks,

-Steve

[EDIT](#)

24. **Brenda**

Sep 8th 2016 [REPLY](#)

"I was just reviewing my messages, and I found one I had missed from you, regarding a sunrise or sunset photo class. I had requested that the Red Rocks class in Denver (which has already occurred) might be moved from mid day to sunrise or sunset. I have melanoma and cannot be out for hours in the

bright mid day sun. So it was not so much that I was wanting a sunset class but that I was not wanting to be out in the bright sun. But also I thought our photos at that spot might be nicer. The class was indeed moved to sunset, and the photos were spectacular!

Thanks so much for following up!

Sincerely,"

-Brenda

[EDIT](#)

25. **David Ouimette**

Aug 5th 2016 [REPLY](#)

"Mark did a great job with the Red Rocks class. His approach of including "just the facts" when composing an image reflects his strong photo journalist background. I will remember that teaching for a long time to come. It was also fun to be in a nice location with good folks who share an interest in something I enjoy. I recommend Mark to anyone who wants to polish their technique and improve the images they make."

-Dave Ouimette

[EDIT](#)

26. **Brenda**

Jul 22nd 2016 [REPLY](#)

"Mark,

Thank you for a wonderful class! You did a spectacular job as our instructor! So dedicated and going the extra mile to be sure we got the best shots and pushed ourselves to become better photographers! I am trying to take many of these DPA classes in Denver. I certainly hope I get the opportunity to have you as an instructor again! I will be out of town for the Chatfield Garden one (sad since I love photographing flowers!!! I'll watch for the next garden class!) but will hopefully make many if not all of the remaining classes through December!

Will post a few if worthy on the Facebook page once I have looked through mine!

Thanks again!"

-Brenda

[EDIT](#)

27. **Jenna Mahney**

Jul 22nd 2016 [REPLY](#)

"We had such a great time at Red Rocks! Mark was a wonderful instructor. He gave us so much to think about and take away. The next day I found myself looking at things from a different view. "

-Jenna Mahney

[EDIT](#)

28. **Sheba Wheeler**

Dec 15th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"My intermediate class with Russ Burden was excellent. It was a wonderful feeling to know that I truly had mastered some understanding in this amazing field because I was able to answer many of Russ's questions while in class. I liked the fact that he challenged each student in class, asking us individual questions to make sure we really got the gist of what he was teaching and wasn't just following along and shaking our heads as if we understood when we really didn't. I also particularly enjoyed his Photoshop demonstration. I had an immense fear of working with this application. It seemed so large and overwhelming, but Russ's lecture allowed me to take those essential baby steps so I could get comfortable with Photoshop. I also appreciate Mr. Burden's weekly photo tips and his willingness to give of his own time to respond to my emails and questions about photos I've taken since his course.

I enjoyed Russ's class so much that I even ended up dreaming about the topics covered that same night. I think I was still trying to digest everything that was spoken of even while I was sleeping! As soon as I think I'm ready, I

will sign up for Russ's advanced photography class and make plans to attend one or more of his Nature Photo Tours. Wish me luck, I'm going to be entering my first photo contest...this one dealing with some of the shots I showed in class of climbers at Eldorado Canyon State Park!"

- Sheba Wheeler

[EDIT](#)

29. Kristal Kraft

Dec 15th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Thanks for a fun and educational day. I am so impressed with the knowledge of the group. It is an honor to be able to learn from Russ Burden. I'm anxious to get out into the field...maybe the sunflowers at dawn..."

- Kristal Kraft

[EDIT](#)

30. Tim Visser

Dec 15th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"I have taken two classes that were "live" instructor lead workshops and several on-line courses. Without a doubt, your workshop stands head and shoulders above the rest. Your style of teaching, demonstrating techniques, classroom lecture and open communication regarding photography, will allow me to enhance my skills. I enjoyed this class, my fellow classmates and our outstanding instructor. This was a FANTASTIC experience.

Thanks for a great day!"

- Tim Visser

[EDIT](#)

31. Tim Visser

Dec 15th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"That looks very good Russ. I have a few pictures where I would like to create a canvas to create room for a few of mine....I will have to try that technique. Appreciate the before and after and the steps you took. Once I have my two done and over to you, I might take yours and practice to see how I make out."

- Tim Visser

[EDIT](#)

32. Tom Tenenbaum

Dec 15th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Wow- I learned a lot from you, Russ! And, know how much more I need to learn. Thank you for an excellent workshop. The combination of field and class time worked very well. You are a gifted teacher- very effective making us think about answers, rather than telling us. I now look at photos as you suggested- and try to determine how was that shot?"

- Tom Tenenbaum

[EDIT](#)

33. Jim Wolfe

Dec 15th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"I first want to thank you, Russ, for an outstanding workshop, I learned something of importance in every area of the session. Thanks again for the extra time up front at 7:00am and again at 5:30. Your effortless teaching style makes learning and asking questions very comfortable. I just loaded Adobe CS3 and am going to be working on the 2 photos you requested.

I would also be interested in another shoot, I have no preference as to location or subject. I can learn something no matter where we go."

- Jim Wolfe

[EDIT](#)

34. Chuck Riggs

Dec 15th 2014 [REPLY](#)

“It was a great training session with Russ! I’ve been looking over my notes, reading over the camera manual, and trying some of the things you demonstrated. Still a long way to go, but at least I have a better idea of how things fit together. Excellent presentation on your part. And the idea of getting a photography tip every week sounds like excellent reenforcement! Thanks.”

– Chuck Riggs

[EDIT](#)

35. **Don Tolin**

Dec 15th 2014 [REPLY](#)

“Russ, I really enjoyed the class. I don’t know when I’ve been able to go that long and still be so interested I wanted more. I’m downloading my images now to Elements 6 and trying to find out if I can use Bridge with it. Look forward to some more of your “sage advice”. I’ll be looking at your web site for some more classes to take. Thanks again.”

– Don Tolin

[EDIT](#)

36. **Fred Stearns**

Dec 15th 2014 [REPLY](#)

“After all the other responses, I feel like a fool “Ditto Head”. After two trips to Monument Valley and a trip to Zion and Bryce National Parks, I still signed up for this session. That must say something. I also signed up for the Fall trip to Yellowstone and Teton National Parks. I always learn something talking to you, whether it is meant as instruction or just a chance comment. Your love of photography and teaching come through and are infectious.”

– Fred Stearns

[EDIT](#)

37. **Grover Wrenn**

Dec 15th 2014 [REPLY](#)

“When you first projected the image, it looked like a definite throwaway to me due to the blown out highlights. You then made a spectacular recovery. Thank you for this teaching moment and for going beyond the call of duty. Now, I will try to use some of what you taught me yesterday.”

– Grover Wrenn

[EDIT](#)

38. **Peter Hendry**

Dec 15th 2014 [REPLY](#)

“I very much enjoyed the few classes I took with you, so much so it made me bite the bullet. I moved to New Zealand in May, changed my career (to photographer), and this month opened my own photography studio in Auckland. I’m certainly expecting the start to be challenging and slow, but am looking forward to every bit of it.”

– Peter Hendry

[EDIT](#)

39. **Nona Biddison**

Dec 15th 2014 [REPLY](#)

“Russ did such a great job I wanted to share it with the organization and I hope Russ keeps on teaching these classes. I learned more today than in Scott Kelby’s class on Photoshop CS4. It’s great to have a computer with hands on vs watching someone do everything themselves and then never being able to duplicate it.”

– Nona Biddison

[EDIT](#)

40. **Bill Indursky**

Dec 15th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"I hope I did this correctly, I'm not the most tech savvy person!! I just have to say thank you so much for this opportunity! Russ Burden is an awesome teacher and I can't say enough about how much I enjoyed this class. My husband signed me up for this class for which I felt I was most certainly not advanced, but Russ made it so it didn't matter. The class size was also helpful so that he was able to give all of us individual help when we needed it. I learned so much about myself and photography and have a totally new vision of how to approach photography as I move forward. I love it so much more than I expected and I have a new confidence in my abilities as well. This class and Russ has changed everything....thanks again!. Here's my favorite photo from the day."

- Carianne Kanda

[EDIT](#)

41. aldona.vaitekunas@centurylink.com

Dec 15th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Had a great class on Sunday - really enjoyed the concept of abstract photography! I've dabbled with it a bit, but it was great to get some new insight and feedback on what I might be missing, and what I can do to improve. It'd be great to take advantage of another course sometime in the near future"

- Aldona

[EDIT](#)

42. [Bill Indursky](#)

Dec 15th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Hello, great workshop at Red Rocks today. It was very informative and opened my eyes to "seeing" that gorgeous place in a new way!"

- Anne Johnstone

[EDIT](#)

43. Bill Indursky

Dec 15th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Just wanted to let you know that Ellen is a very nice woman and the class was fun."

- Dan

Comments to "Detroit"

1. **Raina Davis**

Dec 12th 2023 [REPLY](#)

I had a great time today. Heather was very informative. Great instructor. I look forward to taking more of workshops in the future.

[EDIT](#)

2. **Sarah**

Aug 29th 2023 [REPLY](#)

It was great to meet Heather and spend some time working on photography skills and get some inspiration at the gallery. Will be sending along a few photos of mine from the day.

[EDIT](#)

3. **dawn**

Jul 17th 2021 [REPLY](#)

The class today was fun, informative and easy! I got some great shots! You're all so very nice and I felt like family. I will be sending my shots to you soon.

-Dawn

[EDIT](#)

4. **Sharon**

Jul 17th 2021 [REPLY](#)

Thanks so much!!!! Dave was a good instructor and took time with the class so we could understand. I joined the group. The pics are amazing 📷 Its been a pleasure exchanging communications with you.

-Sharon

[EDIT](#)

5. Janice SmithSep 17th 2019 [REPLY](#)

The class that was offered was very rewarding, it allowed me to get more familiar with my camera and usage. The class was an excellent and the size was also good to allow to us to ask questions. I had never used my camera to take monochrome pictures. It was different, but yet beautiful. I like the look! I have included some pictures that I took. I also plan to start posting on you website for Facebook. Thank you and Thank you to Tom, for he was an amazing and experienced teacher.

[EDIT](#)

6. Amanda TerryAug 15th 2019 [REPLY](#)

The weather was quite beautiful! Tom was great and helpful.

[EDIT](#)

7. Tracy WalkerAug 13th 2019 [REPLY](#)

I did enjoy the Tom McKenzie workshop on August 10th and looking forward to the September 14th date.

[EDIT](#)

8. Jeani HMay 3rd 2019 [REPLY](#)

I really enjoyed the Compostion in the Field class. I'm sure I will use a lot of the techniques we practiced looking through the viewfinder in the future! Just a note for the Master Your Camera Controls class: It is good for introducing beginners to their cameras and introduce basic concepts such as exposure.

[EDIT](#)

9. **Tom Witek**

Dec 13th 2018 [REPLY](#)

"All went well. I learned some things and had a good time. Thank you"

-Tom Witek

[EDIT](#)

10. **Lisa Kern**

Aug 2nd 2018 [REPLY](#)

"Thank you, Tom, for a great class! I am so thrilled to really be using my camera! No more automatic setting for me! Michael- I really enjoyed working with you as a co-participant and your pictures- including that beautiful daughter. I also loved working with the black & white and learned so much!

What an empowering class!"

Thanks again,

-Lisa Kern



[EDIT](#)

11. **beerock99**

May 7th 2018 [REPLY](#)

The class at the Conservatory was great. I learned a lot about composing a shot and different details on how my camera works. I will definitely look to taking another class from DPA.

Thank you!

Beth Rockford



[EDIT](#)

12. **Tom Krueger**

Jun 20th 2016 [REPLY](#)

"I really wanted to attend this workshop but family doings prevented it.

I hope it was a success and you will be planning another at this location. I have attended several in Michigan and Arizona and the quality has always been excellent.

thank you"

-Tom Krueger

[EDIT](#)

13. **Bill Indursky**

Dec 15th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"I learned so much! I loved Tom. He is an awesome instructor! I just shot my first engagement session in manual the day after (Sunday) and the photos turned out amazing."

- Lauren

[EDIT](#)

14. **Bill Indursky**

Dec 15th 2014 [REPLY](#)

“Great group; nice meeting everyone. Hope to see some of you again.”

- Ayana

[EDIT](#)

15. **Bill Indursky**

Dec 15th 2014 [REPLY](#)

“Thank you so much for the wonderful class taught by Tom McKenzie in Detroit!!! I was visiting from Boston, and my sister bought me a space in his class. He did a beautiful job – as I learned so much from his instruction.”

- Claudia Vanderpool

[EDIT](#)

16. **Bill Indursky**

Dec 15th 2014 [REPLY](#)

“We had a perfectly nice day in Downtown Detroit (Greektown). Our trainer Tom was able to gap the bridge between beginners and experienced photographers.”

- Ulrich Gollwitzer

[EDIT](#)

17. **Bill Indursky**

Dec 15th 2014 [REPLY](#)

Thank you Hugh. We just got back from our Mediterranean cruise where some of techniques you used really paid off for some great pictures I.e. creating a natural border and ISO. We look forward to finding an opportunity to attend the make up class.

- John

[EDIT](#)

18. **Dolli Kettron**

Dec 15th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"I wanted to get some help with my new DSLR before signing up for some of the shoots that you are offering. I enjoyed the class and am looking forward to attending many of those shoots in the future."

- Dolli Kettron

[EDIT](#)

19. **Bill Indursky**

Dec 15th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"It was a great CLASS!! Thanks for all the pointers and ideas!"

- Sophie and Marc

[EDIT](#)

20. **Bill Indursky**

Dec 15th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Thanks for fun course on Sunday and sending to 2 attachments, they will be helpful! I put 2 photos up on facebook on DPA."

- Charlie Morgan

[EDIT](#)

21. **Bill Indursky**

Dec 15th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Thanks for the attachments!! They definitely will come in handy.

I just wanted to let you know I really did learn a lot in that short period of time. And I'm really looking forward to taking more classes. After that class I came home with such a natural high and excited to learn more. I plan to post some of my pictures soon."

- Elisa

Comments to “Houston”

1. **George Lee**

Jan 10th 2024 [REPLY](#)

The trip went well except for the lost luggage which impaired the use of the Z8 for the first few days. We witnessed the northern lights on the first and last nights of the trip. As I stated, lost luggage impaired the ability to take photos on the first night but the last night went quite well.

I have attached a medium resolution photo from this outing. I believe this is a great photo for someone who only a month ago could not figure out how to determine the correct settings for optimal exposure, etc. The preparation was instrumental in making this photo and many others.

So, I also need help with post-production processing. How would I go about scheduling and of course paying for this?

Thanks,
George “Trey” Lee



[EDIT](#)

2. **Brian Crockett**

Oct 6th 2023 [REPLY](#)

Jim was absolutely awesome to work with! I learned a ton and plan to schedule more classes when I return from the Dominican Republic.

[EDIT](#)

3. **Kenneth Matheus**

May 31st 2023 [REPLY](#)

The workshop was great! I learned a lot, a lot of my questions got answered , I didn't take so many photos that day. I was more interested in watching and learning, Jim is a great guy, full of experience and knowledge, learn a lot, looking forward to doing other workshops with him.

I have a website, and I'm setting my portfolio on <http://www.kennethmatheus.com> . You can definitely find photos there.

thank you very much

EDIT

4. **Phenix-Hall**

Dec 19th 2022 **REPLY**

It was great! I love Herman Park so I was excited to meet there since it reminds me of Central Park on a much smaller scale. Jim, was marvelous, in fact I would have to say he's in the top three teachers of all classes I've taken outside of college. His love of photography shines through and it definitely grabs hold of you. If you liked your camera before class after class you find yourself loving it. He's just that good.

I actually went out the same day and purchased a tripod and a camera hood because I saw what a shaky hand can do to a picture. Will I take another class - most definitely, if one were offered.

EDIT

5. **Ismaila A**

Jan 24th 2020 **REPLY**

My special Thanks to Coursehouse. And my Gratitude yo Mr Jim, you are really good and kind. Am happy for your impact and support. Really enjoy myself and also had a splendid experience

EDIT

6. **Allen G**

Jan 14th 2020 **REPLY**

Jim Caldwell was very knowledgeable and willing to share his expert experience. He provided many basics for we beginners, but also practical tips that even experienced photographers would find useful. Great job and and I thoroughly enjoyed the class.

[EDIT](#)

7. **Joe Fernandez**

Sep 2nd 2019 [REPLY](#)

I could not have asked for a better teacher than Nina. She was warm, knowledgeable, and passionate about teaching photography. She perfectly balanced the informative and interactive aspects of the lesson. I would absolutely recommend her to other students. Nina gave me a private class in Nashville.

Thank you very much,

Joe

[EDIT](#)

8. **Anonymous**

May 2nd 2019 [REPLY](#)

Jim was a patient and thorough instructor; he took us through the camera basics, showed examples, and talked through the options of how we could get the best images. Then, he walked us through 4 different field locations and helped us get photograph them. I found the course to be very useful, informative and enjoyable. Thanks!

[EDIT](#)

9. **Soledad**

Jul 9th 2018 [REPLY](#)

"It was a fun class and I learned a lot!"

-Soledad

[EDIT](#)

10. Jill Lefforge

Apr 13th 2017 [REPLY](#)

I took the composition class with Jim Caldwell and LOVED it. Jim is so knowledgeable and so willing to share his expertise with us. He also gave a an incredible hand-out, Composition in the Field which has been very useful to me. I plan on taking another class with him soon.

[EDIT](#)

11. Sydney Floyd

Jan 24th 2017 [REPLY](#)

Richard,

"I think Jim was being very kind in complementing my work. And, since I know the quality of the photos you usually see, my first response to your invite was "no way." But, I considered that my goal is improvement and, certainly, a large part of that is sharing and accepting critiques, so I changed my mind. I did get a couple of pleasant shots during the class, but haven't figured out how to downsize them enough to send. Therefore, I am sharing a couple of photos I took the day before in preparation for the class. The gecko was sunning in my back yard and, surprisingly, let me stay close enough to get several shots. The leaf was also close to my house, and the photos of Harley (cat) were taken indoors as requested by Jim.

I want to repeat what I told Jim. The class was excellent. I picked up so many practical tips and knowledge that you can't get from online classes. Plus, Jim is so personable and a natural teacher. I am looking forward to repeating the class.

Thank you for your time."

-Sydney

[EDIT](#)

12. **Bill Indursky**

Dec 15th 2014 [REPLY](#)

“Though we were dealing with much rain, we still got in a good shoot. Just to let you know, Scott Teven did a great job with what he had to work with. Since the rain presented some problems he did allow us to ask a few technical questions that had nothing to do with composition (but did of course have a great impact on how a picture would appear) and his explanations to our questions were very informative as well as easy to understand. Thanks for offering a good class, even in spite of the weather trying to ruin it!”

– Penny Mayes-Gregg

[EDIT](#)

13. **Sylvia Garcia-Smith**

Dec 15th 2014 [REPLY](#)

“Again, thanks for the instruction yesterday. I learned a few things. Your knowledge would be so beneficial to many of us that need the training. You can see by my pixs, I need a lot of color management help.

Thanks again, hope you consider teaching more in-depth Photoshop workshops. Advertising would be the hard part, but I've got several friends in Houston that wouldn't mind taking a class with someone knowledgeable.”

– Sylvia Garcia-Smith

[EDIT](#)

14. **Tushar Ghosh**

Dec 15th 2014 [REPLY](#)

“Michael, I had a great time today in your class for which I thank you very much. I take photos of scenery and friends and relatives for fun. As I mentioned to you today, I want to learn a few things about photography in order to be able to take good pictures. Specifically, I want to learn the flaws in some of the photos I have taken and how to remove them. I also want to

learn the basic techniques of photography in some detail. At this time I am not planning to learn editing of photographs.

Please let me know your availability for a private lesson.”

– Tushar Ghosh

[EDIT](#)

15. **Linda Voges**

Dec 15th 2014 [REPLY](#)

“Hi Michael, I enjoyed the training session today.....especially the last part. I am so impressed with your reputation and expertise. Talk about way above our heads! BTW, how did you get to be on Great Day Houston? If you ever go back on the show, let me know—I'll be there.

I am thrilled with the Panasonic camera we got. I hope I can do it justice and take advantage of all the bells and whistles on it. I really learned some surprising things about it today. Would you ever do a seminar just on that type of camera?”

– Linda Voges

[EDIT](#)

16. **Monika Lee**

Dec 15th 2014 [REPLY](#)

“I just wanted to thank you again for taking time to meet with me on Saturday. I definitely feel more prepared for the trip. Thanks again!!”

– Monika Lee

[EDIT](#)

17. **Pamela Elam**

Dec 15th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"I took the beginner photo class December 2nd with Michael Hart. I thoroughly enjoyed the class and it opened my eyes to how much I do need to learn. Michael was a very patient with me through the entire class. He went slow and we had time after class to ask questions. His talent with photography really shined through him. I was not ready for the class to end. I felt he addressed everyone's questions and took a lot of time and pride in what he was teaching. I would definitely have Michael teach me again."

- Pamela Elam

[EDIT](#)

18. **Robert Calloway**

Dec 15th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Just wanted to say thanks for the lesson today. You hit on several things I was struggling with (because I don't read manuals...) and I think I'll be ready to progress from here.

I was the guy who left you the number and email and offered to help on Tuesday.

I was wondering if you do any other lessons that are a little more in-depth and involve multiple nights. I'd explain my motives and potential plans, but don't want to bore you too much... lol"

- Robert Calloway

[EDIT](#)

19. **Debbie Chapman**

Dec 15th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"I took your DPA class last year. At the time, I had only a Nikon CP P4. Since then I acquired my first DSLR and am continuing to work hard at learning the art and science of photography. Thanks for the help you gave me through DPA."

- Debbie Chapman

[EDIT](#)

20. **Bill Indursky**

Dec 15th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"I'd like to start calling you "Regis" if that's o.k. You were great. I'm sure that was great press for your biz. You probably got some non-photo biz solicitations, too. When you get offered your own show, I'd like to be your Paul Shaffer/Max Weinberg. I'll go to the Ed McMahon school of fake laughing. "Yesssssss!!!!"

[EDIT](#)

21. **Bill Indursky**

Dec 15th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"You were great! You looked and sounded very comfortable under the lights."

- Jerry

[EDIT](#)

22. **Bill Indursky**

Dec 15th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"I just watched the show. Very impressive! You did a great job. I bought a Panasonic DMC-FX01 camera (with Leica lens) about six months ago because I did not always want to lug my D200 around. I love the Panasonic! Sometimes it takes better shots than my D200 (although that's probably user error since I have to make more decisions with the D200). And yes, I have been reading my manual (good advice.) Have a great weekend."

- Michael

[EDIT](#)

23. **Bill Indursky**

Dec 15th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"I just watched "Great Day Houston" (I recorded it to watch later today): Great presentation, you were such a natural in front of the camera - as if you've

been doing this for years! Really, thanks for the tip about holding the button down halfway! When I first started using digital he would look at the pictures and say, "That's NOT the picture that I took, WHAT's going ON?!!" Since I have that original camera and have never tried to use it, maybe now I will give it a try. Again, you did quite an impressive presentation. Thanks for letting me know about it in advance."

- Brie

[EDIT](#)

24. **Bill Indursky**

Dec 15th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"You looked good today on Channel 11. Taped it and just finished watching; you did real good."

- Reagan

[EDIT](#)

25. **Carol Montalbano**

Dec 15th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Both classes were absolutely amazing and made me want to know more. It prompted me to go shoot the following day instead of other plans I had made.

I was biting at the bit to know more and so were others in the class. In the Composition class, two people were not signed up for the intermediate class directly after; however, one decided to stay. That is huge for the four hour commitment after sitting for two hours.

He hit the nail on the head, answered our questions as they came up, let us know more was to come on some subjects after giving us an adequate answer, let us know more was to come in the Intermediate class on some subjects we asked about, and made us want to know more!

He told us that camera manufacturers are coming out with new updates all the time and trying to keep up with each other. He told one student with a 4-

5 year old SLR that she may want to upgrade because of noise reduction in the newer models.

I'm ordering Photoshop and once I have it on my laptop, I'm going to sign up for classes on it. At this time, I don't think getting a fourth camera in just over 2 years to upgrade to an SLR is in the budget.

Panasonic Lumix has hit the nail on the head with my DMC FZ28K for someone who does not want to change lenses and is on a budget but wants the best they can get. In addition, I would like to find an adapter and try out the additional two lenses that fit this camera before advancing to an SLR. It seems the adapters are hard to come by. Any suggestions?

Thank you for all your help and concerns."

-Carol Montalbano

Comments to “Hudson Valley”

1. **Zinnia Gutowski**

Jan 4th 2024 [REPLY](#)

Hello Lynn,
It was great to meet you!

Thank you for today’s “classroom” instructions. Will be working of what I’ve learned today. Hopefully on our next meeting I will have new results.

I looked at my calendar and unfortunately I have few out of town trips until Feb 8. I will reconnect with you then.

Happy New Year!

Zinnia

[EDIT](#)

2. **Sharon Rubinstein**

Nov 21st 2023 [REPLY](#)

It was a beautiful day, and a very stimulating and enjoyable workshop in a great setting. Lynn is an excellent and generous teacher.



[EDIT](#)

3. **Arlene**

Nov 21st 2023 [REPLY](#)

It was a wonderful workshop! Lynn was a great teacher- patient enthusiastic and flexible. Very helpful critique of our images! Totally enjoyed the day- location and weather were perfect!

EDIT

4. **Maggie**

Aug 13th 2023 [REPLY](#)

The workshop went really well and Carla was great. There is so much to learn especially with all the controls on my camera. I was inspired to try to photograph the hummingbirds that come to the window feeder but they are too fast for me. I looked up the settings to try and get the meteor shower that's supposed to happen this weekend. Wish me luck!

EDIT

5. **Romelys M.**

Jun 12th 2023 [REPLY](#)

I had an amazing experience Saturday. Lynn was great. It was more that I expected to learned.

I will take a few weeks practicing and will reach back to scheduled a "Composition in the Field" class with Lynn in the near future.

EDIT

6. **Jarshua Frederique**

May 31st 2023 [REPLY](#)

Good morning, Lynn I enjoyed our class and found it informative as well as creative. It was a great opportunity and privilege to be part of the workshop. Thank you, for attaching the Exposure Triangle and Quick Settings cheat sheets that way I have a digital copy.



[EDIT](#)

7. **Jack**

Jan 31st 2023 [REPLY](#)

I learned a lot!

[EDIT](#)

8. **Charles Davidson**

Dec 8th 2022 [REPLY](#)

Thank you EVERYBODY for responding to my inquiry re best tripods.

I will be taking your recommendations with me when I get my refund check next year, which is my usual time to buy gear.

What a great bunch of people you all are!

Charles Davidson

[EDIT](#)

9. **Debbie MacGregor**

Aug 1st 2022 [REPLY](#)

We had a great session and I am eager to get my pictures into Lightroom to see when I captured!

[EDIT](#)

10. **Justin Geis**

Jul 11th 2022 [REPLY](#)

I really appreciate all the information you have all given me. It's very helpful. Thank you! It's great to know that I'm able to receive information through DPA. Looks like I will be going for the Olympus with lens & tripod.

[EDIT](#)

11. **Michael Caivano**

Feb 10th 2021 **REPLY**

I wanted to say thank you so much. Both you and Mary Ann, as I was told, were incredible and went above and beyond what they expected.

Myself and Tiffany's husband Ken were waiting for them at the Lake house for dinner and as we were waiting, we saw two people outside walking down to the lake snapping pictures. Walking through knee high snow, kneeling to get better angles, like they were doing a photoshoot!!!

They loved it!!! And again, thank you and we will be telling anyone that asks how great you guys are.

They have been posting pics on Facebook and getting lots of positive feedback and you guys are getting most of the credit.

I do however have one thing I have an issue with. I was told there was coffee and cookies???? Why was I not told about this in advance, perhaps I would have taken the class as well!!!!....lol

I was told that your wife is an amazing photographer, so congrats to you on that and to her.

Reviews online will follow, I promise. Just need to get to them.

Again, thank you so much for making her birthday present (3 months later) a memorable one.

Hope to speak again soon.

-Mike



[EDIT](#)

12. **Linda Morris**

Feb 12th 2020 [REPLY](#)

Thanks for another great class. Rachel gave me some tips on waterfalls which worked out great for me. I always learn something new. It was a little crowded at times but we all took turns so it worked out well. Thanks again.

[EDIT](#)

13. **Tom Orlando**

Jan 14th 2020 [REPLY](#)

Your headquarters is an artisan treasure trove; so many beautiful historic items and antiques (including the cats). It is no surprise to me as you and your wife are kind and generous people and truly artistic. All the best to everyone and hope to meet again in a future DPA event.

[EDIT](#)

14. **Lisa Campbell**

Sep 30th 2019 [REPLY](#)

What a fabulous day I had. The company, instruction and location was divine. What an awesome group. I can't wait for future classes. I will most definitely spread the word and post some of my pictures I took today. Thank you again. I had a most excellent day.

[EDIT](#)

15. **John S**

Aug 5th 2019 [REPLY](#)

Outstanding workshop! Mark the instructor, was great. He gave a preliminary talk prior to going out on the photo shoot, demonstrating some techniques. At the mansion he reviewed photos as they were being set up and offered advise. Looking forward to the next workshop.

[EDIT](#)

16. **Barbara F**

Jul 30th 2019 [REPLY](#)

The Digital Photo Academy was an excellent choice to learn more about the operations of my camera and how to consider composition. The teacher was very flexible with questions and encouraged me to try different subjects for my photography. I came away from the class refreshed and looking forward to more shots for myself and family. Give it a try!!!! You will love it

[EDIT](#)

17. **Ricky R**

Jul 30th 2019 [REPLY](#)

My GF gave me a gift certificate for the class on 12/25/2017 for the sole purpose of learning my new Canon camera for our South African safari trips. After forgetting numerous times to schedule the workshop, 2 cancellations due to bad weather, one stormy rain and the other, incredible heat, I was able to attend this weekend. I had no idea what I was about to learn and experience. Richard greeted me with literally open arms and we headed over to the group. Mark, our instructor, had a brief but thorough slide presentation for us familiarizing us with some of the different types of camera shooting we can expect on our adventure. Out on our field trip Mark taught me a few key settings for getting great shots. I had no idea what to expect and as surprised as I was with my lesson, I had the time of my life. Richard, Mark and the Digital Photo Academy were professional, outgoing

and very personable to talk to. I am now and forever a camera head! Thanks guys! Im so glad we dont have to buy film anymore. Cant wait for the next workshop.

[EDIT](#)

18. **Lani Bass**

Jul 30th 2019 [REPLY](#)

I took Mark's class a year or so ago when we went to Gomez Mill & Cold Springs and really enjoyed it.

[EDIT](#)

19. **Glenn M**

Jul 5th 2019 [REPLY](#)

ENJOYED THE LEARNING EXPERIENCE. MARY ANN IS KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT THE CELL PHONE AND HOW TO BE CREATIVE WITH THE APPS. SHE IS AN EXCELLENT INSTRUCTOR: ASKS ME QUESTIONS, ANSWERS QUESTIONS AND PROVIDES FEEDBACK IN A RELAXED ENVIRONMENT.

THANK YOU, MARY ANN.

[EDIT](#)

20. **WINSTON H**

May 28th 2019 [REPLY](#)

The day lived up to my expectations. Richard was very professional and put a lot of effort into finding a tutor that matched what I was looking for. It was refreshing to still see the someone adding the personal touch to ensure the customer is happy. My tutor, Steve was great and was loads of fun to hang out with. Really cool dude. Not only did he find a stunningly gorgeous model to work with (who I would love to work with again, btw), but he happily shared from his best advice in any area that I asked about. I learnt a lot from him and identified more than a few areas that I need to work on. Rating my experience with 5 stars was easy. In fact the next time I visit New York, I will definitely be calling on Richard again.

[EDIT](#)

21. **Judy R**

May 3rd 2019 [REPLY](#)

Thank you to Richard and Justin! I feel more confident now that I understand how my camera works and how to take a great quality picture. I had so much fun learning with a scenic hike and Justin's knowledge and talent. I'm feeling more inspired than ever! I look forward to future classes.

[EDIT](#)

22. **Bill Schultz**

Aug 17th 2018 [REPLY](#)

Here's my favorite from the day. Thanks again for the enjoyable experience.

-Bill



[EDIT](#)

23. **Andy Mueller**

Aug 17th 2018 [REPLY](#)

Had a blast last night and survived with only two bites.

-Andy



[EDIT](#)

24. Andrew

Jul 9th 2018 [REPLY](#)

"I learned a lot in a very short period of time and met some incredible people. Justin was a great instructor and Richard was an excellent host."

-Andrew

[EDIT](#)

25. Judy

Jul 9th 2018 [REPLY](#)

"Thank you to Richard and Justin! I feel more confident now that I understand how my camera works and how to take a great quality picture. I had so much fun learning with a scenic hike and Justin's knowledge and talent. I'm feeling more inspired than ever! I look forward to future classes."

-Judy

[EDIT](#)

26. Tim

Jul 9th 2018 [REPLY](#)

"Amazing time and experience. They also showed me a few pro tips that really help. I would recommend this trip to anyone who wants to up their game at photography, and spend some time at some proven great sites to shoot!"

-Tim

[EDIT](#)

27. Amanda

Jul 9th 2018 [REPLY](#)

"I had a great time in class; both Mark and Richard were very nice and I learned a lot from them. I knew almost nothing going into the class, and left with some amazing photos, and the ability to continue improving. I had a lot of questions answered. Mark and Richard are both amazing artists / photographers, and you'll be amazed at what they've captured in the past and their advice for you in the future."

-Amanda

[EDIT](#)

28. Nina

Jul 9th 2018 [REPLY](#)

We attended a Composition in the Field photography workshop offered by Digital Photo Academy. We selected a Hudson Valley workshop, which started in Newburgh, with an overview of specific camera features and techniques we would be applying in the field. Mark, our instructor, is very knowledgeable and patient, and guided us through the various camera settings we would be using. He also showed us examples of stunning low-light images he has captured, which is what we were setting up for. This gave us some great visuals to frame in our minds as we readied ourselves. The day of our workshop we experienced the first snowfall of the season, which provided a surreal backdrop to the instructional segment, as well as for the drive into the field. We had special access to the renowned Brotherhood Winery in nearby Washingtonville, NY. As we set up our tripods in the historic cellars of the winery, we eagerly began applying what we learned. We moved strategically through the catacombs — and encountered breathtaking views thru our lenses — which were captured with our newly learned skills. While the scenes looked really good on our small camera screens, the real treat was when we downloaded the images on our computer back at home. Wow. Just wow! After a day with Mark we took our photography skills to another

level. Thank you Mark and Richard for putting this incredible experience together! We look forward to coming back at different times of the year, so we can continue to further our experiences and skills!!!

-Nina

[EDIT](#)

29. Andy Mueller

Jun 12th 2018 [REPLY](#)

Thanks so much for the workshop. Had a great time and will be taking another class soon. Was a great experience. Here is one of my favorite shots from the other night.



[EDIT](#)

30. Troy Wesselius

Dec 14th 2017 [REPLY](#)

“Hey everyone – we’re back home safely in NJ. What a great day we had! It started with the first beautiful snowfall of the season as we learned about the techniques we would be applying today. Then we had a delightful lunch together...followed by one of the coolest venues we could have ever asked for!!! We just scanned thru our pictures and are so happy with some of these shots...in just one day we picked up on great low-light shooting techniques...and we sort of look like we know what we are doing!!!

Thanks guys for a truly amazing day. Amanda – so glad you were also there to share in this experience with us. We loved seeing the creative angles you were going for – you probably ended up with some great shots...

I took one of Nina's shots of Mark in the tunnel and threw a black and white filter on it after cropping it...we think you look great in this one Mark... since you like nicknames we have one for you – Model Mark!!!!

Enjoy the rest of the wintery weekend everyone.

Peace, Love and Hugs!"

-Troy and Nina

[EDIT](#)

31. Don Adams

Oct 24th 2017 [REPLY](#)

"This was a great way to spend a Saturday. Richard and Justin made the group feel very welcome. We learned some good information during the "inside" portion of the class, and we had an opportunity to meet and greet our fellow classmates – it was great meeting such a diverse and talented group of people. We then began the "outside" portion of the class, first walking across the street to a park with waterfalls and old structures, then we traveled to another historic site with a charming mill house, finishing in Beacon, taking pictures of the sunset over Newburgh/Hudson River. All this was done with Justin providing good advice and painless critique – while he is an extremely talented professional photographer, he was friendly and down to earth with us all. This is a great experience (I intend to return), and money very well spent. "

-Don

[EDIT](#)

32. Stephanie Uszenski

Oct 18th 2017 [REPLY](#)

"Taking the types of pictures I dreamed of, with the inspiration of the 6 hour Hudson river class!"

-Stephanie

[EDIT](#)

33. **Nick Jaramillo**

Oct 17th 2017 [REPLY](#)

"Hi Richard,

Thank you to you and Justin for a fun day of shooting.

Here are a few of my shots."

-Nick Jaramillo

[EDIT](#)

34. **Kerman Dukandar**

Oct 16th 2017 [REPLY](#)

"Dear Richard

Thanks, it was a wonderful experience and the class was awesome. Justin was an awesome instructor and patiently answered all the queries. I definitely have gained better knowledge about manual controls and feel more confident.

Hopefully to get some more advanced instructions in future.

All in all it was a splendid day and you were a wonderful host for the group and a brilliant / passionate instructor like Justin.

Best regards"

-Kerman

[EDIT](#)

35. **Mari Parker**

Aug 24th 2017 [REPLY](#)

"Jill was incredibly helpful and knowledgeable about photography and was able to answer all my questions. Even though I knew the basics on composition, I still learned a lot and even was introduced to functions on my camera I had no idea existed. This class is great for those who have never

held a DSLR to those who have been shooting for a while, but want to expand their skills.

Thank you Jill! "

-Mari

[EDIT](#)

36. **Maria Zarzuela**

Jul 13th 2017 [REPLY](#)

"Justin thank you for a great class. It was fun and educational for me. I learned some things that I did not know about before. I've done so much reading about photography but never putting into practice what I've read. The class broke certain things down for me so that I understood how to get the results that I wanted.

I love how the images came out. Especially the last one with the sparklers.

Justin, thanks for the heads up On the intervalometer deal. I got a chance the scoop one up before the sale ended. Also thank you for the link to buying used equipment. Very useful info indeed. I'm looking for a good tripod on sale so if you come across one that's a great deal please Let me know.

Thanks again. It was very nice meeting everyone.

Best regards,"

-Maria

[EDIT](#)

37. **Raj Bisesar**

Feb 9th 2017 [REPLY](#)

"First of all I'd like to say thank you to Mark and Richard for teaching and hosting on Saturday. It was a wonderful experience getting to meet everyone, and sharing your collective knowledge and passion for photography. I finally got to go through my photos and have some to share with you all."

-Raj

[EDIT](#)

38. Mathur Per

Oct 21st 2016 [REPLY](#)

"Thanks Richard and Mark for an excellent class. It was great meeting everyone and am looking forward to future classes."

-Murali

[EDIT](#)

39. Colin Fredericson

Oct 21st 2016 [REPLY](#)

"Hi Richard,

Thanks so much for fitting me in the workshop it was a lot of fun. Here is my favorite photo of the day. This is a long exposure I took after it was dark. I think either 15 or 8 second shutter speed, adjusted in Lightroom."

-Colin

[EDIT](#)

40. Illana

Oct 18th 2016 [REPLY](#)

"Thank you so much for going to all the trouble to do this, Sam and Richard! I thoroughly enjoyed viewing these photos! What a great time.

All the best,"

-Illana

[EDIT](#)

41. Illana

Oct 18th 2016 [REPLY](#)

"Thanks Richard. I thoroughly enjoyed the nice company, the fall colors, and learning something about the camera and photography. And thanks to Sammy for his patience with a complete novice!! Your place was a wonderful starting and ending point, as well.

I look forward to watching the videos.

Best regards,"

-Illana

[EDIT](#)

42. Aditi Mehta

Sep 8th 2016 [REPLY](#)

"Thanks Richard, Jill and Mark for yesterday – was quite an experience
Have a great weekend,
Best,"

– Aditi

[EDIT](#)

43. Sheldon Katz

Sep 8th 2016 [REPLY](#)

"Mark,

Thank you again! It was awesome!! Thank you to Richard and Jill for putting this together.

Thanks,"

-Sheldon Katz

[EDIT](#)

44. Henry Cohen

Sep 8th 2016 [REPLY](#)

"Thanks all for a fun photo evening. The photos I've seen so far are awesome. I'll post some of mine later tonight or tomorrow.

Special thanks to Richard, Jill and especially to Mark for taking us where none of us have gone before. "

-Henry

[EDIT](#)

45. Sudeep Jesani

Sep 6th 2016 [REPLY](#)

"Thanks Mark, Jill and Richard for the lovely evening ! It was very nice to meet all of you – a very fun experience.

Attaching a couple pics that I took .. one with the trees as well ?

See you all soon !"

-Sudeep

[EDIT](#)

46. Karen Robilotta

Aug 23rd 2016 [REPLY](#)

"Gerald is a treasure. Richard, thank you for your hospitality. Looking forward to future events!"

-Karen

[EDIT](#)

47. Maria Baptiste

Aug 23rd 2016 [REPLY](#)

"Thanks Richard. Ill put them some photos up tomorrow or Monday. Thank you so much for coordinating this event and for your generosity. Gerald was fantastic."

-Maria

[EDIT](#)

48. **Danielle Lowe**

Jul 19th 2016 [REPLY](#)

"I just tagged you in my album from last week in Hudson Valley. I just had a great time. Thank you so much."

-Danielle

[EDIT](#)

49. **Chris Carrasco**

Jul 19th 2016 [REPLY](#)

"Hey guys,

Chris here, just want to say that I had a great time this past Sunday with you and the rest of the group. This is my first time taking any formal instruction on photography and even though it wasn't a technical "how to" course, I came away with a lot of good information. For example, I never realized that blue sky days were not optimal for taking landscape photographs and that the clouds help to diffuse the light for much better results. I also find myself looking at the Histogram for just about every shot whereas before I had no idea what that thing even was. I still have a lot to learn but we all have to start somewhere and I'm glad that I started with you guys. Thanks again.

Thanks again and looking forward to working with you guys again in the future. "

-Chris Carrasco

[EDIT](#)

50. Thom Buckley

Jul 15th 2016 [REPLY](#)

"Thanks again for the class. I have attached four photos from Sunday. Thank you for these informative attachments."

-Thom

[EDIT](#)

51. Nana Greller

Jul 15th 2016 [REPLY](#)

"I found this workshop to be inspiring. I learned quite a bit about using my camera in different situations, the effective use of a polarizing filter (I just ordered one) and the importance of a tripod in capturing detail and making use of focal points. Thank you a terrific field day. "

-Nana

[EDIT](#)

52. michael

Jun 21st 2016 [REPLY](#)

"Yes, thank you, Greg!!

I'm looking forward to going through this information to keep it fresh.

You're a very enjoyable person to work with.

Cheers! You've inspiring me to learn more about photography and the use of a my camera."

-Michael

[EDIT](#)

53. Dawn-Marie Bacon

Jun 20th 2016 [REPLY](#)

“Good Morning Greetings, Richard,

Thank you for yesterday’s experience. We learned a lot from Greg!! ”

-Dawn-Marie Bacon

[EDIT](#)

54. Nana Greller

Jun 20th 2016 [REPLY](#)

“Dear Richard,

love your resident groundhog. I had a wonderful time at the workshop today. Only sorry I hadn’t planned to be there through the evening. Hopefully another time. Thank you to you and Jill for graciously accepting Wookie into your animal menagerie....however I will probably leave him at home next time....easier to concentrate on photography. I hope you all got some great photos during sunset. Thanks again and best wishes to Jill for a safe and fun trip.

Regards,”

-Nana

[EDIT](#)

55. Thierry Rakotobe-Joel

Jun 5th 2016 [REPLY](#)

“Dear Richard – Thank you for the great program with Greg Miller yesterday. It was fun and I hope to participate in a DPA event again soon. For now, I’d like to add you to my professional network on LinkedIn.”

– Thi

[EDIT](#)

56. Carole de Beer

May 18th 2016 [REPLY](#)

" Thanks again for a great day at Letchworth..got home about 6:30 pm to a few drops of rain."

- Carole

[EDIT](#)

57. **Jeffrey Ben Berman**

May 18th 2016 [REPLY](#)

"First, thanks to you and Jill for your hospitality. I really appreciate it. Peter's a great guy...really attentive and helpful. Thanks also for having him pick me up and drive me back to Beacon.

On the way to Letchworth Village on Saturday morning, Anthony made a detour to show me the Greek Orthodox Church headquarters across from West Point. As I'm sure you know, it was amazingly picturesque. We had a nice group of simpatico people for the workshop, and the weather cooperated beautifully. Lethworth Village was powerfully haunting, disturbing and fascinating. I also enjoyed the cameraderie (misspelling intentional, LOL!) immensely. I'm thankful to you for suggesting that I participate, and also to Rick for adding a place for me in the group. He and Anthony were really helpful in suggesting places to shoot. The image bellow is titled "Lost Memory #3".

Warm regards,"

-Jeff

[EDIT](#)

58. **Ron DiLaurenzio**

Apr 18th 2016 [REPLY](#)

"The class was great! I learned a lot of good tips from Greg and tried some techniques I have not taken the time to try before.

Thanks,"

-Ron

EDIT

59. Harriet Yustein

Apr 18th 2016 REPLY

"I just wanted to tell you that today's session was everything I was expecting and more."

-Harriet

EDIT

60. Arlene Novich

Apr 1st 2016 REPLY

"Hi Richard and Jill,

It was actually very easy to export raw files as jpegs on lightroom when you know what to do (which I barely do!)

Here is a sample of the images from Sunday, all untouched, and if you ever run into the couple we met in town who were thrilled to be photographed, please feel free to pass along their photos. They were so happy!

Comments appreciated- (don't worry, I have thick skin!)

Best regards,"

-Arlene

EDIT

61. Spencer Layman

Mar 30th 2016 REPLY

"Had a great time, thanks for the hospitality, entirely worthwhile."

-Spencer Layman

EDIT

62. **Arlene Novich**

Mar 29th 2016 [REPLY](#)

"Dear Richard and Jill,

Thank you both for your hospitality. I thoroughly enjoyed my day of photography. Equally enjoyable was touring your lovely home, seeing some lovely water and nature locations, and experiencing Newburgh up close (so much potential there.) As soon as I have a minute (actually many minutes!) to figure out converting my raw files to jpegs to send, I will pass along some of my images.

Thank you both again. I'm sure you'll see me at another workshop!"

-Arlene

[EDIT](#)

63. **Karen**

Mar 21st 2016 [REPLY](#)

"Thank you so much for the wonderful Sunday. Richard, thank you for picking me up and dropping me at the station. "

-Karen

[EDIT](#)

64. **Marcy Chan**

Mar 21st 2016 [REPLY](#)

"Thank you so much for the wonderful workshop and great hospitality. You have a absolutely gorgeous home. "

-Marcy Chan

[EDIT](#)

65. Sharon Grandstaff

Mar 14th 2016 [REPLY](#)

"I had an awesome day with Greg and learned so much. I look forward to the next workshop!

Than you for an amazing and informative day!"

-Sharon Grandstaff

[EDIT](#)

66. Deborah Millan

Feb 29th 2016 [REPLY](#)

"I truly enjoyed the workshop. Greg was a great instructor, informative, genial and helpful. It was good that the group was limited to 10. I was a bit disappointed with my output. It must have been the camera 😊 I've attached a few of my more interesting shots.

Looking forward to another workshop."

All best,

-Debbie

[EDIT](#)

67. Karen Heusel

Feb 29th 2016 [REPLY](#)

"Jealous of your beautiful home! The workshop was great – as enjoyable as it was informative. Nice people, wonderful photo ops and pizza – perfect! I'm enclosing a few of my shots from the day. Many thanks Richard and to Greg as well, a most inspirational instructor. "

-Karen

[EDIT](#)

68. Steve

Feb 9th 2016 [REPLY](#)

Thank you, Richard and Jill, for your hospitality and the great workshop. Also many thanks to Gerald Berliner for great presentations throughout the day.

Not to mention Gerald's one-on-one with attendees in the field.

The shooting locations provided a variety of scenes.

I found opportunity to use my Nikon 14-24, 24-70 and Micro Nikkor 60mm lenses. Also, ND filters came in handy for those long exposures.

I highly recommend workshops at the Digital Photo Academy.

I plan on attending more workshops in the future.

Again many thanks to all!

Steve

[EDIT](#)

69. Maryann Peterson

Feb 8th 2016 [REPLY](#)

"I wanted to thank you and Jill for hosting such a wonderful day. I felt like I learned so much and met some great people! Many thanks to Gerald and Paul for their very clear and concise notes and help. I want to say again that I learned so much!

Many thanks, "

-Maryann Peterson

[EDIT](#)

70. Myra

Feb 4th 2016 [REPLY](#)

"Thank you so much for everything you did for us. The class is great, the instructor is wonderful!

You can send us as many email as you want, we like them."

-Myra

[EDIT](#)

71. **Tak Inaba**

Feb 4th 2016 [REPLY](#)

"Thank you so much for the workshop and your hospitality with Jill. Rina and I had not only informative time but enjoyable day. Hope to bring my other daughter to next month's workshop.

Great job Gerald and Paul.

I am sure everyone is going to upload pretty photo from nice camera but I took this photo with inexpensive with camera with plastic lens called Holga."

-Tak

[EDIT](#)

72. **Fred Moody**

Feb 2nd 2016 [REPLY](#)

"The photo workshop was wonderful, And I thank you and Jill for your wonderful hospitality, the bagels and the pizza. Every aspect of the Of the workshop was great: the presentation by Gerald was thorough , and I enjoyed the field trip.

Thanks for the great workshop , and I look forward to doing it again. "

-Fred

[EDIT](#)

73. **Jayne**

Feb 2nd 2016 [REPLY](#)

"for masterminding such a great workshop, opening your lovely home, and even making me coffee to take me through the afternoon of waterfall and sunset.

I couldn't imagine a better teacher than Gerald. In short, he taught me how to use my camera. Although I missed the morning lesson and probably made him repeat countless points, he was clear and patient in his guidance and enthusiastically reviewed my pictures.

I totally enjoyed myself today and hope you guys got something out of it too other than a messy dining room table!

Best wishes to you both."

-Jayne

Comments to “Los Angeles”

1. **Stacy Ivers**

Jan 16th 2024 [REPLY](#)

Ming is a terrific teacher; I got exactly what I wanted from this class and enjoyed every minute.

[EDIT](#)

2. **Jermaine**

Oct 17th 2023 [REPLY](#)

I really enjoyed yesterday's session and learned a lot from Scott. Thank you.

[EDIT](#)

3. **Marilyn**

Sep 15th 2023 [REPLY](#)

Looking for a digital photography class that would help me learn how to use my new Leica, I gained a rich, knowledgeable experience with Scott Crawford from Digital Photo Academy. And let me tell you, I am truly a beginner! But other camera classes I looked into were like one-hour, online demonstrations (which I could get on any Youtube video). I needed to physically do it to remember it! Key to my excellent experience was immediately putting into practice what I learned and Scott chose the perfect place—Manhattan Beach Pier. First he walked me through the different functions on my Leica, and then we wasted no time moving from photographing a life guard tower to bike riders, and then onto the pier to capture the shapes and patterns that make photos interesting. This way I understood why I moved the aperture and/or shutter speed to either capture a cyclist or adjust to bright light or even compose a frame using the value of thirds or consider the depth of field in what I wanted to focus on and what I wanted to blur. He even showed me how to capture the glassy look of water—yes, there is a technique to that! I was truly impressed! What really topped off the day was watching Scott express his joy of photography. “Don’t miss the shot”, he’d say. “Have your camera ready...” We all know, when someone loves their subject, learning is always more fun! I look forward to next time Scott teaches so I can continue to grow in my ability and confidence to take pictures.

BTW: I don't usually write reviews, but Scott and Digital Photo deserved my time.

[EDIT](#)

4. **Diane**

Jul 20th 2023 [REPLY](#)

I truly value the learning opportunities your photography lessons offer.

The class expanded my understanding of different techniques and perspectives. I left the session feeling inspired and motivated. Scott created a positive and engaging learning environment.

Your generosity and dedication truly sets your organization apart. Wishing your continued success in all your endeavors

[EDIT](#)

5. **Janet Okazaki**

Jul 17th 2023 [REPLY](#)

Really enjoyed the experience. Learning the controls and navigating the camera was what I wanted to accomplish by taking the course. Adding the next session which allowed me to experiment and apply techniques learned from the previous session was most beneficial to better understand the different aspects of the camera.

[EDIT](#)

6. **Jiye**

Jun 12th 2023 [REPLY](#)

It went well! I had so much fun and everyone including Scott was so encouraging. Looking forward to taking more classes as my schedule allows.

[EDIT](#)

7. **Josh Clinton**

Jun 12th 2023 [REPLY](#)

Hey, that was an amazing class, your instructor Scott is a very nice guy and talented as well. I really appreciate it. I look forward to more meetings. I had to leave early to go deal with some family things.

[EDIT](#)

o **Josh Clinton**

Jun 12th 2023 [REPLY](#)

Photo:



[EDIT](#)

8. **David Salomon**

May 31st 2023 [REPLY](#)

I found my time with Ming to be engaging, informative, and helpful.

[EDIT](#)

9. **Gail Meara**

Aug 24th 2022 [REPLY](#)

The session with Scott was awesome! I really enjoyed the time and got some great photos! So far I have only had time to briefly look at them but hope to

spend some time and do some editing. If we are back in the LA area I would certainly look to organize our itinerary to spend time with Scott!

I like the idea of a photo book for our granddaughter!

Thank you for facilitating the the experience!

[EDIT](#)

10. **Lyssandra Guerra**

Jul 19th 2022 [REPLY](#)

THANKS SO MUCH FOR SHARING YOUR EXPERTISE!

- Lyssandra

[EDIT](#)

11. **Maria L**

Jun 2nd 2022 [REPLY](#)

Scott is a great instructor. He was very clear and explained everything really well. I am so glad I took his class. So much so I stayed for the next class, on composition. Had a great time and learned so much. I am looking forward to taking more classes at the Digital Photography Academy.

- Maria L

[EDIT](#)

12. **Daniel N**

Jun 2nd 2022 [REPLY](#)

Wonderful instructor and a great learning experience. I highly recommend the course.

- Daniel N

[EDIT](#)

13. **Eric Wang**

Apr 11th 2022 [REPLY](#)

Such a fun course full of ideas and scenarios to try out. I learned so much from Scott about composition and technicals, like how to best use shutter priority or aperture priority, exposure compensation, etc. Really had such an amazing set of moments. If I could do a first-time class all over again, it would be this one.

- Eric Wang

[EDIT](#)

14. **Sung**

Aug 11th 2021 [REPLY](#)

Thanks for the opportunity to learn a little bit more about photography yesterday.

It was very educational...Well, I took a few pictures with my camera and my phone.

-Sung

[EDIT](#)

15. **Patricia Serban**

Mar 16th 2020 [REPLY](#)

Had so much fun! Will book again soon!! Scott was great. Learned so much!



[EDIT](#)

16. **Maria Lorenzana**

Mar 16th 2020 [REPLY](#)

Scott is a great instructor. He was very clear and explained everything really well. I am so glad I took his class. So much so I stayed for the next class, on composition. Had a great time and learned so much. I am looking forward to taking more classes at the Digital Photography Academy

[EDIT](#)

17. **Justin D**

Feb 13th 2020 [REPLY](#)

Had an awesome time! Too bad I had to leave early the sky really developed into a pretty out real red, moody, cloudy, beauty! I still managed to take a few bangers!



[EDIT](#)

18. **Tim Smith**

Feb 12th 2020 [REPLY](#)

Super fun time on Saturday. Really appreciate the location and scouting info. Scott was very warm and friendly and provided us lots of tips and ideas. He encouraged me to take some shots I wouldn't have taken because I didn't think they'd be that great. Turns out, the shots developed in to a pleasant surprise. Be enclosed a few shots. Hope you enjoy!



EDIT

19. **Hazel Santos**

Feb 12th 2020 [REPLY](#)

It was the best class! I had the best time and picked up numerous photography tips and tricks! I'm still in Cloud 9 three days after taking Scott's class. I've taken a couple of DPA classes before and I've enjoyed all of them, but I got most out of Scott's class. Scott was so attentive and truly has the passion to teach. I did not hesitate asking questions. I would love to take more classes with him—and yes, I will even get up at the crack of dawn to take his classes. I loved the unexpected hike to the spot to get the perfect shot! I can't wait to go back.



EDIT

20. **Natalia Jackson**

Dec 24th 2019 [REPLY](#)

I enjoyed my time spent with Ming. Thanks for connecting us and for the link to the FB group:-)



[EDIT](#)

21. **Jani**

Oct 4th 2019 [REPLY](#)

Thank you again Scott. I had a lot of fun and learned a lot of new things. This was my first time in Chinatown. So the photography introduction was very nice.

[EDIT](#)

22. **Sorya Ly**

Sep 17th 2019 [REPLY](#)

He took us to hidden gem in the neighborhood of LA where we can see buildings in DTLA and Dodgers stadium. I find it to be very insightful especially for my first photography class. Definitely considering his other workshops in the future

[EDIT](#)

23. **David Martinez**

Aug 13th 2019 [REPLY](#)

Hey Scott,

Here is what I came up with, the 1st one is HDR merge (5pics) then used camera raw to make adjs. The 2nd one made adjs through LR. The other thing that I learned was how dirty my lenses are and need to get them clean.

I will be looking to see if I can make the L.A Skyline.

[EDIT](#)

24. **George Collazo**

Aug 13th 2019 [REPLY](#)

Thanks for the follow up email – I enjoyed the session and picked up some items to help with my photography. I will definitely check out the other upcoming sessions.

Here is my contribution:



[EDIT](#)

25. **TERRY SCHNEIDER**

Aug 11th 2019 [REPLY](#)

Just wanted to tell you what a fun class that was yesterday, Scott is a great instructor! I'm enthusiastic again about honing my skills further and look forward to taking more classes.

[EDIT](#)

○ **TERRY SCHNEIDER**

Aug 11th 2019 [REPLY](#)

I'd take any of his classes again, he's so energetic!

[EDIT](#)

26. **Robin Warner**

Aug 8th 2019 [REPLY](#)

Awesome, thank you so much! This is a huge help.

Might want to do one more session before I go. I'll be in touch. I don't leave for another month. Thanks so much for all your help and guidance. Love some of my photos. I can't believe the luck we had with the last minute sunset and the bike riders. Super fun. I learned a lot.

Love your idea about a photoshop help session. I bet you can teach me so much with that too. Maybe we can shoot one ore time before my trip and do photoshop after. Just a thought.

Thanks again for everything. Have a great day .

[EDIT](#)

27. **Erika Schlick**

Jul 16th 2019 [REPLY](#)

Thank you again Scott for an awesome class! We definitely learned a lot and I will definitely be getting a lighter weight tripod!

[EDIT](#)

28. **Patricia S**

May 28th 2019 [REPLY](#)

Jeromy is a wonderful teacher. My skills are limited and he has a kind and considerate way of explaining things in an easy and simple way without judgement. I will definitely take another class 😊

[EDIT](#)

29. **Anonymous**

May 2nd 2019 [REPLY](#)

Jeromy was knowledgable and chose a great location to shoot in! I learned a lot, it was great fun and I would highly recommend it!

EDIT

30. **Rochelle Baum**

Feb 13th 2019 **REPLY**

Hi Richard, Thanks so much for the follow up. Today's class was more than I could have ever expected. I went in barely even knowing how to turn on my digital camera and while I am still no expert, I left with more knowledge & skill than I ever anticipated. Jen did an amazing job from the very beginning with the "Master Your Camera Controls" workshop. I'm so happy I decided to book this last minute. I gained a wealth of knowledge with hands on experience & was well prepared for the in the field session immediately following. I walked away with even more curiosity for photography and images I am pretty happy with 😊 I am attaching a few to this email. Thank you both again! Jen – you were phenomenal. THANK YOU 😊

-Rochelle Baum



EDIT

31. **Rob. L**

Jan 25th 2019 **REPLY**

"Jeromy is an excellent photographer and teacher. The one-on-one setup of the course makes it easy to ask specific questions and get detailed answers that you can learn and practice hands-on— everything from camera settings to shooting techniques and more. I would recommend this course to photographers of varying backgrounds and skill levels."

-Rob

[EDIT](#)

32. Janet

Oct 3rd 2018 [REPLY](#)

"Jennifer thank you so much for the awesome class again. You did a great job and I've learned a lot from you. Also thanks for your advice on how to find the intention of the shot."

-Janet

[EDIT](#)

33. Leslie

Oct 3rd 2018 [REPLY](#)

"Dear Jennifer: Thanks for a fun and inspiring class, for sharing your experience and insights with us. I so appreciated your help and support getting around too. I look forward to taking more classes with you. Thanks again."

-Leslie

[EDIT](#)

34. Lisa

Jul 9th 2018 [REPLY](#)

"Jennifer was a great teacher. She has the patience of a saint. I took both Master your Camera Control class as well as the Composition in the Field class. And it was a blast. I'm looking forward to taking more classes"

-Lisa

[EDIT](#)

35. Gilbert Magno

May 7th 2018 [REPLY](#)

Jennifer was very informative and patient! Had a great time!

Gilbert Magno



EDIT

36. **Lysa Takacs**

May 7th 2018 [REPLY](#)

Jennifer was a great teacher yesterday during our Camera Controls and Chinatown Composition in the field class in Chinatown. Jennifer was very knowledgeable and patient with all of us students. I hope that you will be putting on a night time class in Downtown LA or Hollywood. That is a class I would totally sign up for.

Lysa Takacs



EDIT

37. **Ellen Kornblum**

May 7th 2018 [REPLY](#)

Hey Jennifer,

Thank you for a great class. I look forward to the next one with you.

I did a lot of post to deal with the stark black/white contrast. My goal was to capture both his cool and his expertise.

Ellen



EDIT

38. **gail.h@sbcglobal.net**

May 7th 2018 [REPLY](#)

I really enjoyed the photo workshop at Venice Beach today. Jennifer is awesome! I learned a few new tricks using my camera in manual mode (rather than the easy auto mode). I enclose a few photos from our session. I'm pleased with them.

Thanks again,
Gail Hamilton



EDIT

39. **Kristin Johnson**

Sep 21st 2017 [REPLY](#)

"Jennifer was so helpful! I hope to take from her again soon! I had a great time.

Sincerely,"

-Kristin Johnson

[EDIT](#)

40. **Emilie Woodhead**

Sep 19th 2017 [REPLY](#)

"I had a really great time with Jennifer at the class last weekend. She is a great instructor, and I got a lot more comfortable using my camera on manual.

Best regards,"

-Emilie Woodhead

[EDIT](#)

41. **Martin Petersen**

Feb 15th 2017 [REPLY](#)

"Thanks again, Jennifer. It was a fun and very informative day!"

-Martin Petersen

[EDIT](#)

42. **Lori Berman**

Feb 10th 2017 [REPLY](#)

"Hi Richard,

Adam did enjoy the class very much. Jennifer was great and he learned a lot! Thanks so much."

-Lori

[EDIT](#)

43. **Cynthia Nunez**

Dec 22nd 2016 [REPLY](#)

"Thank you for everything today. I learned a lot 😊 "

-Cynthia Nunez

[EDIT](#)

44. **Toya Bailey**

Dec 12th 2016 [REPLY](#)

"Jennifer,

Thanks for being such a great coach. I feel really confident with my camera now. Thanks to you.

We all appreciate your patience and knowledge.

Thanks and enjoy your holiday,"

-Toya 😊

[EDIT](#)

45. **Brian Becker**

Dec 12th 2016 [REPLY](#)

"Jennifer,

Thank you so much for your personalized attention and patience with my developing photography skills. That was a great class and I walked away with a much better sense of my camera and the functions. It was wonderful to walk around and spend time with you. Clearly, you are an exceptionally gifted instructor and photographer. Please count me in on your next class. "

-Brian

[EDIT](#)

46. **Anna**

Aug 5th 2016 [REPLY](#)

"Hello we had a great class with Jeromy. He is very patient and clear in his instructions. Just a pleasant man."

-Anna

[EDIT](#)

47. **Tracie**

Jun 15th 2016 [REPLY](#)

"Thanks Jeromy,

I enjoyed your class and meeting everyone. It was fun."

-Tracie

[EDIT](#)

48. **Lori**

Feb 4th 2016 [REPLY](#)

"Thanks Mike,
Was fun! "

-Lori

[EDIT](#)

49. **Setsuko**

Jan 27th 2016 [REPLY](#)

"It was very nice to meet you. Thank you very much for a very informative class. I enjoyed it very much.

If you haven't deleted the picture you took of me at the beginning of the class, can I please have a copy? I especially liked the one with the light

coming from behind (with halo around my hair). I may use it for my FB profile pic.

Thanks very much again.
Best regards,"

-Setsuko

[EDIT](#)

50. **Marcus**

Jan 27th 2016 [REPLY](#)

"You're an amazing instructor. If you decide to have photography classes or meet and greets in the future, I'd love to come. I'll send you a link to some of the photos I was able to capture.
Thanks, "

-Marcus

[EDIT](#)

51. **Bill Indursky**

Dec 15th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"I had a great time – and learnt a tremendous amount from Ron! Thank you so much."

-Dallen Stanford

[EDIT](#)

52. **Bill Indursky**

Dec 15th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Loved the class..!!
Mr Talley has wonderful passion for photography!
Thank you !!

peace+love”

-Peri

[EDIT](#)

53. **Bill Indursky**

Dec 15th 2014 [REPLY](#)

“Ron was informative and knowledgable about photography. He was able to understand and answer all questions. I liked his tips about taking pictures of people. The new meeting place away from Graumann’s was a good idea, but with the group on the sidewalk and people continually walking thru the group it was a bit distracting. This is a good course for beginning photographers.”

-Erle Collins

[EDIT](#)

54. **Bill Indursky**

Dec 15th 2014 [REPLY](#)

“I just wanted to tell you I had a great time yesterday in the Composition in the field class.

I have a lot to learn about photography, but the instructor Ron Talley really made the class enjoyable.

I told several of my friends about the class today.

Here are some of my shots from yesterday and my practicing today.

Thanks again for your help.”

-Linda

[EDIT](#)

55. **Bill Indursky**

Dec 15th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"I have to say that my experience was no less than 5 star! I appreciated how you created the situation for me, based on the limited attendance factor. Ron was amazing! His experience and passion for photography was just off the charts! I simply wanted to learn my new point and shoot camera, and it was so much more, and the Hollywood Blvd. trip was very fun, along with meeting a few new people!"

- Student Laura

[EDIT](#)

56. [Bill Indursky](#)

Dec 15th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"I joined Ron Talley this weekend to shoot in Hollywood. It was a beautiful day, a friendly group, and Ron was a terrific instructor. I will share my positive experience with other photographer friends to sign up for a class. I will also check out your offerings in L.A. And other cities I may travel to this year.

Love the resource you shared. Concise, well presented and all points Ron covered that I need to remember."

- Student Vicki Kane

[EDIT](#)

57. [Bill Indursky](#)

Dec 15th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Thank you for offering this class, I learned alot today working with Michael Baker, he is an outstanding teacher."

- Armen K.

[EDIT](#)

58. [Bill Indursky](#)

Dec 15th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Thanks for such a great class! I enjoyed myself down to the last picture of the day (which happened to be the best picture of the day)!"

It was also a great pleasure to meet Rich & Maria!

Thanks for a great day!"

- Shanna

[EDIT](#)

59. [Bill Indursky](#)

Dec 15th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"I enjoyed my experience. Jimmy brought the group back together every 20-30 min and reviewed everyone's photos and gave advice. I will look into more classes with Jimmy. He was informative and down to earth."

-Elisa M.

[EDIT](#)

60. [Bill Indursky](#)

Dec 15th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"That was a great class! Sorry it took me so long to get the photos uploaded.

It was a lot of fun and I learned a lot, so thanks for a great class."

<https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.10100361015678510.1073741833.2903829&type=1&l=8907b56d76>

- Alina Kelly

[EDIT](#)

61. [Bill Indursky](#)

Dec 15th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Hans, I will sign up for another class at a different location. It was a great class!"

-David

[EDIT](#)

62. [David Langston](#)

Dec 15th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Thanks for the class today. I took a lot of photos!"

- David Langston

[EDIT](#)

63. [Bill Indursky](#)

Dec 15th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"First off thank you so much for your time to teach. Teaching especially in the arts is a career that I feel most people under value, but you are amazing at what you do and people should recognize all the work that you do."

- Ashley Staudenmeir

[EDIT](#)

64. [Bill Indursky](#)

Dec 15th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"I had a wonderful time at the Hollywood Blvd class in Los Angeles. My class was Sunday 3-6 pm with Hans Gutknecht. Hans is very personable and engaging. He makes everything fun while imparting lots of information. It was a real photo expedition with a real photojournalist. My camera and composition skills increase more than I expected in a 3 hour class. I learn to shoot in aperture priority, use exposure compensation, how to be patient and look for the light, etc. I have lots to digest and practice. Thanks DPA. You are a first class organization."

- Tony Mataras

[EDIT](#)

65. **Bill Indursky**

Dec 15th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"I was in Hans' class on Sunday at 3p at Hollywood & Highland. I had a blast! I learned so much and feel like I have a much better grasp at the functionality on my Canon T3i Rebel. I'm no longer afraid of the "manual" setting!

Hans did a great job and I look forward to taking more classes at the Digital Academy and reaching out to Hans with any questions that I have as I use my Canon down the road.

Thanks so much!"

- Luz Elena

[EDIT](#)

66. **Bill Indursky**

Dec 15th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"We had a fantastic experience and a fantastic time with our instructor Hans Gutknecht"

- Andy Waldbaum

[EDIT](#)

67. **Bill Indursky**

Dec 15th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"I had such a wonderful time listening and learning from the "pros".I learned a lot. While on vacation last month I really thought about what I learned and applied it while shooting. Personally I think my photos are much better than what they used to be."

- Lill Gaimari

Comments to “Miami”

1. **Howard Klein**

Jan 4th 2024 [REPLY](#)

Rochelle’s photos are gorgeous!

[EDIT](#)

2. **Karen Martin**

Oct 24th 2023 [REPLY](#)

Wonderful class. I appreciate it 🙏

[EDIT](#)

3. **Nicholas**

Jul 12th 2023 [REPLY](#)

Thank you again for the class! I enjoyed the way you explained everything and the opportunity to practice and get real time feedback. I also would like to receive your newsletter!

[EDIT](#)

4. **Maria Murphy**

Nov 17th 2022 [REPLY](#)

I had a wonderful time at the class. Rochelle was great, warm, engaging, fun and informative! The location was perfect and zero rain. She was also very hands on, working with us literally on the street showing techniques and how to step up our shots with simple practical changes. It was great. Thank you again for your flexibility with getting me into the class! 😊 😊

[EDIT](#)

5. **Jacques Noziera**

Aug 15th 2022 [REPLY](#)

I really appreciate the class...and the teacher, Rochelle, is a 100

[EDIT](#)

6. **Isis Brahona**

Jul 27th 2022 [REPLY](#)

I really appreciated the time and attention provided by Rochelle and Richard. They are organized and events at ran smoothly. I felt right at home and welcomed into the class; I enjoyed the technical side of the class and the fun side (taking pictures). I hope to enroll in a second class here soon!

[EDIT](#)

7. **Tina Siddall**

Jul 19th 2022 [REPLY](#)

Thank you Rochelle for a great session and thank you Richard for the additional info! And thanks Isis for the great company 😊

[EDIT](#)

8. **Kristel Kouly**

Jun 10th 2019 [REPLY](#)

Had a really great time at this class! I immediately learned a few tricks to composing my shots better. This class has immediately opened up my eyes to my surroundings and how to look for better locations. It can only go up from here!



[EDIT](#)

9. **Noreen Conroy**

Jan 25th 2019 [REPLY](#)

"Thank you for the awesome class today. We had a great time and felt more comfortable with our cameras after. Thanks again!!"

-Noreen

[EDIT](#)

10. **Norene**

Jan 17th 2019 [REPLY](#)

"Thank you Kelsa for the fun class and thank you for the additional resources. It was great meeting the other participants as well. Happy shooting"

-Norene

[EDIT](#)

11. **Steve**

Jan 11th 2019 [REPLY](#)

"The instructors bring so much creativity and enthusiasm to these workshops. Great locations, lots of talent!"

-Steve

[EDIT](#)

12. **Vincent**

Jan 11th 2019 [REPLY](#)

"Taking a class with a local photographer is a great way to go home with great images!"

-Vincent

[EDIT](#)

13. **Kim**

Jan 11th 2019 [REPLY](#)

"Thank you for an informative, fun, and non intimidating atmosphere! I look forward to taking the pointers from class and applying them in the field, especially moving away from automatic!"

-Kim

[EDIT](#)

14. **Sarkis Anac**

Aug 1st 2018 [REPLY](#)

"I enjoyed the workshop, although I do photography for many years always you learn or refresh something. Kelsa is very knowledgeable and clear, and is a well mannered and is a pleasure to be with her. Thank you"

-Sarkis Anac

[EDIT](#)

15. **Omar**

Jul 9th 2018 [REPLY](#)

"Excellent experience. Excellent instructor."

-Omar

[EDIT](#)

16. **Anne**

Jul 9th 2018 [REPLY](#)

"Bought this for my teenage daughter. We also signed her up for the class on mastering your camera, which was timely as she just received a new Canon 80D for her birthday and the class was a better 'how-to' lesson than reading

the instruction booklet alone. The composition in the field class was a good experience, and she's learned techniques and she can immediately apply, giving her more confidence as a photographer."

-Anne

[EDIT](#)

17. Katherine

Jul 9th 2018 [REPLY](#)

"I bought this as a gift for my stepdad and he had a wonderful time, learned a lot, and enjoyed being in a new environment. He took some great photos!"

-Katherine

[EDIT](#)

18. Fred Taubman

Nov 21st 2017 [REPLY](#)

"I bought this for my son, who has a fair amount of experience already. He LOVED it! He told me that the instructor, Michelle, was great and taught him some new techniques and theories about shooting pictures. He tried it out and showed me the pictures, and they were amazing. He also loved the location: Vizcaya, but definitely wants to go again. I highly recommend for anyone interested in photography and trying new things."

-Fred Taubman

[EDIT](#)

19. Alan Wiener

Nov 21st 2017 [REPLY](#)

"Michelle
Thanks for a wonderful day at Vizcaya.
You asked to see some of my images, so, here they are
Thanks"

-Alan Wiener

[EDIT](#)

20. **AJ Dunlap**

Oct 26th 2017 [REPLY](#)

"Richard!

My session with Michelle today was amazing. She is fantastic and I felt comfortable asking her anything and she gave me a lot of basic tips that I could use to really enhance my product photography. I LOVED HER! Many praises from all of here at B'LIVINN. Michelle and I plan to keep in touch but I wanted to thank you for your help as well."

-AJ

[EDIT](#)

21. **Cheryl Mulet**

Oct 18th 2017 [REPLY](#)

"It was great. Kelsa is knowledgeable and patient and I learned a lot."

-cheryl

[EDIT](#)

22. **Madeline Shapiro**

Jul 18th 2017 [REPLY](#)

"I ended up going over an hour for the private lesson with Kelsa. She was amazing!

It was a great learning experience and it enjoyed it very much.

Kelsa also followed up with an email with additional great tips. She went above and beyond in her job!

Thank you also for your great service."

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-Madeline

[EDIT](#)

23. **Jessenia Bovell**

Jun 8th 2015 [REPLY](#)

“What a pleasure it was today with Mr. Gatz! Totally made up for the first experience. He is very knowledgable and experienced. Highly satisfied.

Thanks!”

-Jessenia Bovell

[EDIT](#)

24. **Cristina Ramirez**

May 18th 2015 [REPLY](#)

“Yes, Richard. I did enjoy the class. Thank you for the positive feedback. It was blazing hot that day. I took the composition handout and gave it to our journalism teacher because I thought it would be an excellent primer for our first-year students”

-Cristina Ramirez

[EDIT](#)

25. **cthome**

Jan 26th 2015 [REPLY](#)

“The class was great! Bernardo was a wonderful teacher; very knowledgable about cameras, composition and the art of photography as well. He patiently explained the camera, and then worked with me to master all the functions and different buttons as we walked around. I stayed for the Composition in the Field portion of the class and found the experience to be very valuable. Getting the chance to compose my own pictures and then show them to Bernardo for feedback was a good way to get feedback on how to improve aspects of each shot- be it composition, changing the exposure or even using the flash in some cases.

I'm more than satisfied with my day spent learning more about photography, it has definitely encouraged me to get out there and shoot more! Once I get the chance to put my photos on the computer I'll send some your way to show you what we accomplished!

Best Regards,"

-Chris Thome

[EDIT](#)

26. **Blake Roberts**

Dec 15th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"After taking both your intermediate and advanced classes, not only have I learned a great deal about photography, technique, and process, but your classes have sparked my interest and made me want to learn more. While on safari in Africa, I was able to utilize what I learned from you and my photographs turned out better than I could have ever imagined. I am even more passionate about digital photography than I was before and I have recommended your classes to many people!

Attached are a few of my shots from Saturday morning. You are a great teacher and I'd love to take more classes with you!"

- Blake Roberts

[EDIT](#)

27. **Matthew Trask**

Dec 15th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Matt Trask recently joined Michael Thoennes and other Advanced students in Miami for a great sunrise shoot."

- Matthew Trask

[EDIT](#)

28. **Matt Winer**

Dec 15th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"I just completed the advanced DPA class with Michael Thoennes. This is my second class and this one was certainly as rewarding as the previous if not more. I loved the field shooting better this time around. Michael is a great instructor and has really helped me develop my style with these two classes. I'm VERY interested in taking more advanced classes.. The topic I would love to see are Studio Lighting (portrait/model)."

- Matt Winer

[EDIT](#)

29. **Christina Voswinckel**

Dec 15th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"This was my first advanced class and I loved it. Michael Thoennes is a great instructor and the field shooting was awesome. I would definitely be interested in participating in future advanced classes."

- Christina Voswinckel

[EDIT](#)

30. **Yvonne Debesa**

Dec 15th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"The class was great. I truly enjoy small groups. The venue was very different than what I had expected from the class. It was a wonderful opportunity to explore a new place, excellent coordination. Michael was excellent and provided guidance, suggestions, and many ideas that helps the students to think (or take pictures) totally out of the box."

-Yvonne Debesa

[EDIT](#)

31. **Bill Indursky**

Dec 15th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"I really enjoyed your class on Sunday."

- Jo

[EDIT](#)

32. **Bill Indursky**

Dec 15th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"It was a pleasure meeting you and working with you. I look forward to staying in contact and will send photos as you suggested.

You did an excellent job. Would not change anything."

- Lilia

Comments to “Minneapolis”

1. **Ashlee Alberts**

Aug 13th 2023 [REPLY](#)

Thank you, Tony, for a great class today! I learned a lot and will definitely continue to practice with my camera. I'm very excited to start being creative with my shots 😊

[EDIT](#)

2. **Christina**

Aug 13th 2023 [REPLY](#)

It was a great introduction to my camera with lots of one on one attention, which i really appreciated. Tony was great and i learned a lot. He answered all my questions and made sure we had plenty of time to talk. Overall a great experience and i feel more confident in my ability to create good photos. Thanks so much!

[EDIT](#)

3. **Gwen**

Aug 4th 2021 [REPLY](#)

Thank you for setting the photo shoot up I learned a lot. It is as a lot of fun. Now I would like to go to a class in photo shop if you have one

Thanks
Gwen

[EDIT](#)

4. **Allison**

Jul 17th 2021 [REPLY](#)

Enjoyed last evening's class, going back to the basics. Light has always been my biggest challenge! Had some showers, but that forced us to get a little more creative in Minneapolis' Sculpture Garden.

Wonderful class. Instructor Jackie was good. Most of all, she gave me the

confidence as a photographer to do what I need to reach higher levels:
Spend the rest of the year shooting only in manual.
Some of the images have been posted on the DPA facebook community
page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/DigitalPhotoAcademyCommunity/>.
– Allison S.

[EDIT](#)

5. **Kelsey Vyvyan**

Jul 23rd 2019 [REPLY](#)

I had a great experience and enjoyed my time with Rick. I learned a lot about my camera and the location change was no problem at all.

Thanks!

[EDIT](#)

6. **Jeff Wilwerding**

Jul 21st 2019 [REPLY](#)

Had a great time with Rick yesterday at the Guthrie. Here's a sample. Will be in touch.



[EDIT](#)

7. **Loren M**

Jun 18th 2019 [REPLY](#)

I learned a lot from Rick

[EDIT](#)

8. **Laura**

Jul 9th 2018 [REPLY](#)

"The class allowed for exploration and creativity. Just what I was looking for!"

-Laura

[EDIT](#)

9. **Curtis**

Jul 9th 2018 [REPLY](#)

"The class I took was fun and educational. I had ample opportunities to "do my own thing" and take the pictures I wanted to take. The instructor was uber-talented and down-to-earth. It was a comfortable and relaxed atmosphere."

-Curtis

[EDIT](#)

10. **Thomas Mady**

May 7th 2018 [REPLY](#)

I am proud of improving my indoor photography. I learned the importance of exposure compensation and how easy it is to manipulate the light levels. As a photographer I really appreciate natural lighting.

I took the shot of the upper side of the building which look like steps going to the top, it was really cool to see. To be honest I'm not a huge photo taker of architecture. However, after taking this one shot I didn't realize how fun and unique it can be. After looking at the picture in editing, I decided to have some more fun with it, and added a reflection in post. So you are actually looking at one object, not two.

Thank you so much for your business and Digital Photo Academy has been an absolute worth while experience. I will check the schedule regularly and plan on another class throughout the summer.

Thomas Mady



[EDIT](#)

11. **Suzy St. Clair**

Oct 18th 2017 [REPLY](#)

"I absolutely loved my experience with Tony at the Minneapolis Farmers Market! The class was great! And Tony was very helpful. I got some awesome shots that I'm really excited about. Many beautiful colors, shapes & textures. The rain started to come down right at 2:00. We were lucky. Keep me in the loop when you set up more classes in my area."

-Suzy

[EDIT](#)

12. **Rachel McGee**

Oct 16th 2017 [REPLY](#)

"Hi Richard,

Thank you for your message. Indeed, I was able to locate Tony and to attend the course. I greatly enjoyed the course and learned many techniques. Tony was very helpful and knowledgeable. I attached a two of my favorite pics from the day.

Thank you again for helping me find Tony,"

-Rachel

[EDIT](#)

13. **Beth Bitney**

Jun 13th 2016 [REPLY](#)

"Bill was terrific by the way! "

-Beth

[EDIT](#)

14. **Suzy St. Clair**

May 26th 2016 [REPLY](#)

"I took your class in Minneapolis a couple years ago. I took many memorable shots that day that I have shared with many people.

I would like to have more experiences like that. I have upgraded my camera to a Canon 7D Mark II and would love to see what I could do in another setting in a class of yours.

Thanks!"

-Suzy

[EDIT](#)

15. **Krista Stemper**

Jul 13th 2015 [REPLY](#)

"Hi, I talked with Bill Cady around 5:00, or so when my weather alarm went off

stating there was a Tornado watch for the surrounding counties, including the

one in which the class was going to take place, until 1am. I talked to Bill a couple of times sharing my concerns. He said that I could email you and I could then reschedule for this same class in an upcoming month. I really want

to participate in the Stone Arch class and Bill is a great instructor! Thank you so much for accommodating for this scary weather!"

-Krista Stemper

[EDIT](#)

16. [Ipas2 review](#)

Dec 18th 2014 [REPLY](#)

Enjoyed every bit of your article. Much thanks again. Keep writing.

[Ipas system](#)

[EDIT](#)

17. **Robert Smith**

Dec 15th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"I am in the early part of my photography career. I hoped to meet with an experienced photographer and review my questions in this course. My hope was exceeded in every way. I was able to spend quality time with two very fine and talented experts. The day was exciting and informative- I gained insights of immediate and long term value. Tony and Mike are truly role models.

My pre-course goals were all achieved- and a fundamental misunderstanding about how to use my camera light meter was uncovered and corrected. I also accept the encouragement I received to be more flexible in my work and allow motion to play a role in my images. Most important I finished the day feeling empowered as a photographer."

- Robert Smith

[EDIT](#)

18. **Bill Indursky**

Dec 15th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"I took the Composition in the Field class at the Como Zoo and Conservatory in Minneapolis. Unfortunately the weather was not cooperating so we were in the conservatory the whole time. Our instructor was Tony S. He was great! Very informative and friendly. I didn't feel like a complete newbie asking him questions.

I've attached a few of my favorites from my session. It's apparent my next lens should be a macro."

- Amanda Mason

[EDIT](#)

19. [Bill Indursky](#)

Dec 15th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Rick made the best of the rain and showed us how to take pictures in what I would have thought would be bad lighting for us to shoot in. He got us into the Como Conservatory and we skipped the zoo.

And Yes you may use them on Facebook (just tag me if you can)."

-Tim Schue

Comments to “New Jersey”

1. **Eric Nadelstern**

Jan 21st 2024 [REPLY](#)

Great course

[EDIT](#)

2. **Ben Greer**

Jan 10th 2024 [REPLY](#)

I really enjoyed my session with Alina and the weather didn't deter her enthusiasm for photography. I really enjoyed how she came prepared to discuss the topics I expressed interest in and also brought her own intuition on where to jump from my interests. The length of the time of the class was a little daunting but Alina's warmth and expertise made the time fly by and allowed us to take things slowly and let them unfurl at a natural pace.

I would recommend the class to a friend and I felt that I learned something new and practical to take forward as a photographer

[EDIT](#)

3. **Marina Nalitt**

Sep 19th 2023 [REPLY](#)

Thank you so much. I attended Alina's workshop and enjoyed it very much.

[EDIT](#)

4. **Steve Sadauskas**

Jul 12th 2023 [REPLY](#)

Alina- It was a pleasure to meet you as well, and I sincerely appreciate all of the information you shared during the course of the class- and of course for all of the information you've followed up with here.

I am greatly looking forward to implementing the knowledge and wisdom you've shared here during the course of my photography journey, and I truly think it will go a long way towards helping me hit the ground running and to

really enjoy experimenting/shooting.

You are a fantastic teacher, and the care that you have for the craft of photography absolutely shines through, and makes the experience of taking a class with you that much more fulfilling and enjoyable.

[EDIT](#)

5. **Mimi**

May 31st 2023 [REPLY](#)

Course was great! Alina was excellent!! Weather was perfect. I will send you some pics tomorrow. Thank you.

[EDIT](#)

6. **Kathy**

Mar 27th 2023 [REPLY](#)

Thank you for the opportunity to spend time with Karim. What a wonderful man.

[EDIT](#)

7. **Charles Davidson**

Dec 8th 2022 [REPLY](#)

Thank you EVERYBODY for responding to my inquiry re best tripods.

I will be taking your recommendations with me when I get my refund check next year, which is my usual time to buy gear.

What a great bunch of people you all are!

Charles Davidson

[EDIT](#)

8. **Carl Germano**

Aug 26th 2022 [REPLY](#)

Great meeting you and thank you for all the invaluable information – it was a great experience. I am already taking your information to good use and have been shooting all day today.

[EDIT](#)

9. **Matthew Magratten**

Jul 19th 2022 [REPLY](#)

Great lesson, thanks.

– Matt

[EDIT](#)

10. **Frances Pimentel**

Feb 5th 2021 [REPLY](#)

I really enjoyed my time with Ann, she was very dedicated, passionate and had a lot of patience teaching me some cool things.

Thank God the weather worked in my favor yesterday.



[EDIT](#)

11. **Vin B**

Jul 30th 2019 [REPLY](#)

Hi Ann – it was a good experience, would try it again.

[EDIT](#)

- **Vin B**
Jul 30th 2019 [REPLY](#)

Here is a pic.



[EDIT](#)

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- 12. **Janet**
Jul 20th 2017 [REPLY](#)

“Hi Richard, my husband Bob and I attended the Composition in the Field workshop on July 15th in Red Bank with Dimi as our instructor. The class was great, informative as well as fun. Attached a few of my pictures for you to see. I would definitely recommend the class and may try another at a different location in the future.”

Regards,

-Janet

[EDIT](#)

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- 13. **Ulla Vinkman**
Feb 7th 2017 [REPLY](#)

“Hi Bill,
It was great to meet you and thank you for the great class!! You are a great teacher.

Thank you again,”

-Ulla

[EDIT](#)

14. **Rosann**

Dec 29th 2016 [REPLY](#)

Need address or location so i can determine if i want to sign up myself and my daughter.

[EDIT](#)

15. **Elizabeth Collett**

Mar 22nd 2016 [REPLY](#)

"Some of my favorites from today.
Rick and Jim were fantastic. Thank you for an amazing experience."

-Elizabeth

[EDIT](#)

16. **Aruna and Brian**

Sep 7th 2015 [REPLY](#)

"Thanks a lot, we both enjoyed it. I will send pictures as soon as I get a chance to download them from our camera.

Thanks again,"

-Brian Keane

"Hi Richard: Thank you very much for your patience and giving us a chance to take this class. Brian and I are very thankful for your flexibility.

Bill: you are a great teacher and we enjoyed our class. I am attaching some of the pictures I took at the Park under your guidance 😊

Thanks, "

-Aruna

[EDIT](#)

17. **Stacy West**

Jul 21st 2015 [REPLY](#)

"Thank you for the kind email and please know that I enjoyed the classes and appreciated the information and perspectives you shared. Your personality set me at ease and made the class fun. I walked away with an increased understanding of my camera and photography in general. I do plan on signing up for future classes.

Definitely worth the drive (and then some)...ahem.

Just so you know, I do not have Facebook (really). "

-Stacy West

[EDIT](#)

18. **Charles Burok**

Jun 9th 2015 [REPLY](#)

"I'm an old person who still loves film photography, but my daughter and her husband started to push me to do digital photography in the last few years. Last year they set me up for a session at Liberty State Park, which I enjoyed very much. So this year they followed up with another session at Seaside Heights. I took that class yesterday and enjoyed it also, and in particular I would like to comment on the great job your instructor did. Bill Blanchard was the instructor and was as patient as a saint in heading his students in the proper direction to take good pictures. I could make this a long letter about his patience and sincere caring about our getting something from the class, but I will just say thanks to his attitude I will be following up on additional instruction from your organization. "

-Charles Burok

[EDIT](#)

19. **www.Tzfu.net**

Jan 8th 2015 [REPLY](#)

I have to thank you for the efforts you have put in penning this site. I am hoping to see the same high-grade blog posts by you later on as well. In truth, your creative writing abilities has motivated me to get my own, personal website now 😊

[EDIT](#)

20. [Bill Indursky](#)

Dec 16th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Thanks for sharing beautiful pictures, I loved the one with the arch, gorgeous picture. I started to practice what we learned in class and even i have a lot ahead I was very please with the class, it was a pleasure meeting you and being part of your class. Hope to join any upcoming classes soon!"

-Brenda Jacomy-Kitch

[EDIT](#)

21. [Bill Indursky](#)

Dec 16th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Richard, I took the Photo Workshop in Central Park this past Sunday and I want you to know that your instructor, Mr. Bill Blanchard was terrific! I enjoy his teaching approach, got past my fear of handling my camera, and learned how to get more terrific shots all with his encouragement and instructions. I certainly would take a follow-up class with Bill. "

-Pereta Rodriguez

[EDIT](#)

22. [Bill Indursky](#)

Dec 16th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Hi Bill,

Attending the class was a really good experience. I got a chance to explore photography from a new perspective. Thank you very much for

guiding
us and taking personal interest in our work.”

-Manasa Gangula

[EDIT](#)

23. [Bill Indursky](#)

Dec 16th 2014 [REPLY](#)

“Just wanted to thank you for a great class. I sent you a link to my Flickr album from selected photos from Sunday. Hope you like them. I learned quite a bit that day!”

-Jaye

[EDIT](#)

24. [Bill Indursky](#)

Dec 16th 2014 [REPLY](#)

“Happy Father’s Day! I’m not sure if you received my photos through Shutterfly yesterday. I’m planning to post a few on DPA’s Facebook page after you review them and after I edit the ones I think are ok. Or should I post the unedited photos. Let me know. Thanks again for sharing those valuable tips during our session and giving me constructive feedback on my photos.”

-Cathy Smith

[EDIT](#)

25. [Bill Indursky](#)

Dec 16th 2014 [REPLY](#)

“I went to Liberty State Park with Bill Blanchard. Lots of fun! Always cloudy every time I go!

Here’s some photos – quick editing job. Will send another email with more.”

-Lindsey Warne

[EDIT](#)

26. **Bill Indursky**

Dec 16th 2014 [REPLY](#)

“Thank you for this class! It was amazing and I learned a lot! I just wanted to thank you for it and Bill is an awesome teacher!! ”

-Natalie C.

[EDIT](#)

27. **Bill Indursky**

Dec 16th 2014 [REPLY](#)

“Thanks for your time and effort at the class this past Saturday. Although a lot of what you had to say was, refresher, I did learn about “Leading Lines” from you. I have never heard the concept expressly stated, although it may have been and I just missed. Makes sense though. Your portrait example out there in the yard can be very helpful to me as I tend to the side of what I shoot is what I get in portraiture. Well, it’s not so much portraiture as it is family snapshots. At any rate, thanks so much. I hope we cross paths again. I hope we all cross paths again.

So here are a few of the shots from Saturday. Please feel free to critique, all of you. I can only get better if I know what I did not accomplish with my images”

-Frank Sylvis

[EDIT](#)

28. **Valeria Childers**

Dec 16th 2014 [REPLY](#)

“I really enjoyed today’s class and am attaching some of my shots, some of which I have edited with the Aviary app for iPad. Although I was not able to practice most of the features you discussed, I really enjoyed learning about leading lines and framing and playing with the ISO and White balance!

I will definitely take more classes in the future and will likely purchase a better camera!! Do you have any suggestions for beginner models I should look into?"

- Valeria

[EDIT](#)

29. [Bill Indursky](#)

Dec 16th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Thank you for a very enjoyable and productive class. You helped us understand concepts that would had taken us months to figure out on our own and shared tips we might have never known. Your pictures are wonderful.

Hope to see you in another class in the near future."

- Agnes and Fredy Irizarry

[EDIT](#)

30. [Bill Indursky](#)

Dec 16th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"It was a great session with a lot of information that I know we'll be able to leverage in the future. I thought the hands-on advice and training you had provided while we were doing our shots was extremely valuable for me. Thank you for a wonderful session."

- Maria Rozario

[EDIT](#)

31. [Bill Indursky](#)

Dec 16th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Thanks again for the great class yesterday. Here are a few of my favorites from yesterday. One is the upward perspective shot of the tree. A second is one of the bike baskets, from the perspective of sitting in a seat. And the

third was a final result of slow shutter speed on tail lights as we ended last night.”

- Mona

[EDIT](#)

32. [Bill Indursky](#)

Dec 16th 2014 [REPLY](#)

“Thank you Bill! I enjoyed the class and you covered what I need to know, and then some. Starting to practice. Once I get the basics down I will be ready to learn more.”

-Mary

[EDIT](#)

33. [Bill Indursky](#)

Dec 16th 2014 [REPLY](#)

“Thanks, Bill, for the quite enjoyable class. Sorry I had to run off at the very end – but I did enjoy the walk and trying to figure out how to view things in a different way.

I love the dramatic black and white treatment of the statue on your picture!

I am sending you over a few of my favorites. I’m still learning post production and want to learn how to manipulate lightroom a lot better than I do – that’s more of a factor of time than anything else.

I look forward to attending your class in Hoboken next month.”

- Mona

[EDIT](#)

34. [Bill Indursky](#)

Dec 16th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Thank you for a great class. It was really nice to meet you and to get some great tips and ideas from you. I definitely enjoyed the day.

Thanks again and hopefully I will see you at another class."

- Allison

[EDIT](#)

35. [Bill Indursky](#)

Dec 16th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Thank you Bill for a great afternoon in spite of the weather. It was very informative and a good day. I appreciate your help."

- Art

[EDIT](#)

36. [Bill Indursky](#)

Dec 16th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Hey Bill! Thanks for a great class on Saturday. It was great! I'm so glad that I still have 2 more groupons left to use!"

- Jess

[EDIT](#)

37. [Bill Indursky](#)

Dec 16th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Class was good and Bill really knows his stuff."

- Vera

[EDIT](#)

38. [Bill Indursky](#)

Dec 16th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"This was my first time shooting manual... I learned few things... and it was fun... I understand better now why my husband takes 5min just to take 1 picture."

- Judite

[EDIT](#)

39. [Bill Indursky](#)

Dec 16th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"I wanted to let you know that my wife, Ariela, and I very much enjoyed your workshop this past Saturday. Thank you for an enjoyable, informative afternoon."

- Ned

[EDIT](#)

40. [Bill Indursky](#)

Dec 16th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Thank you very much, Bill; really appreciated your low-key, practical, and demystifying approach."

- Bob B.

[EDIT](#)

41. [Bill Indursky](#)

Dec 16th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Thanks again for a great class on Sunday. I enjoyed it and found it very helpful. I put a few of my pictures together so feel free to take a look. I surprised myself by even getting a reasonable 'blur' photo so I added a couple of these in."

- Graham

[EDIT](#)

42. **Bill Indursky**

Dec 16th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Thank you for leading the class on Saturday. I enjoyed it despite the frigid temps.

Thank you for forwarding your pictures and the commentary.

New things learned!"

- John Mintz

[EDIT](#)

43. **Bill Indursky**

Dec 16th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"I enjoyed the Composition class on Sunday 1/27 and found it very useful. Bill Blanchard was a very good instructor."

-Graham

[EDIT](#)

44. **gobinathm@gmail.com**

Dec 16th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"The training was a really good one, got to know more about the basics of photography."

- Gobinath

[EDIT](#)

45. **Bill Indursky**

Dec 16th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Great day! I actually turned the camera to "M" and shot for several hours!"

- Julie

[EDIT](#)

46. [Bill Indursky](#)

Dec 16th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"The workshop was terrific. Bill, thanks for a great workshop. You did a great job!"

- Dennis McCarthy

[EDIT](#)

47. [Bill Indursky](#)

Dec 16th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Thanks Bill. It was a great class and I look forward to taking composition in the field at a later date."

- Sharon

[EDIT](#)

48. [Bill Indursky](#)

Dec 16th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Thanks for a great workshop, Bill. We gleaned a lot of information and are more readily able to refer to our manuals and know what they are talking about!"

- Carey and Graham

[EDIT](#)

49. [Bill Indursky](#)

Dec 16th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Thanks again. I really did enjoy the class and learned a great deal."

- Michael Nader

[EDIT](#)

50. [Bill Indursky](#)

Dec 16th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Thank you again for an amazing class. Thanks to you I picked up my hobby again. I've been taking pictures like every day and reading all kinds of books. Truly grateful."

- Leticia Medina

[EDIT](#)

51. [Bill Indursky](#)

Dec 16th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"I enjoyed you workshop greatly, and appreciate all your tour and helpful tips. I have attached a number of photos that I took during the workshop. If you have any comments or suggestions please let me know."

- Charles

[EDIT](#)

52. [Bill Indursky](#)

Dec 16th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Thank you SO much for your time and expertise during our Photoshop class on Saturday! I really appreciated your fantastic suggestions, and I learned some incredible new tricks that will be very useful as I revise my curriculum.

I'll be in touch!"

- Eliot

[EDIT](#)

53. [Bill Indursky](#)

Dec 16th 2014 [REPLY](#)

“Thank you for a fantastic workshop in Princeton yesterday! I learned a lot and had a huge amount of fun. It was a good group of people and certainly a photogenic setting. The tips on leading lines were great, as were the tips on framing. I have started to go back over the pictures I took and was reminded that I got a couple of images that were, in effect, double-framed. I had a window behind a window, which wound up looking pretty cool.

I may post a couple to the DPA website.

I’m looking forward to taking more of these workshops and learning still more. Oh, and I already ordered a set of the close-up filters and can’t wait to play with them. Good stuff.

Hope to see you at a future workshop!”

– Sean Blinn

[EDIT](#)

54. **Bill Indursky**

Dec 16th 2014 [REPLY](#)

“Thanks so much for a educational and memorable experience. It’s definitely one for the books. In the midst of all the excitement, I actually learned a lot about digital SLR photography as well so thank you for that. I posted a few of my photos on the Digital Photo Academy website (better late than never, right?), so feel free to take a look when you get a chance. Thanks again for a great class.”

– Kim

[EDIT](#)

55. **Bill Indursky**

Dec 16th 2014 [REPLY](#)

“It was a nice class yesterday and we took lots of good pictures.”

– Lin-Hung

[EDIT](#)

56. **Bill Indursky**

Dec 16th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"It was great meeting you this past Saturday, great class!"

- Peter Kostik

[EDIT](#)

57. **Bill Indursky**

Dec 16th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"It was a pleasure to take your class. Someday, I wish to be as knowledgeable as you. I'm looking forward to another class that would require out in the field shooting. I'll put my comments in the student thread and will absolutely check your website work out as well.

Thanks for a great class."

- Kristine M.

[EDIT](#)

58. **Cristina Coltro**

Dec 16th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Your class at Liberty Park yesterday was very enjoyable. I learned a lot from your explanation of main concepts regarding composition and camera setting. I was wondering if you could share some of the picture cards that you brought along and any other materials you may have that you think could help improve my understanding. They hit the spot for me! Thanks again!"

- Cristina Coltro

[EDIT](#)

59. **Peter Turai**

Dec 16th 2014 [REPLY](#)

“Bill, thank you so much for your guidance and a great day of shooting. I really appreciate your generosity in staying after the scheduled end time. I got some of my best shots after 5pm. I would welcome your critique and look forward to seeing you on Sunday in Hoboken.”

– Peter Turai

[EDIT](#)

60. [Bill Indursky](#)

Dec 16th 2014 [REPLY](#)

“Wanted to send a big thanks for your insights and help this Sunday. That was my first time taking any sort of photo class, so it was great to do it with a fun group, and learn some great and useful tips. Again, thanks. Looking forward to taking more classes.”

– Anthony Galasso

[EDIT](#)

61. [Bill Indursky](#)

Dec 16th 2014 [REPLY](#)

“Lauren and I both really enjoyed the time we spent with you. We learned some really good things and thought you were really enjoyable to be with. Thank you for an enjoyable and educational 3 hours. I will be in touch. Again, thanks for a really good time.”

– Dave Rosenthal

[EDIT](#)

62. [Bill Indursky](#)

Dec 16th 2014 [REPLY](#)

“I really enjoyed the class this past Sunday in New Hope. I appreciated the reminders that photography requires practice at getting better.”

I posted the pictures I felt were good on my picasa page. If you have the time I appreciate any feedback you have.

<https://picasaweb.google.com/kehoerm79/CompositionClass?authuser=0&authkey=Gv1sRgCMY4yeiDsQDjQg&feat=directlink>

- Ryan Kehoe

EDIT

63. **Bill Indursky**

Dec 16th 2014 **REPLY**

"Thanks a lot for the class. I really enjoyed it and nw I'm very inspired to read my manual. It was a great group and a really nice day."

- Lynn

EDIT

64. **Bill Indursky**

Dec 16th 2014 **REPLY**

"Thank you for the class on Sunday. It was a fun class. I love the pictures you took."

- Maureen Butler

EDIT

65. **Bill Indursky**

Dec 16th 2014 **REPLY**

"Thank you so much for teaching us today - I had a blast! I enjoy meeting photographers with Different points of view- you shared with me many good pointers. My husband thought that my pictures looked better! I can't wait to process them. Thanks"

- Zehra Travis

EDIT

66. **Bill Indursky**

Dec 15th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Thanks a lot for prompt feedback. Though i had only one session, it was really useful. Thanks a lot. Have a good day."

-Saravana

[EDIT](#)

67. **Bill Indursky**

Dec 15th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Thanks. Enjoyed the class today. Will be in touch. Have told Richard that things worked out well despite the initial glitch. Appreciated the opportunity to try out a technique right after hearing about it. Will look for other classes. Let us keep in touch. "

-Ram Ramachandran.

[EDIT](#)

68. **Bill Indursky**

Dec 15th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"I said it at Liberty Park, and I'm saying it again thank you for today's class, you did a super job. I know you said something about Facebook when we were leaving because of the rain, but my daughter and my wife know about computers, and digital cameras. I talked to my daughter and told her if she should find out how, and what to do to get something on Facebook, I'd be willing to do it.

Again you did a super job!

I'm enclosing a couple of pictures that I took, it may take a second email from me, because the files are large. The one of the young lady that I'm enclosing is one of several, I dont remember her name, but she took one of me, so I told her I'll take that as an OK to take several of her. If you would be so kind, I can send you (about 3 to 4) if you could pass them on the her.

Again thank you, the class was great.”

-Charlie Burok

[EDIT](#)

69. **Bill Indursky**

Dec 15th 2014 [REPLY](#)

“Thank you again for all of the great info you shared during today’s photo class. It definitely exceeded my expectations and it was a good mix of instructional information and hands on exercises with the various camera settings.

The detailed maps and instructions you sent prior to the class were perfect and I really appreciate that you made a trip to the Park earlier in the week to make sure the meeting place was available and planned out the alternate location we were able to move due during the inclement weather.

Please feel free to share my feedback and thanks again. Attached are a couple of images of mine from today’s session. ”

-Sharon Downey

[EDIT](#)

70. **Bill Indursky**

Dec 15th 2014 [REPLY](#)

“Such an awesome class. Loved the way you simplified the concept, it helped me understand it so much better. After I left the group, I walked around some more and took more pics...here are some.....”

-Yolanda Rodriguez

[EDIT](#)

71. **kelly**

Nov 30th 2014 [REPLY](#)

I am interested in the NJ class. Could you please let me know when and where you will be having them?

Thank you,
Kelly

EDIT

o **Richard Rabinowitz**

Dec 7th 2014 **REPLY**

Kelly, we are happy to work with you. Please know that New Jersey classes are every month. E-mail us at Liaison@digitalphotoacademy.com for details or call 877 372 2231. Thanks.

EDIT

72. **JAMES NICOLETTI**

Nov 7th 2014 **REPLY**

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Good Morning,
I am interested in the:

DSLR 101 - \$65 December 13, 2014 12:00 pm-3:00 pm New Jersey

When it becomes available/scheduled can you send me the dates.

Thanks
James

Comments to “New York”

1. **Eric Nadelstern**

Jan 21st 2024 [REPLY](#)

Great course

[EDIT](#)

2. **Ben Greer**

Jan 10th 2024 [REPLY](#)

I really enjoyed my session with Alina and the weather didn't deter her enthusiasm for photography. I really enjoyed how she came prepared to discuss the topics I expressed interest in and also brought her own intuition on where to jump from my interests. The length of the time of the class was a little daunting but Alina's warmth and expertise made the time fly by and allowed us to take things slowly and let them unfurl at a natural pace.

I would recommend the class to a friend and I felt that I learned something new and practical to take forward as a photographer

[EDIT](#)

3. **Mike Wasserman**

Dec 15th 2023 [REPLY](#)

I really appreciate Alina's guidance and help. She's a real professional and is a great teacher. She is extremely helpful and I can't wait to try out some of the ideas she's given me. She absolutely met my expectations.

[EDIT](#)

4. **Anna Fanzun**

Nov 28th 2023 [REPLY](#)

Thank you Alina for the links in your email and thank you for the hours in the Grand Central Terminal.

[EDIT](#)

5. **Fred M.**

Aug 29th 2023 [REPLY](#)

I bundled two photo classes back to back. The class(es) itself was great and the instructor was personable, patient and friendly. The synagogue and its environs are perfect and the instructor got to know us well enough that she could adapt the class to what we would shoot in our personal and professional lives. Would recommend.

[EDIT](#)

6. **Charles Davidson**

Dec 8th 2022 [REPLY](#)

Thank you EVERYBODY for responding to my inquiry re best tripods.

I will be taking your recommendations with me when I get my refund check next year, which is my usual time to buy gear.

What a great bunch of people you all are!

Charles Davidson

[EDIT](#)

7. **Haley**

Dec 8th 2022 [REPLY](#)

The workshop was very good. A bit too cold to walk around but I learned a lot. And the instructor Alina, was very good. 5 stars for her.

[EDIT](#)

8. **Matthew Magratten**

Jul 19th 2022 [REPLY](#)

Great lesson, thanks.

- Matt

[EDIT](#)

9. **Anne S**

Jun 2nd 2022 [REPLY](#)

I really enjoyed the class. The instructor, Stephen, was very helpful and gave me good feedback on my portfolio as well as answering practical questions in the field. Would 100% do it again.

- Anne S

[EDIT](#)

10. **Carlos Ruiz Jr.**

Feb 5th 2021 [REPLY](#)

Yesterday was literally amazing. Check out Instagram... I tagged Digital Photo Academy! Also Whitney is awesome.

Thanks for everything.

[EDIT](#)

11. **vk Singh91**

Jul 20th 2020 [REPLY](#)

We had Whitney Browne as our instructor. She was amazing. She knows her work very well and showed us good techniques of detecting light also taught low light photography skills. She was very informative and carrying good artistic skills ... Highly Recommended!!!!!!

[EDIT](#)

12. **Anonymous**

Jan 21st 2020 [REPLY](#)

Great instructor, amazing venue!

[EDIT](#)

13. **Nancylynn H**

Jan 2nd 2020 [REPLY](#)

Steven was highly knowledgeable and personable. As a true beginner I appreciated his patience! I stayed for the Field class that followed the basics class and that was terrific as well.

[EDIT](#)

14. **Lauren Bennett**

Dec 24th 2019 [REPLY](#)

Yesterday was wonderful Thankyou so much 😊 I'll be sure to opt in to the Community Facebook Group right now, I can't wait to see and share photos 😊 Way to go guys!!

[EDIT](#)

15. **Collen Q**

Jul 30th 2019 [REPLY](#)

Steven was tremendously helpful. He broke down the basics of how to achieve the aesthetic you want, in a very easy to comprehend manner. I've had my camera for over a year and online tutorials are not as effective as being there and seeing photos which showcase the perspective, then trying it yourself and going over the settings. I highly recommend this class.

[EDIT](#)

16. **Zaid Malack**

Jul 1st 2019 [REPLY](#)

I had an amazing time with Steven. Learned a lot from him about photography. More than that, I enjoyed our conversations about our travels and experiences.

Thank you for arranging this. I would highly recommend this experience to anyone interested in photography.

[EDIT](#)

17. **Angel Peralta**

Jul 1st 2019 [REPLY](#)

The experience with Steven was great. It was a beautiful location with good weather. He quickly went over the basics as required but the ability to answer individuals' questions on what they had trouble with was immensely helpful. I learned a few tips that I will be mindful of when shooting. He was overall a great and friendly instructor with wisdom from his decades of experience.

Thank you for the class. I look forward to signing up to future ones and have told friends about the amazing experience.

[EDIT](#)

18. **Arshad Wani**

Jun 28th 2019 [REPLY](#)

I had a wonderful time learning with you and the rest of the gang yesterday! It was well worth every minute!!

Thanks for sharing your experience and perspectives with us. There were many take home points from the session. I have switched completely to "M" mode now, and finally abandoned the "S" or "A" priority. And changed other "restrictive" settings in my camera. This session has made me feel more comfortable and confident as a photographer, and I hope to continue to learn and enjoy the art of photography.

[EDIT](#)

19. **Kathy Nicholson**

Jun 28th 2019 [REPLY](#)

Steven – thanks again for a great class! Was a great day – and new tips to play with 🙌

[EDIT](#)

20. **Angel P**

Jun 17th 2019 [REPLY](#)

Wonderful, outdoor session. Our instructor was friendly and very knowledgeable, guiding multiple skill levels from beginners to those familiar already with their cameras, into being better photographers. He was open to questions and I feel his advice and tips instantly opened me to a new way of thinking. Would look forward to taking another class in the near future. It was definitely a great deal for the session.

[EDIT](#)

21. **Kamilah**

Jun 16th 2019 [REPLY](#)

The instructor had a very positive attitude about helping people and provided clarity. He never made the anyone feel intimidated or uneasy . Steven and Richard are a gem! Worth the time to come and see to gain insight on photography. Look forward to taking to other classes in other cities.

[EDIT](#)

22. **WINSTON H**

May 28th 2019 [REPLY](#)

The day lived up to my expectations. Richard was very professional and put a lot of effort into finding a tutor that matched what I was looking for. It was refreshing to still see the someone adding the personal touch to ensure the customer is happy. My tutor, Steve was great and was loads of fun to hang out with. Really cool dude. Not only did he find a stunningly gorgeous model to work with (who I would love to work with again, btw), but he happily shared from his best advice in any area that I asked about. I learnt a lot from him and identified more than a few areas that I need to work on. Rating my experience with 5 stars was easy. In fact the next time I visit New York, I will definitely be calling on Richard again.

[EDIT](#)

23. **Dhruv Patel**

May 7th 2019 [REPLY](#)

I just wanted to take this opportunity to say that the two courses that Steven taught last Saturday were absolutely phenomenal! Steven by no means let the rain get in the way of anything and efficiently utilized the time to teach us the cameras controls, meaning behind all of the various settings, and further transitioned greatly into real live shootings when the weather cleared.

This is a course I much needed and am applying the knowledge I obtained on all my shoots. Furthermore and the most important part was that Steven made sure my initial interest in photography widened and increased!

If you guys offer any other courses pertaining to photography, do let me know as I would strongly consider.

Thank you again to Steven and Digital Photo Academy for providing a great experience.

Dhruv Patel

[EDIT](#)

24. **Matt K**

May 2nd 2019 [REPLY](#)

Steven was a fantastic teacher – he adapted the class to my level and needs, he has a great way of breaking down complex technical info to be easy to understand and remember, and he was fun to shoot and explore with. Highly recommend!

[EDIT](#)

25. **Linde I**

May 2nd 2019 [REPLY](#)

Fortunate to have some one to answer my questions, and keep pace with my note taking! I understand all the things my camera manual confused me with!

[EDIT](#)

26. **Delfina I**

May 2nd 2019 [REPLY](#)

A very complete day learning photography to my measure ! Alyssa Meadows was wonderful to me.

[EDIT](#)

27. **Clare W**

May 2nd 2019 [REPLY](#)

Great introduction to digital photography with a wonderful instructor. Can't wait to practice what I have learnt!

[EDIT](#)

28. **Anonymous**

May 2nd 2019 [REPLY](#)

The class was excellent. The teacher was punctual, patient and professional. I feel I received the information promised in the course description.

[EDIT](#)

29. **Ed**

Apr 22nd 2019 [REPLY](#)

Grand Central Terminal



[EDIT](#)

30. **Ed**

Apr 22nd 2019 [REPLY](#)

I was very impressed with Steven Greaves. After introductions, he asked everyone to describe their experience with cameras. He wanted to be sure to cover the basics, so no one was overwhelmed. The day was very dreary, but we did get some time outside, where Steven described the basics of choosing subjects and composition. We went into the terminal and sat for about 20 minutes, as Steven went over the basics of exposure, shutter speeds and ISO. We then spent the rest of the time shooting in the terminal. Although I've been shooting for many years, I can say I got some very good pointers!

[EDIT](#)

31. **Michelle A.**

Jan 7th 2019 [REPLY](#)

"Great Day! Steve was very helpful in helping us get a grasp on the fundamentals of taking control of our cameras! He was very patient and encouraging! a lovely day with a huge learning curve:)"

-Michelle A.

[EDIT](#)

32. **Louis V.**

Jan 7th 2019 [REPLY](#)

"My Instructor was Steve G. I had an amazing day. Steve assisted me in transforming my relationship with my camera in 6 hours. I hope he had a tenth as much fun as I did. I am forever grateful."

-Louis V.

[EDIT](#)

33. **Andrea C.**

Jan 7th 2019 [REPLY](#)

"The class was fantastic, Steven was very articulate, knew his subject well, and I walked away having learnt a lot. Would highly recommend!!!"

-Andrea C.

[EDIT](#)

34. **Ronald I.**

Jan 7th 2019 [REPLY](#)

"First off Richard Rabinowitz, the founder, made it his priority to find out what I was hoping to get out of the all-day session. He went to great lengths to make sure I was matched with the right photographer. I ended up traveling up to the academy in Newburgh (Richard picked me up from the Beacon train station), because I wanted studio lighting experience. This would avoid me having to pay to rent a studio separately. Steve Marrero was my photographer for the day and I must say that the way they planned the day for me felt more like an apprenticeship than just taking a class. Like learning a new language in the country that speaks it versus just being a classroom. I reacquainted with my camera at Richard's use, where I was also able to setup studio lights and shoot portraits of two people that they had sit for me. The highlight of the day was when they drove me to a clothing boutique and had a model waiting to try on 3 outfits for me to photograph, with Steve's guidance of course. It was a long but productive day and I walked away with what I needed to give my project a try on my own. I'll be using these guys again to develop other aspects of my photography."

-Ronald I.

[EDIT](#)

35. **Anonymous**

Jan 7th 2019 [REPLY](#)

"Very informative and helpful. The instructor, Steven, really helped me learn features of my camera that were beneficial to my needs."

-Anonymous

[EDIT](#)

36. **Siddarth P**

Jan 7th 2019 [REPLY](#)

"Steven was great! A lot of information and very easy going."

-Siddarth P.

[EDIT](#)

37. **Kathy Nicholson**

Dec 29th 2018 [REPLY](#)

"Thanks Steven and thanks for the time yesterday. It was really helpful. I started playing last night with the skyline. 😊"

Also, Richard thanks for connecting me with Steven. He's a great instructor."

-Kathy



[EDIT](#)

38. **Cris**

Oct 3rd 2018 [REPLY](#)

"I enjoyed the class and learned a great deal from Steven. He showed us how he "sees" scenes and composes his shots. He gave us insightful tips on lighting, street and travel photography, and technical issues. It was also great meeting Jay. He posed great questions and food for thought. "

-Cris

[EDIT](#)

39. Jay

Oct 3rd 2018 [REPLY](#)

"This was an interesting and informative afternoon. Steve spent time learning about our photographic knowledge and our expectations for the afternoon. He tried and succeeded to meet those expectations. I have been interested in photography on and off over the years and needed a reintroduction and the encouragement to return to photography, I got both."

-Jay



[EDIT](#)

40. Ena Garay

Oct 23rd 2017 [REPLY](#)

"Thank you Steven.
I appreciate your knowledge, patience and professionalism."

-Ena

[EDIT](#)

41. Carolyn Vegliante

Sep 28th 2017 [REPLY](#)

"Steven was amazing it was a great day!
Thank you for your help,"

-Michelle and Carolyn

[EDIT](#)

42. **Ron DiLaurenzio**

Feb 24th 2017 [REPLY](#)

"It was a great location! I have so many favorites I can't decide on my favorite! I will post some on the web site if there is a way to do that. For your purposes, I have attached a shot of Dimi teaching Kaila how to use her Sony camera.

Thanks,"

-Ron

[EDIT](#)

43. **C. Garcia-Paris**

Feb 21st 2017 [REPLY](#)

"Hi Richard, the class was very good as we got the chance to shoot at both inside the Synagogue and also at areas surrounding it. Dimi did a great job at the class.

All the best,"

-C. Garcia-Paris

[EDIT](#)

44. **Ulla Vinkman**

Feb 7th 2017 [REPLY](#)

"Hi Bill,
It was great to meet you and thank you for the great class!! You are a great teacher.

Thank you again,"

-Ulla

[EDIT](#)

45. Estelle Vaysburd

Aug 5th 2016 [REPLY](#)

"Steve, I had such a great session! I'll definitely be in touch for round 2 to start applying some of what I learned. I'll have to pick a sunnier day :)"

-Estelle

[EDIT](#)

46. Molly Black

Jul 19th 2016 [REPLY](#)

"Jenn was an awesome teacher!
She explained the "feared" manual setting better than a camera retail store which sold three classes that were 2 hours long a piece.
I think taking pics, making a mistake and saying "Ok, what the?" and having her there to ask about the error was great.' Thank you very much. It was a great experience. No longer on Program Mode...hahaha"

-Molly Black

[EDIT](#)

47. Bas Debbink

Mar 30th 2016 [REPLY](#)

"Much fun was had by all. Nice to meet everyone!"

-Bas

[EDIT](#)

48. June Carson

Mar 23rd 2016 [REPLY](#)

"David,

Thank you so much for your professional insight regarding my image of Joshua Tree at sunset! I found it very helpful to hear the subtle differences that make a good image a much better one. The information that you provided is the detailed part of producing a better, post processed image, which I, personally, find illusive.

Many thanks for your personalized critique, looking forward to getting your input on my 2nd image and Steve's 2 images. I will, again, attempt to send you all 3 RAW files tomorrow.

Best regards,"

-June

[EDIT](#)

49. Elizabeth Collett

Mar 22nd 2016 [REPLY](#)

"Some of my favorites from today.

Rick and Jim were fantastic. Thank you for an amazing experience. "

-Elizabeth

[EDIT](#)

50. John Williams

Jan 19th 2016 [REPLY](#)

"Bill,

I just wanted to thank you for a great "in the field" tutorial yesterday. My wife said the photos I took were the best she'd seen from me – just goes to show you what a little thought and preparation can do. I look forward to more courses with you.

Happy holidays!"

-John

[EDIT](#)

51. **Keisha Townsend**

Jan 19th 2016 [REPLY](#)

"Thank you, Bill. I definitely learned some things that will help me take better pictures. Great meeting everyone in the group as well!"

-Keisha Townsend

[EDIT](#)

52. **Scott Webber**

Dec 3rd 2015 [REPLY](#)

"Thank you Jill for your feedback. Really appreciate it. I'll have a look at the Nikon d3200. Your absolutely amazing. Thank you for the help and getting back to me. I really appreciate it I live in Berkshire in the uk. Thank you again for your time. "

-Scott Webber

[EDIT](#)

53. **Dan Komoda**

Nov 11th 2015 [REPLY](#)

"We all had a great time yesterday.
Thank you,"

-Dan

[EDIT](#)

54. **Sarah Corbin**

Nov 5th 2015 [REPLY](#)

"Thanks for the great workshop today! Since I don't usually do portraits, I learned a lot from all of you. Take care."

-Sarah Corbin

EDIT

55. **Josephina LaFauci**

Oct 26th 2015 **REPLY**

"Thank you for the professionals you assembled for the class. Well done!"

-Josephina LaFauci

EDIT

56. **Aura Danesh**

Oct 26th 2015 **REPLY**

"Hope all is well. First of all I just wanted to say how much I enjoyed your 8 hour workshop last Sunday. I found it very informative, interactive and extremely fulfilling and have been on a high ever since. I am very glad that I was able to join and meet your amazing team for this workshop.

I also had a look at the Hudson Valley workshop online and am really excited about this opportunity too,

Looking Forward to hearing from you again.

Happy new year,"

-Aura Danesh

EDIT

57. **Mimi Torchin**

Oct 9th 2015 **REPLY**

"Hi, Richard. I just want to say again how very much I enjoyed the workshop (was it just last weekend?). My friend and I both had a fabulous time and actually learned something. This was the best bang for my buck I've gotten in a long time. Really want you to know how much I appreciate your efforts to give us such a great experience. And I loved the models! AND bagels, fresh coffee and pizza too? Wow. Also, i just want to make sure that it isn't languishing somewhere in my email, but you said you'd send the power point

presentation that Bill did and I would love to have it. I was interested in the storage deal, but in the end it was just something else new I had to learn and I'm a pretty old dog!

Hope you had a good holiday. These days, though, I'm thinking of becoming Catholic. I'm loving this Pope (not going to convert, tho, haha)."

-Mimi Torchin

[EDIT](#)

58. **Ilene Finberg**

Sep 29th 2015 [REPLY](#)

"It was wonderful. It was run beautifully. I learned so much. Thanks Richard!!"

-Ilene Finberg

[EDIT](#)

59. **Francesca Panetta McPhillips**

Sep 29th 2015 [REPLY](#)

"Thank you much Richard, this was a great training. meeting lots nice people & learning a lot... It was a pleasure meeting everyone..."

-Francesca Panetta McPhillips

[EDIT](#)

60. **Angel Batist**

Sep 29th 2015 [REPLY](#)

"Hey everyone great class. "

-Angel Batist

[EDIT](#)

61. Marcia Chan

Sep 29th 2015 [REPLY](#)

"Great workshop. Richard you rock. Reed Hoffmann your workshop on mylio was excellent. We need a part 2 to this workshop."

-Marcia Chan

[EDIT](#)

62. Purcell

Sep 29th 2015 [REPLY](#)

"This workshop was great. I hope in the near future that you make the winning prize a meet/training camp."

-Purcell

[EDIT](#)

63. Sandrine Mab

Sep 29th 2015 [REPLY](#)

"When is the next one ?

Hi Richard ! It's was really interesting but a pretty fast for me who am a big beginner! Many thanks! "

-Sandrine Mab

[EDIT](#)

64. Kenzo Steel

Sep 29th 2015 [REPLY](#)

"Today was the best workshop ever!!! The environment was pleasant and the models were friendly and engaging. I couldn't have conceived a better was to spend a Sunday. Thanks Richard and all the staff!!!"

-Kenzo Steel

[EDIT](#)

65. Jane Russo

Sep 29th 2015 [REPLY](#)

"The day and the class was wonderful. Learned a lot and enjoyed! Would love more classes."

-Jane Russo

[EDIT](#)

66. Luisa Ballentine

Sep 29th 2015 [REPLY](#)

"I really enjoyed the workshop. Thank you very much! "

-Luisa Ballentine

[EDIT](#)

67. Helenita Salom

Sep 29th 2015 [REPLY](#)

"This workshop was awesome. learned A TON , thank you!"

-Helenita Salom

[EDIT](#)

68. Charles Burok

Jun 9th 2015 [REPLY](#)

"I'm an old person who still loves film photography, but my daughter and her husband started to push me to do digital photography in the last few years. Last year they set me up for a session at Liberty State Park, which I enjoyed very much. So this year they followed up with another session at Seaside Heights. I took that class yesterday and enjoyed it also, and in particular I would like to comment on the great job your instructor did. Bill Blanchard was the instructor and was as patient as a saint in heading his students in the proper direction to take good pictures. I could make this a long letter about

his patience and sincere caring about our getting something from the class, but I will just say thanks to his attitude I will be following up on additional instruction from your organization. ”

-Charles Burok

[EDIT](#)

69. **Chad Woodford**

May 18th 2015 [REPLY](#)

“David was great. He brought an obvious depth of photography experience to a wide range of student experience levels and was able to keep the class focused on the essentials while customizing it slightly for those students with more experience. Equally important, he put the class at ease and made sure we were having fun”

-Chad Woodford

[EDIT](#)

70. **Abhisek**

May 15th 2015 [REPLY](#)

“Thanks for the wonderful class on Saturday afternoon at Brooklyn Botanical Garden

Appreciate your photography tips, and for being so patient and generous with your feedback that day. Although I still have a lot to learn, people like you help the learning process more oriented.

It was great meeting you! Take care.”

-Abhisek

[EDIT](#)

71. **Jocelyn Launer**

Apr 29th 2015 [REPLY](#)

"Jenn and David are very talented, passionate, and engaging photographers and teachers. They inspire my creativity and motivate me to continue my exploration of photography. I plan to take the upcoming class in Central Park. Thank you so much, Jenn and David, for being our guides and teachers!"

-Jocelyn Launer

[EDIT](#)

72. Michael Zulich

Apr 14th 2015 [REPLY](#)

" I just wanted to say thanks and let you know that Saturday's Composition in the Field with David Mark Erickson was absolutely wonderful. David is an outstanding teacher, and made the learning and lessons fun and to the point. I came away with a new perspective and a better understanding of light, patterns, shapes and angles. A fantastic class, and I found that the three hours flew by before I knew it David is a warm and friendly guy, and an excellent teacher who made learning fun. Thanks again!"

-Mike Zulich

[EDIT](#)

73. Renee Kohn

Apr 14th 2015 [REPLY](#)

"i thoroughly enjoyed the class last Saturday. and David is a great and fun instructor. plus the weather was perfect to walk around shooting pics at the seaport."

-Renee

[EDIT](#)

74. **tony.pillari@gmail.com**

Jan 20th 2015 [REPLY](#)

"I just wanted to let you know how much I enjoyed David's class. My main goal for the class was to immerse myself in a street photography project and learn how to use my flash at night. David was tremendously helpful on both counts. He encouraged us to get right in the middle of things and to be persistent in identifying and tracking down the shots we wanted. He also had some good advice about finding the less obvious shots, a weakness of mine and I tend to be a "stand up straight and face straight ahead" kind of photographer. Last but not least, he gave me real time feedback on my shots so that I was able to use my flash to good effect.

I enjoyed the class very much and would recommend David to anyone!"

-Tony Pillari

[EDIT](#)

75. **Doug Dietiker**

Dec 17th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"I got what I was looking for. I have been using Photoshop for a while but never had any formal training, this class filled in the gaps for me."

- Doug Dietiker

[EDIT](#)

76. **Bill Indursky**

Dec 17th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Thank you! I really enjoyed the class. "

-Kristen

[EDIT](#)

77. **Bill Indursky**

Dec 17th 2014 [REPLY](#)

Hi Steve,

"I cannot thank you enough for the excellent class you gave on Sunday. I came away from that class with so much knowledge and understanding on how to work my camera – I was amazed and I can't wait to start using my camera on "M" !!!

You are an awesome instructor! Thanks for everything!"

-Terri

[EDIT](#)

78. [Bill Indursky](#)

Dec 17th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"I just wanted to reply as a follow up – I took the Intro to DSLR class yesterday with Steven Greaves as a "do-over" to my Intro to Digital Cameras class. I had to let you know that this class was excellent and was certainly worth giving DPA another try. Steven was great – I am a beginner and the other student is more advanced and I felt he catered to both of us. He actually physically showed us the settings on our cameras, what everything did, what we should be looking at from both a technical and creative standpoint, and really gave a well-rounded overview of the DSLR. He is clearly a talented photographer, but a modest one – showing us his images as helpful examples rather than self-promotion (which was my issue with the last instructor). He knew the technical terms and was able to explain them clearly, in an easy-to-understand way for me, as I am very new to the DSLR terminology. He took us out to try different types of shots, showing us how the different settings affect the image, was able to give clear step-by-step instructions on how to take a great image and what settings to use and how to tell when to adjust them. Overall, it was a VERY valuable four hours filled with great information.

Just had to let you know that I'm really satisfied with this make-up class and appreciate the offer. I feel like I got a lot out of it and will be looking into additional classes."

Thanks,

Jamie

[EDIT](#)

79. **Bill Indursky**

Dec 17th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Hi Steven,

Thank you for the workshop and for answering all my questions (even stealing a little extra time). I had a great time and learned new things in order to get better pictures. Specially I got a real interest in "control my camera" instead of being controlled by it. Of course I'll buy a reflex to really start doing it.

I still can't shut a leading line. I find it so difficult. It's a real challenge and so I'll keep working on it.

Looking forward to attend new workshops."

-Silvia Rivera

[EDIT](#)

80. **Bill Indursky**

Dec 17th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Thanks so much for the wonderful workshop. You definitely inspired my daughter and I to think "outside the box". It was a great experience and we truly enjoyed it. Let us know if you are teaching any other workshops this summer or in the fall"

-Julia

[EDIT](#)

81. **Bill Indursky**

Dec 17th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Hi Steven, Thank you so much for such an informative class. I will definitely be signing up for additional classes, once I get a little more practice under my belt. Thanks for being so patient and thorough. You are an excellent instructor.

Thanks, again."

-Marilena Eatman

[EDIT](#)

82. [Bill Indursky](#)

Dec 17th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Thank you. I just got in and, guess what (YOU TOLD ME SO) I fell in love with the RAW pictures better than the jpeg ones. Took a lot less "rubbing" and "editing." And, for the record, they were shot in MANUAL MODE. Thanks teacher!"

-Joe

[EDIT](#)

83. [Bill Indursky](#)

Dec 17th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Hi Steve, Thank you!! The class was exactly what I needed. You have taught me to be the basics and from that I will continue to build my skills. I am not as "afraid" to use the manual setting.

I would definitely recommend the class as well as you as the instructor.

Thanks again"

-Kristen

[EDIT](#)

84. [Bill Indursky](#)

Dec 17th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Thanks Steven, Wonderful class and hope to take more in the future. Thanks for taking the time to answer my many questions.

Enjoy your weekend!"

-Annie Graziani

[EDIT](#)

85. **Bill Indursky**

Dec 17th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"And Thank YOU for an informative and easy class on my camera!"

-Merle

[EDIT](#)

86. **Bill Indursky**

Dec 17th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Enjoyed the class. Very informative. Can't wait to get out and try some new things with my camera.

Thanks."

-Mike

[EDIT](#)

87. **Bill Indursky**

Dec 17th 2014 [REPLY](#)

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Just had to let you know that I'm really satisfied with this class. I feel like I got a lot out of it and will be looking into additional classes.

Thanks."

-Jamie

[EDIT](#)

88. [Bill Indursky](#)

Dec 17th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Thanks, Steven. Today's class really started to change the way I take photos. I used to be one of those people who just point and shoot and call it a day. I like to do challenging things in life, therefore I am going to keep practicing. My camera was given to me as a gift back in April and I wish I had put more effort into learning/playing around with it, but late is better than never."

-Lisa

[EDIT](#)

89. [Bill Indursky](#)

Dec 17th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Thank you for your tips you proved at the workshop. I've been using them they are helping a lot. Thank you"

-Student Patrick

[EDIT](#)

90. [Bill Indursky](#)

Dec 17th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Steven, I had an amazing time this morning!!!! Thank you so much for your patience and not making us feel like inexperienced dummies when it came to our cameras. Thanks SO MUCH for the picture! I'll definitely going check out the album you've attached and get back to you."

— Student Trudi

[EDIT](#)

91. **Ganesan Pajanissamy**

Dec 17th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Thanks Rafael for the wonderful class on Saturday afternoon at Brooklyn Botanical Garden."

-Pajani

[EDIT](#)

92. **Bill Indursky**

Dec 17th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"This was my 3rd class, two in Orlando and this past weekend in NYC with Rafael Infante.

The class was great and having had a different instructor each time I think has been great. They all bring something new to you knowledge base. My suggestion is take from different instructors you will learn a lot more. They have all been great and I have learned so much from all of them.

Rafael was fun and very hands on, great instructor. DPA keep up the great work. I have not been disappointed yet. !!!!!!"

-Chris Cass

[EDIT](#)

93. **Bill Indursky**

Dec 17th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Rafael, it was a real pleasure taking the class with you once again and revisit the Composition concepts from the previous class. We will continue practicing!!!

Thanks to all of you for arranging these great photography classes, wish you all the best,"

-Carolina Garcia-Paris

[EDIT](#)

94. [Bill Indursky](#)

Dec 17th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Thank you very much for upgrading me from one class to two. The class and instruction was very informative, relevant and fun. Rafael is very patient and explains details very well, I had a great time. I will post some images on the Facebook page. I would like to sign up for some future classes DSLR 101(August or Sept date) and composition Central Par, Grand Central and 5th Avenue.

Thank you "

-Loretta O'Connell

[EDIT](#)

95. [Eleri.dixon@fmr.com](#)

Dec 17th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"I also wanted to say that Glenn and I had an amazing time on the tour! Rafael is a great teacher and I hope to take more of his classes. He was very patient, has a great eye and adapted the class for our various interests and needs.

We look forward to taking more classes with you guys and are planning on taking more with Rafael specifically!"

- Eleri

[EDIT](#)

96. [Bill Indursky](#)

Dec 17th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Rafael was a great teacher and it was a terrific experience for all of us. I loved seeing these photos that were clear examples of the aspects of composition! Thanks for a memorable afternoon."

- Adrienne

[EDIT](#)

97. **David Lee**

Dec 17th 2014 [REPLY](#)

“Thank you for the photography lesson. It was great to have the opportunity to practice what I’ve read before but never was able to use often enough and make them part of my photography skills. The composition lesson was great and I am sure I’ll make good use of the concept to take better pictures in the future.”

– David Lee

[EDIT](#)

98. **Bill Indursky**

Dec 17th 2014 [REPLY](#)

“I attended the South Street Seaport photo workshop last Sunday, with instructor Melody Reed, from Digital Academy. Just wanted to say thank you for your photography tips, and for being so patient and generous with your feedback that day. I really appreciate it. Although I still have a lot to learn, people like you help the learning process be a little less painful 😊

It was great meeting you! Take care.”

– Elena Cintron

[EDIT](#)

99. **Bill Indursky**

Dec 16th 2014 [REPLY](#)

“I am an experienced amateur photographer, with broad photographic interests. A recent portfolio review showed that my travel photography, while positive in some aspects, lacks personal connection and intimacy with people that I meet in my travels. I decided to focus on this weakness in the recent DPA workshop in Harlem, New York City.

Marlas sked each of the students for their goals for the workshop, then took positive steps to help achieve them. In my case, I could not have found a

better instructor Marla instantly develops rapport with people in the street, based on her genuine interest in everyone she encounters. She engaged in several conversations, resulting in excellent photographic opportunities for all of us. She set such an example that I was able to approach several people on my own, coming away with memorable experiences and photographs.

I always recommend DPA workshops to friends traveling to new locations. I can specifically recommend Marla as a great instructor to help bring your people and street photography to a new level. Thanks for a great experience!"

"Marla, Thanks so much for your kindness this afternoon. Your composition in the field workshop in Harlem was beyond my expectations. Here are my favorites. I hope you like them..."

- Juan Zapata

[EDIT](#)

100. [Bill Indursky](#)

Dec 16th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"I just want to thank you for the class yesterday at Grand Central. You were a terrific instructor and Jerry and I totally enjoyed the day. It was a big plus that we also got some really good photos.

Thanks again."

- Marjorie Levine

[EDIT](#)

101. [Bill Indursky](#)

Dec 16th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Well I have reached India with a good time in USA and memories unforgettable. I had a lovely session with you(Composition in the field at SoHo). I followed this with Advanced Training Techniques session with Stan in Atlanta.

Over all my DPA interaction was very good and you have really put an impact. Hope to see you soon again. Nevertheless our conversation over the mails would continue.

I would always appreciate your vital tips , links and sharing to enhance my photography skills.”

- Vinod Chauhan

[EDIT](#)

102. [Bill Indursky](#)

Dec 16th 2014 [REPLY](#)

“I want to thank you again for your outstanding instruction at yesterday afternoon’s workshop at Grand Central. In the first 5 minutes you pulled me from my comfort zone, having me go manual focus. You also opened my eyes to the metering modes, I was using evaluative 100% of the time, I will be practicing and mastering these two techniques in future outings. I also appreciated the start from the very beginning – basics. A great brush up on what is now taken for granted by me. Don’t be surprised to see me in future workshops, both the same and different venues. Excellent job, not a single negative comment or complaint.”

- Matthew

[EDIT](#)

103. [Bill Indursky](#)

Dec 16th 2014 [REPLY](#)

“I was in the photo workshop in central park this past saturday and I just wanted to email you and say it was nice meeting you and hearing your tips and thoughts about different photographic situations. I enjoyed it very much.

I attached a few images I took that day.

Thanks again”

- John

[EDIT](#)

104. **Bill Indursky**

Dec 16th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"I wanted to thank you for the photo walk yesterday and the great advice you gave. I had a great time and a learned a lot about shooting in the field. One of the thing that stuck out to me was your ability to see a photograph developing and I think that is what I am going to apply to my photography going forward. Your ability to pick things out as they were happening was truly a great thing to witness.

Also, I had a chance to look at your website and your organization and I must say, you are truly an inspiration to me.

Thank you again!"

- Erik Teng

[EDIT](#)

105. **Bill Indursky**

Dec 16th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Had a great time with John Milano at Liberty State Park on 5/20/12."

- Dr. Steven Goldman

[EDIT](#)

106. **Susan Parish**

Dec 16th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Thank you very much for a great class. It was extremely valuable for me...resonating throughout yesterday and this morning.

I have a question. In thinking about depth of field and the photos I have been taking (prior to the class) I realized that I was keeping more in many of the pictures because of composition and structure. I enjoy the push and pull of forces both negative and positive in the photo beyond subject matter, this

coming from my painting/design background BUT, I try to not subjugate the subject to the structure because I don't want the coldness that comes from too much attention to structure. This is different than finding a point of attention focus as would be the case using depth of field. So, with individual portraits, verses group, I get in really tight so there is nothing but identity and the environment is non existent. Any thoughts to introduce a beam sunlight?"

—Susan Parish

[EDIT](#)

107. **Robert Yaccarino**

Dec 16th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"I was the only male with you on Saturday in SoHo, just wanted to thank you for a fun day. Hope to run into you again."

- Robert Yaccarino

[EDIT](#)

108. **Bill Indursky**

Dec 16th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Thanks a lot for prompt feedback. Though i had only one session, it was really useful. Thanks a lot. Have a good day."

-Saravana

[EDIT](#)

109. **Bill Indursky**

Dec 16th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Thanks. Enjoyed the class today. Will be in touch. Have told Richard that things worked out well despite the initial glitch. Appreciated the opportunity to try out a technique right after hearing about it. Will look for other classes. Let us keep in touch. "

-Ram Ramachandran.

[EDIT](#)

110. [Bill Indursky](#)

Dec 16th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"I said it at Liberty Park, and I'm saying it again thank you for today's class, you did a super job. I know you said something about Facebook when we were leaving because of the rain, but my daughter and my wife know about computers, and digital cameras. I talked to my daughter and told her if she should find out how, and what to do to get something on Facebook, I'd be willing to do it.

Again you did a super job!

I'm enclosing a couple of pictures that I took, it may take a second email from me, because the files are large. The one of the young lady that I'm enclosing is one of several, I don't remember her name, but she took one of me, so I told her I'll take that as an OK to take several of her. If you would be so kind, I can send you (about 3 to 4) if you could pass them on to her.

Again thank you, the class was great."

-Charlie Burok

[EDIT](#)

111. [Bill Indursky](#)

Dec 16th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Thank you again for all of the great info you shared during today's photo class. It definitely exceeded my expectations and it was a good mix of instructional information and hands on exercises with the various camera settings.

The detailed maps and instructions you sent prior to the class were perfect and I really appreciate that you made a trip to the Park earlier in the week to make sure the meeting place was available and planned out the alternate location we were able to move due to the inclement weather.

Please feel free to share my feedback and thanks again. Attached are a couple of images of mine from today's session. "

-Sharon Downey

[EDIT](#)

112. [Bill Indursky](#)

Dec 16th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Such an awesome class. Loved the way you simplified the concept, it helped me understand it so much better. After I left the group, I walked around some more and took more pics...here are some....."

-Yolanda Rodriguez

[EDIT](#)

113. [Bill Indursky](#)

Dec 16th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Thanks for sharing beautiful pictures, I loved the one with the arch, gorgeous picture. I started to practice what we learned in class and even i have a lot ahead I was very please with the class, it was a pleasure meeting you and being part of your class. Hope to join any upcoming classes soon!"

-Brenda Jacomy-Kitch

[EDIT](#)

114. [Bill Indursky](#)

Dec 16th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Richard, I took the Photo Workshop in Central Park this past Sunday and I want you to know that your instructor, Mr. Bill Blanchard was terrific! I enjoy his teaching approach, got past my fear of handling my camera, and learned how to get more terrific shots all with his encouragement and instructions. I certainly would take a follow-up class with Bill. "

-Pereta Rodriguez

[EDIT](#)

115. [Bill Indursky](#)

Dec 16th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Hi Bill,

Attending the class was a really good experience. I got a chance to explore photography from a new perspective. Thank you very much for guiding us and taking personal interest in our work."

-Manasa Gangula

[EDIT](#)

116. [Bill Indursky](#)

Dec 16th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Just wanted to thank you for a great class. I sent you a link to my Flickr album from selected photos from Sunday. Hope you like them. I learned quite a bit that day!"

-Jaye

[EDIT](#)

117. [Bill Indursky](#)

Dec 16th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Happy Father's Day! I'm not sure if you received my photos through Shutterfly yesterday. I'm planning to post a few on DPA's Facebook page after you review them and after I edit the ones I think are ok. Or should I post the unedited photos. Let me know. Thanks again for sharing those valuable tips during our session and giving me constructive feedback on my photos."

-Cathy Smith

[EDIT](#)

118. [Bill Indursky](#)

Dec 16th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"I went to Liberty State Park with Bill Blanchard. Lots of fun! Always cloudy every time I go!

Here's some photos - quick editing job. Will send another email with more."

-Lindsey Warne

[EDIT](#)

119. [Bill Indursky](#)

Dec 16th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Thank you for this class! It was amazing and I learned a lot! I just wanted to thank you for it and Bill is an awesome teacher!! "

-Natalie C.

[EDIT](#)

120. [Bill Indursky](#)

Dec 16th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Thanks for your time and effort at the class this past Saturday. Although a lot of what you had to say was, refresher, I did learn about "Leading Lines" from you. I have never heard the concept expressly stated, although it may have been and I just missed. Makes sense though. Your portrait example out there in the yard can be very helpful to me as I tend to the side of what I shoot is what I get in portraiture. Well, it's not so much portraiture as it is family snapshots. At any rate, thanks so much. I hope we cross paths again. I hope we all cross paths again.

So here are a few of the shots from Saturday. Please feel free to critique, all of you. I can only get better if I know what I did not accomplish with my images"

-Frank Sylvis.

[EDIT](#)

121. [Bill Indursky](#)
Dec 16th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"I really enjoyed today's class and am attaching some of my shots, some of which I have edited with the Aviary app for iPad. Although I was not able to practice most of the features you discussed, I really enjoyed learning about leading lines and framing and playing with the ISO and White balance!

I will definitely take more classes in the future and will likely purchase a better camera!! Do you have any suggestions for beginner models I should look into?"

- Valeria

[EDIT](#)

122. [Bill Indursky](#)
Dec 16th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Thank you for a very enjoyable and productive class. You helped us understand concepts that would had taken us months to figure out on our own and shared tips we might have never known. Your pictures are wonderful.

Hope to see you in another class in the near future."

- Agnes and Fredy Irizarry

[EDIT](#)

123. [Bill Indursky](#)
Dec 16th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"It was a great session with a lot of information that I know we'll be able to leverage in the future. I thought the hands-on advice and training you had provided while we were doing our shots was extremely valuable for me. Thank you for a wonderful session."

- Maria Rozario

[EDIT](#)

124. [Bill Indursky](#)

Dec 16th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Thanks again for the great class yesterday. Here are a few of my favorites from yesterday. One is the upward perspective shot of the tree. A second is one of the bike baskets, from the perspective of sitting in a seat. And the third was a final result of slow shutter speed on tail lights as we ended last night."

- Mona

[EDIT](#)

125. [Bill Indursky](#)

Dec 16th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Thank you Bill! I enjoyed the class and you covered what I need to know, and then some. Starting to practice. Once I get the basics down I will be ready to learn more."

-Mary

[EDIT](#)

126. [Bill Indursky](#)

Dec 16th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Thanks, Bill, for the quite enjoyable class. Sorry I had to run off at the very end - but I did enjoy the walk and trying to figure out how to view things in a different way.

I love the dramatic black and white treatment of the statue on your picture!

I am sending you over a few of my favorites. I'm still learning post production and want to learn how to manipulate lightroom a lot better than I do - that's more of a factor of time than anything else.

I look forward to attending your class in Hoboken next month."

- Mona

[EDIT](#)

127. [Bill Indursky](#)

Dec 16th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Thank you for a great class. It was really nice to meet you and to get some great tips and ideas from you. I definitely enjoyed the day.

Thanks again and hopefully I will see you at another class."

- Allison

[EDIT](#)

128. [Bill Indursky](#)

Dec 16th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Thank you Bill for a great afternoon in spite of the weather. It was very informative and a good day. I appreciate your help."

- Art

[EDIT](#)

129. [Bill Indursky](#)

Dec 16th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Hey Bill! Thanks for a great class on Saturday. It was great! I'm so glad that I still have 2 more groupouns left to use!"

- Jess

[EDIT](#)

130. [Bill Indursky](#)

Dec 16th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Class was good and Bill really knows his stuff."

- Vera

[EDIT](#)

131. [Bill Indursky](#)

Dec 16th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"This was my first time shooting manual... I learned few things... and it was fun... I understand better now why my husband takes 5min just to take 1 picture."

- Judite

[EDIT](#)

132. [Bill Indursky](#)

Dec 16th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"I wanted to let you know that my wife, Ariela, and I very much enjoyed your workshop this past Saturday. Thank you for an enjoyable, informative afternoon."

- Ned

[EDIT](#)

133. [Bill Indursky](#)

Dec 16th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Thank you very much, Bill; really appreciated your low-key, practical, and demystifying approach."

- Bob B.

[EDIT](#)

134. [Bill Indursky](#)

Dec 16th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Thanks again for a great class on Sunday. I enjoyed it and found it very helpful. I put a few of my pictures together so feel free to take a look. I surprised myself by even getting a reasonable 'blur' photo so I added a couple of these in."

- Graham

[EDIT](#)

135. [Bill Indursky](#)

Dec 16th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Thank you for leading the class on Saturday. I enjoyed it despite the frigid temps.

Thank you for forwarding your pictures and the commentary.

New things learned!"

- John Mintz

[EDIT](#)

136. [Bill Indursky](#)

Dec 16th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"I enjoyed the Composition class on Sunday 1/27 and found it very useful. Bill Blanchard was a very good instructor."

-Graham

[EDIT](#)

137. [gobinathm@gmail.com](#)

Dec 16th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"The training was a really good one, got to know more about the basics of photography."

- Gobinath

[EDIT](#)

138. [Bill Indursky](#)

Dec 16th 2014 [REPLY](#)

“Great day! I actually turned the camera to “M” and shot for several hours!”

- Julie

[EDIT](#)

139. [Bill Indursky](#)

Dec 16th 2014 [REPLY](#)

“The workshop was terrific. Bill, thanks for a great workshop. You did a great job!”

- Dennis McCarthy

[EDIT](#)

140. [Bill Indursky](#)

Dec 16th 2014 [REPLY](#)

“Thanks Bill. It was a great class and I look forward to taking composition in the field at a later date.”

- Sharon

[EDIT](#)

141. [Bill Indursky](#)

Dec 16th 2014 [REPLY](#)

“Thanks for a great workshop, Bill. We gleaned a lot of information and are more readily able to refer to our manuals and know what they are talking about!”

- Carey and Graham

[EDIT](#)

142. [Bill Indursky](#)

Dec 16th 2014 [REPLY](#)

“Thanks again. I really did enjoy the class and learned a great deal.”

- Michael Nader

[EDIT](#)

143. [Bill Indursky](#)

Dec 16th 2014 [REPLY](#)

“Thank you again for an amazing class. Thanks to you I picked up my hobby again. I've been taking pictures like every day and reading all kinds of books. Truly grateful.”

- Leticia Medina

[EDIT](#)

144. [Bill Indursky](#)

Dec 16th 2014 [REPLY](#)

“I enjoyed you workshop greatly, and appreciate all your tour and helpful tips. I have attached a number of photos that I took during the workshop. If you have any comments or suggestions please let me know.”

- Charles

[EDIT](#)

145. [Bill Indursky](#)

Dec 16th 2014 [REPLY](#)

“Thank you SO much for your time and expertise during our Photoshop class on Saturday! I really appreciated your fantastic suggestions, and I learned some incredible new tricks that will be very useful as I revise my curriculum.”

I'll be in touch!"

- Eliot

[EDIT](#)

146. **Bill Indursky**

Dec 16th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Thank you for a fantastic workshop in Princeton yesterday! I learned a lot and had a huge amount of fun. It was a good group of people and certainly a photogenic setting. The tips on leading lines were great, as were the tips on framing. I have started to go back over the pictures I took and was reminded that I got a couple of images that were, in effect, double-framed. I had a window behind a window, which wound up looking pretty cool.

I may post a couple to the DPA website.

I'm looking forward to taking more of these workshops and learning still more. Oh, and I already ordered a set of the close-up filters and can't wait to play with them. Good stuff.

Hope to see you at a future workshop!"

- Sean Blinn

[EDIT](#)

147. **Bill Indursky**

Dec 16th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Thanks so much for a educational and memorable experience. It's definitely one for the books. In the midst of all the excitement, I actually learned a lot about digital SLR photography as well so thank you for that. I posted a few of my photos on the Digital Photo Academy website (better late than never, right?), so feel free to take a look when you get a chance. Thanks again for a great class."

- Kim

[EDIT](#)

148. [Bill Indursky](#)

Dec 16th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"It was a nice class yesterday and we took lots of good pictures."

- Lin-Hung

[EDIT](#)

149. [Bill Indursky](#)

Dec 16th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"It was great meeting you this past Saturday, great class!"

- Peter Kostik

[EDIT](#)

150. [Bill Indursky](#)

Dec 16th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"It was a pleasure to take your class. Someday, I wish to be as knowledgeable as you. I'm looking forward to another class that would require out in the field shooting. I'll put my comments in the student thread and will absolutely check your website work out as well.

Thanks for a great class."

- Kristine M.

[EDIT](#)

151. [Cristina Coltro](#)

Dec 16th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Your class at Liberty Park yesterday was very enjoyable. I learned a lot from your explanation of main concepts regarding composition and camera setting. I was wondering if you could share some of the picture cards that you brought along and any other materials you may have that you think

could help improve my understanding. They hit the spot for me! Thanks again!"

- Cristina Coltro

[EDIT](#)

152. **Peter Turai**

Dec 16th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Bill, thank you so much for your guidance and a great day of shooting. I really appreciate your generosity in staying after the scheduled end time. I got some of my best shots after 5pm. I would welcome your critique and look forward to seeing you on Sunday in Hoboken."

- Peter Turai

[EDIT](#)

153. **Bill Indursky**

Dec 16th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Wanted to send a big thanks for your insights and help this Sunday. That was my first time taking any sort of photo class, so it was great to do it with a fun group, and learn some great and useful tips. Again, thanks. Looking forward to taking more classes."

- Anthony Galasso

[EDIT](#)

154. **Bill Indursky**

Dec 16th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Lauren and I both really enjoyed the time we spent with you. We learned some really good things and thought you were really enjoyable to be with. Thank you for an enjoyable and educational 3 hours. I will be in touch. Again, thanks for a really good time."

- Dave Rosenthal

[EDIT](#)

155. [Bill Indursky](#)

Dec 16th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"I really enjoyed the class this past Sunday in New Hope. I appreciated the reminders that photography requires practice at getting better.

I posted the pictures I felt were good on my picasa page. If you have the time I appreciate any feedback you have.

<https://picasaweb.google.com/kehoerm79/CompositionClass?authuser=0&authkey=Gv1sRgCMy4yeiDsqDjQg&feat=directlink>"

- Ryan Kehoe

[EDIT](#)

156. [Bill Indursky](#)

Dec 16th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Thanks a lot for the class. I really enjoyed it and nw I'm very inspired to read my manual. It was a great group and a really nice day."

- Lynn

[EDIT](#)

157. [Bill Indursky](#)

Dec 16th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Thank you for the class on Sunday. It was a fun class. I love the pictures you took."

- Maureen Butler

[EDIT](#)

158. **Bill Indursky**

Dec 16th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Thank you so much for teaching us today – I had a blast! I enjoy meeting photographers with Different points of view- you shared with me many good pointers. My husband thought that my pictures looked better! I can't wait to process them. Thanks"

– Zehra Travis

[EDIT](#)

159. **Bill Indursky**

Dec 16th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Hands down, I thought Andre was fantastic; a true blend of humor/entertainment, teaching and constructive feedback. I enjoyed every single minute of it!! I am still new to photography and have yet to learn all the ins and outs of my new camera but got soooo much out of this class. Would absolutely take another!!

I am enclosing a few of the photos I took during the class."

– Theresa Spitzer

[EDIT](#)

160. **Chuck Pegler**

Dec 16th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"I thought the classes Saturday were fantastic! Andre did a wonderful job. I (and I believe a few others in the class) would be interested in additional classes &/or fieldwork. Let me know if there's additional interest. And, as always, my office is available for the advanced class or if you'd like to run the first two classes again in the future."

-Chuck Pegler

[EDIT](#)

161. [Bill Indursky](#)

Dec 16th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Andre, Thanks for the great class! I picked up a number of things that had been bugging me. Your photos and discussion on them was easily worth the price of admission. Thanks again!"

-Michael Whitman

[EDIT](#)

162. [Gregory Laub](#)

Dec 16th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"I wanted to say THANK YOU for a GREAT class. I've been to Nikon's Nikon School Intro to Digital photography and a few other classes. Your class last night was WAY BETTER, and MUCH more interesting. THANKS AGAIN!"

-Gregory Laub

[EDIT](#)

163. [Bill Indursky](#)

Dec 16th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"I found my way over to DUMBO, Brooklyn last evening to take the Beginner course with Andre. It is, of course an eye-opener. Even the simplest point and shoot are incredibly complex, and it is so much better to sit down with someone who really knows photography as opposed to fighting ones way through the manual which simply notes each symbol, and a brief explanation as to what these mean but not in the real world. Thanks again for bringing this to my attention."

-Gerold Wunderlick

[EDIT](#)

164. [Laura La Gassa](#)

Dec 16th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"I thought the course was awesome. I've been to beginner digital photography workshops before and they never seem to get past how to turn the camera on and change the memory cards. This course ended up covering the major topics I was most curious about, and now I want to take the next course!"

-Laura La Gassa

[EDIT](#)

165. **David Mullin**

Dec 16th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Last month I participated in a one day photography workshop put on by Digital Photo Academy. There ended up being four of us who took the class. Our instructor, Alissa Everett, took us down to the San Francisco Ferry Building farmer's market. We spent about 3 1/2 hours just shooting away. Afterwards, we went back to our gathering place, downloaded our photos, selected the 10 best, then Alissa critiqued them and gave us pointers on improving our composition, etc. I highly recommend taking the class."

-David Mullin

[EDIT](#)

166. **Susan Parish**

Dec 16th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Thank you very much for a great class. It was extremely valuable for me...resonating throughout yesterday and this morning.

I have a question. In thinking about depth of field and the photos I have been taking (prior to the class) I realized that I was keeping more in many of the pictures because of composition and structure. I enjoy the push and pull of forces both negative and positive in the photo beyond subject matter, this coming from my painting/design background BUT, I try to not subjugate the subject to the structure because I don't want the coldness that comes from too much attention to structure. This is different than finding a point of attention focus as would be the case using depth of field. So, with individual portraits, verses group, I get in really tight so there is nothing but identity and

the environment is non existent. Any thoughts to introduce a beam sunlight?"

-Susan Parish

[EDIT](#)

167. **douglas peterson**

Dec 16th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"The class was great. I wouldn't change a thing. You have to give me the phone number and address of that shop that made the heavenly carrot cupcakes. The class is well worth it, and I will be taking more in the future, thanks for passing on the knowledge.

[And those terrific cupcakes are made on premises at Sunburst Cafe – 206 3rd Ave. (at 18th Street) – (212) 674-1702]"

- Douglas Peterson

[EDIT](#)

168. **Naomi Turcotte**

Dec 16th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Adam is very knowledgeable and answered all questions."

-Naomi Turcotte

[EDIT](#)

169. **Waleed Said**

Dec 16th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Thank you very much, I'm really looking forward to see you again and learn more from you and your great knowledge. Please let me know whenever you have time."

-Waleed Said

Comments to "Orlando"

1. **Greg Stanley**

Nov 21st 2023 [REPLY](#)

Micheal,

Thank you for the photos that were uploaded to Dropbox. I shared them with our Paratroopers and they absolutely loved them. In fact, they asked me to reach out and ask you if you would be sharing the rest of the collection from 11-11-2023. They want to see them all!

Your photos are fantastic and really captured the essence of our Organization and our Paratroopers!

We appreciate your support and we thank you for the wonderful photos,

Greg Stanley
Phantom Airborne Brigade

[EDIT](#)

2. **George Lee**

Nov 17th 2023 [REPLY](#)

Micheal,

I greatly appreciate the time you took to prepare information. I found it extremely helpful in focusing my efforts.

One final question if you don't mind. In my utilization, I place importance on having GPS for geotagging my photos (especially for destinations like antarctica, arctic circle, Galapagos Islands, etc.). I don't see that the D850 has this capability. Nevertheless, I have read that GPS can be added through accessory devices such as those made by Micnova or the Nikon GP-1. Do you have any thoughts on such adjunct devices?

Thank you again,
George

[EDIT](#)

3. **Anouska Moses**

Nov 7th 2023 [REPLY](#)

Hi John,

Thank you for the class today. It was really nice to meet you.



[EDIT](#)

4. **Shalena Thomas**

Oct 24th 2023 [REPLY](#)

I wanted to thank you for sharing your photos with us, Mike your pictures came out great! I hope you got to enjoy Gatorland as well. I also appreciate the cheat sheets you provided, which will be helpful as I continue to learn more about photography.

I enjoyed the live shooting portion of the class, as it allowed me to put into practice what I had learned about the camera and its controls. I found both classes to be very informative and valuable.

I have attached a few photos from during and after class. Please note that these are unedited photos. I didn't have a chance to take many photos after class, as we spent some time enjoying the park.

I look forward to staying in touch with you both as I continue on my photography journey.

Thanks again for your help!



EDIT

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- **Shalena Thomas**
Oct 24th 2023 [REPLY](#)

Other pic:



EDIT

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5. **Nicole Felton**
Feb 23rd 2023 [REPLY](#)

Thank you for connecting us with John! He was great to chat with and full of helpful information. We spoke about my trip to Iceland and I wanted to share my photo album with everyone.

EDIT

6. John Pigott

Aug 15th 2022 [REPLY](#)

John, thanks for all your teaching and help. I've just scratched the surface but already see the enjoyment in photography.

Richard, thanks for pairing me with John. He was the perfect instructor for me.



[EDIT](#)

7. Carol

Jul 27th 2022 [REPLY](#)

It was a good class and the content was clear and complete. For this experience I look forward to taking other classes from you. Thanks.

-Carol

[EDIT](#)

8. John Pigott

Jul 11th 2022 [REPLY](#)

I had a wonderful time meeting and discussing photography with John. Next time, we will spend most of the time in the field. Attached are a couple of photos by John that we found particularly engaging! These are white ibis, conveniently hanging out near the Sanford Riverwalk. Don't you love those blue eyes and knobby knees?



EDIT

9. **Greta Huizenga**

Jul 11th 2022 [REPLY](#)

Great teacher! Great info! I really benefitted from this private course!



EDIT

10. **Maritza**

Aug 4th 2021 [REPLY](#)

Hi Mr. John and Mr. Richard,

Thank you very much Mr. John for the beautiful photos that you have sent me and Mr. Richard for offering us the facility to make the payment and include my daughter at the last moment. Sorry I had not been able to answer before but I have had a family visit in my house these days and you know how crazy it is when you have a full house and you live in the fantasy state with Disney and Mickey as neighbors! LOL!!!

Today I was finally able to download the photos from the camera on my

computer and be able to send them to you. My family and I really liked being able to do the course on Saturday with you, we learned a lot and we had a great time and enjoyed. Thank you for all the information you provided printed to us. We will definitely give your references to other people who wish to take the course.

Have a bless afternoon guys!

[EDIT](#)

11. **Mike M**

Dec 18th 2019 [REPLY](#)

The instructors feedback was helpful and appreciated I had a good time at the event despite not having a huge group. I heard you never know, sometimes things in small packages do wonderful. Thank you for everything.

[EDIT](#)

12. **Julie Tayes**

Sep 23rd 2019 [REPLY](#)

I was in the composition class yesterday with John. I had a great time learning! John is very informative and helpful. It was all I expected it to be and worth the money.

Thank you,

Julie

[EDIT](#)

13. **Juli Powers**

Sep 23rd 2019 [REPLY](#)

Thank you ! Alex enjoyed both classes very much.

Hope we can do it again sometime.

[EDIT](#)

14. **Flavio Cruz**

Jul 23rd 2019 [REPLY](#)

Thanks for the class! I had an amazing time with you guys!

[EDIT](#)

o **Flavio Cruz**

Jul 23rd 2019 [REPLY](#)

Here is a photo.



[EDIT](#)

15. **leonardocarrion**

Jul 21st 2019 [REPLY](#)

Here are a couple images I took during our time.



[EDIT](#)

16. **leonardocarrion**

Jul 21st 2019 [REPLY](#)

I had a blast yesterday working with everyone. I especially appreciated John's insight related to camera gear and the way he composes his shots! Being out in the field shooting with like minded folks turned out to be a much more valuable exercise than I thought.

[EDIT](#)

17. **Levis Irizarry**

Jul 21st 2019 [REPLY](#)

Yes very good class, Thank u!! 😊



[EDIT](#)

18. **Kennedy G**

Jun 28th 2019 [REPLY](#)

I had a great time at DPA workshop. Our instructor John was very informative and knowledgeable. I've been shooting for a couple years now so I'm not new to photography but I wanted tips on how to better my craft. John was able to provide instructions on how to take my photography to the next level. So if your new to photography or self taught I highly recommend DPA!

[EDIT](#)

19. **Chris Larson**

Apr 30th 2019 [REPLY](#)

I meant to send you a note yesterday but the afternoon got away from me. Don and I had a very productive and enjoyable morning. His easy style was very helpful and I enjoyed getting to know him and his techniques. We took

some time to go over my concerns, talk about my equipment and talk about technical craft, and then we walked around the city and put some of those approaches to work. We've exchanged a few emails and he has shared many helpful papers and documents too. I really appreciate his insight and I hope we stay in touch! Thanks to Don and DPA!

Chris Larson

[EDIT](#)

20. Liz Fenix

Jan 25th 2019 [REPLY](#)

"Thank you again for the class today! Definitely walked away with tons of info and tools to use as I venture out on my own! Here's one of my shots of the moment captured of Sylvia with the little boy....Thank you"

Liz Fenix



[EDIT](#)

21. Robert

Jul 9th 2018 [REPLY](#)

"What an awesome experience! Had the camera, never knew how to use it. Our instructor, John, gave us an artistic viewpoint in composition which changed the way we look at the world. So inspired, we went out and bought new camera right after the class. Looking forward to capturing all of our new experiences with great focus. Thanks"

-Robert

[EDIT](#)

22. **Angela**

Jul 9th 2018 [REPLY](#)

"What a great way to learn my camera and get some great pictures of Orlando!!!"

-Angela

[EDIT](#)

23. **Erick Comellas**

May 7th 2018 [REPLY](#)

I'm totally impressed with the instructor Carsten and 100% satisfied with the services rendered. I definitely will be looking at future classes. Like I told Carsten.... I learned more in a matter of 3 hours than I did watching hours and hours of YouTube videos. I had a great time. Check out the dropbox below for some of my photos and quick presentation I did. (I was bored... lol)

Dropbox:

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/e2mkwx1shyxfp72/AACN67S484RnDwkQ9DvNghjOa?dl=0>

I liked the intimacy and small group settings. Made my questions and my attention a priority. Thanks!

Best,
Erick C.



[EDIT](#)

24. **Maureen Walstrum**

May 7th 2018 [REPLY](#)

I attended the Composition in the Field at Winter Park Farmer's Market with Carsten Basile.

Extraordinary day!! I just downloaded my photos. I can truly see a difference from the first photos I took in the morning, to the photos I took in the afternoon.

Carsten is extremely knowledgeable. He knows how to translate that knowledge into something that a bunch of newbies (like us) can understand and use.

It was such an enjoyable day. I made new friends. And I learned so much!



[EDIT](#)

25. **Patfenell**

Mar 14th 2018 [REPLY](#)

Donald,

I really enjoyed the class today. Thanks for getting me motivated to get out and take my camera with me.

I will keep in touch and hope for any of your insights on how I'm doing.

Pat

[EDIT](#)

26. Robert BallentineNov 21st 2017 [REPLY](#)

“Hi John,

I just wanted to say thank you for your time and sharing your wealth of knowledge today. With our new found passion, Barbie and I decided it’s time to buy new cameras (one each) so we can spend more time artistically investigating things we used to just look at.

Thanks for inspiring us and for showing us how to look at the world in a different way.”

-Robert

[EDIT](#)

27. Paula BarnettOct 5th 2017 [REPLY](#)

“Thank you for connecting me with just the right person, Richard! My class with John was all you led me to believe it would be. Plus more!!

Looking forward to the next adventure with DPA.

My best,”

-Paula

[EDIT](#)

28. Carrie JamesonAug 14th 2017 [REPLY](#)

“Thanks Don – great class with excellent instruction as usual! 😊 ”

-Carrie

[EDIT](#)

29. John Blackwood

Jul 13th 2017 [REPLY](#)

"Don

Thanks for the great class we had a great time and learned some things along the way. "

-John

[EDIT](#)

30. Solomon Longworth

Dec 12th 2016 [REPLY](#)

"Hello Richard, Hello John,

I had a great time! Such a great time that I bought another one of your packages for a friend of mine as a Christmas gift.

Her name is Haley, and she recently got into landscape photography. John, if you remember, she is the one I purchased the Canon 50mm 1.8 Prime Lens for.

I will let you guys know when she signs up for the class, in the mean time I placed some of the pictures I took that day with John.

Thanks again John, it was a great time!"

-Sol

[EDIT](#)

31. Tim Brown

Jul 1st 2016 [REPLY](#)

"Thanks, I really enjoyed it. It was nice having the one on one, and having the time to experiment with different settings. I'll have to check out the recommendations. Had a great time today with my photo composition class. Had a one-on-one with the instructor, John Cullum, and he was quite impressed with my camera, (Nikon P900) and its zoom lens. Got some really cool photos, including a bunch of really neat osprey pics. "

-Tim

[EDIT](#)

32. Otto

Feb 2nd 2016 [REPLY](#)

"Hi John, Last night was very helpful ,hope see you again. Thank you."

-Otto

[EDIT](#)

33. Adrian Thomas

Jan 27th 2016 [REPLY](#)

"I had an opportunity to shoot with one of the instructors that is attached to Digital Photo Academy and this is the result. I struggled with composition and framing but after this class I feel more confident. I really enjoyed the evening shooting with John Cullum. "

-Adrian Thomas

[EDIT](#)

34. Mirta Martinez

Nov 10th 2015 [REPLY](#)

"Over the weekend I took a class with Mr. Peters and this was by far one of the most amazing experiences I have ever had. He was very well prepared, professional, attentive to our questions, helpful and patient.

I would highly recommend this class with this professor to everyone I can!

Thank you"

-Mirta

[EDIT](#)

35. Kenee RamirezNov 10th 2015 [REPLY](#)

"I want to say thank you for putting on these classes for newbies like myself. I found that the session on Saturday was very conducive for learning. I enjoyed Don's informal and down to earth approach to sharing his knowledge with me and the other students. The venue provided a variety of subjects to photograph and many learning opportunities. I definitely learned many new techniques that I will for sure be able to apply as I continue to learn and grow as a photographer.

Don was awesome! I specifically enjoyed the shooting examples and the times when he would say "Shoot it, then focus with your feet, now shoot it again now get closer and shoot it again!", LOL, I will forever use this technique. I was immediately able to see a difference in my images on the spot. It was like a light bulb finally came on in my photographer mind.

I appreciate Don taking the time to view my photos and providing his feedback and suggestions to get better images in the future. I would definitely recommend these classes to any new photographer and would sincerely consider attending some of the sessions at other locations."

-Kenee Ramirez

[EDIT](#)

36. irisht53Feb 2nd 2015 [REPLY](#)

"Just providing feedback on the class I took on 1/31/15, instructed by Don Peters.

Don was very good at instruction, conveying how the settings on the Camera can be used get different results in our photos, and when we may want to use those settings. Also he provided great explanation and examples of different things to look for in a subject, to make the photo more interesting.

While taking photos, Don let us explore on our own, while periodically providing direction on potential subjects, and providing feedback on some photos we had taken. He was also very supportive and informative when questions were asked in the field.

All in all, I'd say that thanks to Don's instruction, I've started looking at the environment differently, when it comes to taking photos, and I feel more confident in the shots that I'm taking.

Lastly, the venue was great. I enjoyed the variety of scenery, from a downtown setting, to the variety of architecture in the buildings, to the lake and birds, and some nature shots as well.

I'd recommend this class to any new/novice/intermediate photographer, to get a better feel of how to get the pictures they want from their camera, and how to begin looking at things that would make an interesting photo."

-Trevor Lewellen

[EDIT](#)

37. [Bill Indursky](#)

Dec 18th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Thank you for your time and expertise yesterday. I learned quite a bit and am very excited to use my new skills!
Thanks again!"

- Chris Bilbao

[EDIT](#)

38. [Bill Indursky](#)

Dec 18th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Hey Richard! Im back home from meeting with Tim. You were right about him being a great person. It was an awesome experience and it really made up for the inconvenience. I will email you some of the pictures as soon as I transfer them to my laptop. Thank you and I am looking forward to the Composition in the field Workshop. Thank you both and I look forward to keep learning with your courses. "

-Johnny Suriel

[EDIT](#)

39. **Bill Indursky**

Dec 18th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"We met with Tim today as planned. He is spectacular! We had a great session"

- Meghan

[EDIT](#)

40. **Bill Indursky**

Dec 18th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"My name is Isaura Gomez. I was one of the students for the class given in Greynolds park this past weekend by instructor Tim Wheeler. The class was great and we learned new tricks to make a better composition. Definitely taking another class with him soon. Thank you so much for having this academy. My hobby is photography and this class is helping me to get better at what I like."

- Isaura Gomez

[EDIT](#)

41. **Bill Indursky**

Dec 18th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"I really enjoyed your class. You made me look at things a different way."

- Jamie "Stix" DeAquair

[EDIT](#)

42. **carole mitchell**

Dec 18th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Thank you for the photo class! I learned quite a few things from you Monday evening. Am looking forward to reading your book. Again, thank you."

– Carole Mitchell

[EDIT](#)

43. Andrew Li

Dec 18th 2014 [REPLY](#)

“I attended a photography workshop with Milton Heiberg up in Orlando, he was a very nice and technical. The workshop primarily focused on understanding how settings on your camera works, composition and Photoshop post-processing. We had a hour long photo-shoot and a critique at the end.

It was a lot of fun and very educational. I would highly recommend this particular course to anyone to just bought a DSLR, or if you’ve owned a SLR, and need a refresher. I am anticipating to attend the advanced class later on in the year.”

– Andrew Li

[EDIT](#)

44. Alice Shull

Dec 18th 2014 [REPLY](#)

“I really enjoyed last night. I learned some new things and it was also a good review. Hopefully I will join you again for another class. Thanks again.”

– Alice Shull

[EDIT](#)

45. Merle Harris

Dec 18th 2014 [REPLY](#)

“I wanted to let you know how much I enjoyed the classes. I learned a lot and I hope to put it into practice as I take my photos. Your vast knowledge and experience comes through in your instructions. I also appreciated your kindnesses, courtesies, and professionalism. Yours is a course I can, without

reservations, recommend to my friends. I will continue to use, explore, and learn from your website. You are truly a gifted photographer and instructor.”

– Merle Harris

[EDIT](#)

46. **Jeff Janssen**

Dec 17th 2014 [REPLY](#)

“Thanks for a great class on Saturday. I really enjoyed the class and was able to get a lot out of it. It really helped me in that it introduced me to couple of key topics and then I was able to go home and read more about it in my camera’s manual, as well as your site. I also enjoyed the overview of Photoshop and hope to someday take that class. I’m going to practice for a few months and hope that I will then be able to think about another class. ”

– Jeff Janssen

[EDIT](#)

47. **Mina Reale**

Dec 17th 2014 [REPLY](#)

“Thank you for a wonderful introduction to Photoshop. Your thorough yet non-intimidating approach was just right. I look forward to getting to know the program better.”

– Mina Reale

[EDIT](#)

48. **Gina Pelligra**

Dec 17th 2014 [REPLY](#)

Thank you SO much for a wonderful class and for taking the extra time to show me the ropes. I’ve learned so much from you and it was a fun class. You have been a great inspiration and I’m looking forward to your advanced class after becoming more comfortable with the camera and Photoshop. In the

meantime, I'll be "practicing, practicing, practicing". I welcome any recommendations, advice and constructive criticism you may have for us.

I will complete the questionnaire and participate in the assignment."

- Gina Pelligra

[EDIT](#)

49. Lois Fredricks

Dec 17th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"I first would like to thank you again for a great class. You bring so much knowledge, patience and enthusiasm to your classes. You make everyone feel very comfortable and eager to answer all our questions. I have attended two of your classed and both times I was amazed at your generosity of your time and knowledge. Keep me in mind if there are any other classes that you offer. Thank you again."

- Lois Fredricks

[EDIT](#)

50. Bill Indursky

Dec 17th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Dear Don, Just a quick thank you for today's wonderful class at St. James--my daughter Moira and I loved it, thank you so much. We'll be back to try to join you in your next class...need to check schedules and get our 'ducks in a row' — we will be steadfast with our manuals and basic 'fun practice' and hope to see you again soon. I do especially hope my son Matthew will join us one time too. You are an awesome teacher Don, it was an honor being with you! Enjoy the rest of your weekend...take care, Moira Felish and Mary Murray (Mom) Felish (and Matthew in absentia!) PS Please keep us posted too about shows where your work may be featured. I am trying to take the kids to photography shows and I think yours would be incredible."

-Michael Felish

[EDIT](#)

51. **Donna Armstrong**

Dec 17th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Thanks again for a great class yesterday.. We could not have had a better day for weather, the class size was perfect for learning as a group, the dynamics of the group worked well together, everyone interacted with everyone else. We don't always get that.. And needless to say the instructor was very informative but more than that you were there for us and we felt that.. You stayed very engaged with us, watching us and making sure we were understanding.. Your enthusiasm for photography and people shows through!!!"

- Donna Armstrong

[EDIT](#)

52. **ashokit@yahoo.com**

Dec 17th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"I have learned so much from you and I thank you for being a remarkable instructor. I will be finally moving out of Green mode (auto mode) on my DSLR and start exploring other interesting features. You made the class interesting and fun and instilled me with the desire to continue learning.

I appreciate you letting me know what I am doing wrong along with giving me ways I can correct my mistakes. It is comforting to know that whenever I have a question you answer right away.

Once again, thank you so much for your time, expertise and patience."

- Ashok

[EDIT](#)

53. **Bill Indursky**

Dec 17th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"I just wanted to tell you how much my husband and I enjoyed the photography class at the Lincoln Park Zoo (8/3/13), taught by Don Peters. My

husband is an avid amateur photographer with years of experience and lots of camera equipment, and I'm a novice with no skills at all, comfortable with just a point-and-shoot. I purchased our tickets through Groupon for my husband's birthday, thinking that he would love a "composition in the field" photography class. I didn't realize until after the class was over that he actually was dreading the class beforehand, because he expected it would be too structured and simplified. I was somewhat apprehensive for the opposite reason — I feared it would be too advanced and intimidating for a novice like me. Both of us ended up being pleasantly surprised.

Don Peters is an excellent teacher who adjusts his teaching to fit the skill levels and needs of his students. He presented basic information at the beginning of the class that was clear enough for me to understand, and yet helpful even for an experienced photographer like my husband. Then he led our group around the zoo to practice the skills he taught us. He was always available to answer questions and assist us, but there was no pressure to do things a certain way. He encouraged us to experiment. We both came away feeling like we learned a lot; I was not intimidated, and my husband was not bored. 😊 Don even followed up with handouts of helpful tips for things he noticed people in our group seemed to be interested in, like photographing flowers, or how to adjust the shutter speed to "freeze" the water flowing from a fountain.

We came away from the class feeling like it was definitely worth it. Don Peters is good at explaining concepts and helping his students to feel comfortable. I would take a class from him again, and I would recommend him to others."

- Linda L.

EDIT

54. **Bill Indursky**

Dec 17th 2014 **REPLY**

"I just wanted to let you know that I attended the Church Street/Lake Eola (Orlando) Composition in the Field class on March 23rd with Don Peters. He did a fantastic job and I thoroughly enjoyed it. He catered the class to the student's needs and desires and I appreciate that as I am very new at it.

Don is a great asset to your company. I hope you offer more classes with him.”

– Tricia

[EDIT](#)

55. [Bill Indursky](#)

Dec 17th 2014 [REPLY](#)

“I attended the Composition class Saturday in Chicago. It was a WONDERFUL experience!!! I learned from the moment I arrived! I learned about the settings on my camera that I had no idea about. I learned to take some great and fun shots that I need to practice now. I appreciated the instructor Don Peters, who taught camera settings, suggestions for different angles to photograph, as well as types of photography (like moving cars, etc.).

It was a great way to spend the day!

I think I'd like to practice what I learned at this class and then take the same class again in several months to further deepen my knowledge about both my camera and about photo composition.

Thanks for making the class so enjoyable!”

– Ruth Lamour

Comments to “Philadelphia”

1. **Hannah Boothman**

Dec 17th 2023 [REPLY](#)

Hi Carl, thank you so much for my very informative lesson yesterday! I am so pleased with how much I learned. I knew nothing about the camera or the controls before the lesson, and already feel like I have a much better understanding. I am so excited to get practicing and will definitely be looking to take the lightroom class in 2024, hopefully in January time.



[EDIT](#)

2. **Lan**

Nov 19th 2023 [REPLY](#)

Hi Carl,

Thank you for your time teaching me today. It was a pleasure to work with you. You explained things very well. It was very helpful to have an instructor to answer questions on the spot.

I will apply the knowledge I learned today in my side gig. I'm still in the process of setting up my studio. I will definitely reach out to you when I'm ready for the next lesson.

Thank you Richard for coordinating everything. I appreciate the clear communication from you.

Best,
Lan

[EDIT](#)

3. **Monica**

Jul 24th 2023 [REPLY](#)

Carl's instruction was wonderful ! I would like to sign up for the "lightRoom" software class. Can you email or text me the link to purchase /register please ? Ty

[EDIT](#)

4. **Barb Gulick**

May 31st 2023 [REPLY](#)

I truly had a wonderful time. Carl was excellent.



[EDIT](#)

5. **Phil Warmflash**

May 31st 2023 [REPLY](#)

Thank you for a very fun and informative day. I can't wait to see the pictures I took on a larger screen.

[EDIT](#)

6. **Charles Davidson**

Dec 8th 2022 [REPLY](#)

Thank you EVERYBODY for responding to my inquiry re best tripods.

I will be taking your recommendations with me when I get my refund check next year, which is my usual time to buy gear.

What a great bunch of people you all are!

Charles Davidson

[EDIT](#)

7. **James Buehlerto**

Jul 27th 2022 [REPLY](#)

Carl. Thank you very much for the notes and these excellent examples. I look forward to your class on digital photo editing.

[EDIT](#)

8. **Ralph Hirschorn**

Jul 27th 2022 [REPLY](#)

Many thanks for last night. I learned exactly what I needed to learn. Sorry we had to rush off without a legitimate goodbye. Our guests for dinner had shown up. You know your stuff.

[EDIT](#)

9. **How to Get Into Photography | Photography For Beginners. - Shoot Philadelphia**

Jul 10th 2020 [REPLY](#)

[...] Philadelphia, the Digital Photo Academy offers affordable classes (live and Online) on topics such as composition and camera control. Some [...]

[EDIT](#)

10. **Shelley Rosenberg**

Sep 23rd 2019 [REPLY](#)

Hi Richard,

I just want to let you know that yesterday's class with Carl and Mimi was perfect; just what I wanted. They are both excellent teachers, as well as talented photographers. They were so patient, willing to repeat information as much as I needed, but also able to challenge me to try new things. I'm

excited to sign up for additional courses and thrilled that you've brought DPA to Philly. Thanks,

[EDIT](#)

11. **Robert Muzikar**

Aug 19th 2019 [REPLY](#)

Had fun with Armond.

He is a gentleman and showed a lot of patience with the beginners.

[EDIT](#)

12. **Richelle Gist**

Jul 1st 2019 [REPLY](#)

Thank you so much for a fabulous experience over the weekend! I learned so much and am excited to continue practicing. Brian purchased the Sony a6000 for me like we talked about, so I know it will be a bit easier to maneuver. Thanks again for everything!

[EDIT](#)

13. **John DeWilde**

Jun 26th 2018 [REPLY](#)

"The workshop was great. Armond was excellent. He was able to explain some of the concepts I was having trouble with, and it made the workshop much better. I'll be attending others as soon as I can."

-John DeWilde



EDIT

14. Ulla Vinkman

Feb 7th 2017 [REPLY](#)

"Hi Bill,

It was great to meet you and thank you for the great class!! You are a great teacher.

Thank you again,"

-Ulla

EDIT

15. Gina Fiorilli

May 18th 2016 [REPLY](#)

"Hi Hinda,

I just wanted to thank you for the time your spent with Juliana on Saturday. She really enjoyed the class and learned a lot. I will look into some additional classes for her. Can she request you?

Thanks,"

-Gina

EDIT

16. Charles Burok

Jun 9th 2015 [REPLY](#)

"I'm an old person who still loves film photography, but my daughter and her husband started to push me to do digital photography in the last few years. Last year they set me up for a session at Liberty State Park, which I enjoyed very much. So this year they followed up with another session at Seaside Heights. I took that class yesterday and enjoyed it also, and in particular I would like to comment on the great job your instructor did. Bill Blanchard was the instructor and was as patient as a saint in heading his students in the

proper direction to take good pictures. I could make this a long letter about his patience and sincere caring about our getting something from the class, but I will just say thanks to his attitude I will be following up on additional instruction from your organization. ”

-Charles Burok

[EDIT](#)

17. **Michelle Evans**

Dec 19th 2014 [REPLY](#)

“Thanks again for the terrific class, Rick. I am thrilled with how much I learned and and was playing all day yesterday with my camera, trying new things and not using auto!! Yippee!! It was great meeting you.. thanks so so much”

- Michelle Evans

[EDIT](#)

18. **Gregory Finch**

Dec 19th 2014 [REPLY](#)

“I really enjoyed the class, it was the first time I’ve ever had any formal instruction in photography. I was a little apprehensive about the class because of this but you made it very comfortable. Thanks for the great experience.”

- Gregory Finch

[EDIT](#)

19. **Bert Wolfe**

Dec 19th 2014 [REPLY](#)

“I enjoyed Saturday’s workshop very much. I learned a great deal about my camera and the art and craft of taking great photos. I feel more comfortable with my camera and look forward to putting what I learned to use. Thank you for sharing your time, expertise, and artistry with us.”

– Bert Wolfe

[EDIT](#)

20. **Donald Quinn**

Dec 19th 2014 [REPLY](#)

“Thanks again for everything in the class. I had a great time and learned a lot. It was a great refresher for some issues also. I cant wait to take the advanced class. I have included two shots from the class. Hope they help. Im sure Ill be seeing you again in the future.”

– Donald Quinn

[EDIT](#)

21. **Sally BARRON**

Dec 19th 2014 [REPLY](#)

“The workshop was wonderful. I really learned allot and was able to validate, with your help, that the photos, I already have been taking, are what you are looking for. But you pushed me further. You are a great teacher...I really enjoyed the interaction with the other participants.”

– Sally Barron

[EDIT](#)

22. **Bill Indursky**

Dec 18th 2014 [REPLY](#)

“I was so nervous about taking the course and making the best of what would be taught . When I met Phil, the instructor , he was so nice and calmed me down so I could concentrate and actually learn what he was teaching ! Phil taught at my level and speed . He knows everything about photography and only shared what I was ready to learn , giving extra tips here and there . I am going to be practicing what he taught and when I’m ready , I will return for the next class taught by Phil .

Thank you Richard, for seeing me through to this point . You have been a great help . And you have a great school . Even though Lambertsville was a trip, it's a quant town to visit and a great excuse to get out of town !"

Thanx so much ,
-Elena Ranieri ☺

[EDIT](#)

23. [Bill Indursky](#)

Dec 18th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"I really enjoyed the class this past Sunday with Phil Kramer. I learned so much about my camera."

- T. Drummond

[EDIT](#)

24. [Bill Indursky](#)

Dec 18th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Thanks Linda! It was a pleasure working with you as well.

I am looking to engage and further my passion about photography, by assisting with wedding photography especially. Let me know if you hear of anyone offering such opportunities."

- Praj

[EDIT](#)

25. [Bill Indursky](#)

Dec 18th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Just wanted to say Thank u again for the informative day. It was interesting to share thoughts with you and the group that was gathered. I do hope as I go on to my second career That the facts that where learned last Sunday will be put to good use. Hope that I can met with you again in the future."

– Pat Guzewicz

[EDIT](#)

26. [Bill Indursky](#)

Dec 18th 2014 [REPLY](#)

“It was a great day and Jack was a pleasure to work with. I learned the basics of my camera that I was looking for and the framing your photo portion of the class was enlightening... I find myself looking at the world differently since that class.

Thank you for asking!!!”

-Melody Evans

[EDIT](#)

27. [Bill Indursky](#)

Dec 18th 2014 [REPLY](#)

“I really love the school and to have exposure to local well-known established photographers who are supportive to their craft and students — no matter what experience level — is a wonderful opportunity!

I just wish I had more time to take all these classes.”

– Kellie

[EDIT](#)

28. [Bill Indursky](#)

Dec 18th 2014 [REPLY](#)

“Thank you so much for the class. I really appreciated it and it was really great meeting everyone. I threw a few of my favorites into a Flickr stream if anyone is interested. Thanks again. I hope everyone had a great time.”

– Dave Bock

[EDIT](#)

29. **Bill Indursky**

Dec 18th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"We had a great time at your Digital Photo Academy class in Philadelphia on Saturday and wanted to let you know that the pace, style of instruction and the location was perfect for us. We enjoyed the beginning discussion of composition and the references to different perspectives while we walked the streets and the Ben Franklin bridge. Thoroughly enjoyed the end of the class in the coffee shop showing you our photos.

This was Colin's first time talking a photo class and he really enjoyed it.

Thanks again,"

- Glen & Colin

[EDIT](#)

30. **Bill Indursky**

Dec 18th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Thanks for sharing beautiful pictures, I loved the one with the arch, gorgeous picture. I started to practice what we learned in class and even i have a lot ahead I was very please with the class, it was a pleasure meeting you and being part of your class. Hope to join any upcoming classes soon!"

-Brenda Jacomy-Kitch

[EDIT](#)

31. **Bill Indursky**

Dec 18th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Richard, I took the Photo Workshop in Central Park this past Sunday and I want you to know that your instructor, Mr. Bill Blanchard was terrific! I enjoy his teaching approach, got past my fear of handling my camera, and learned how to get more terrific shots all with his encouragement and instructions. I certainly would take a follow-up class with Bill. "

-Pereta Rodriguez

[EDIT](#)

32. [Bill Indursky](#)

Dec 18th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Hi Bill,

Attending the class was a really good experience. I got a chance to explore photography from a new perspective. Thank you very much for guiding us and taking personal interest in our work."

-Manasa Gangula

[EDIT](#)

33. [Bill Indursky](#)

Dec 18th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Just wanted to thank you for a great class. I sent you a link to my Flickr album from selected photos from Sunday. Hope you like them. I learned quite a bit that day!"

-Jaye

[EDIT](#)

34. [Bill Indursky](#)

Dec 18th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Happy Father's Day! I'm not sure if you received my photos through Shutterfly yesterday. I'm planning to post a few on DPA's Facebook page after you review them and after I edit the ones I think are ok. Or should I post the unedited photos. Let me know. Thanks again for sharing those valuable tips during our session and giving me constructive feedback on my photos."

-Cathy Smith

[EDIT](#)

35. **Bill Indursky**

Dec 18th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"I went to Liberty State Park with Bill Blanchard. Lots of fun! Always cloudy every time I go!

Here's some photos – quick editing job. Will send another email with more."

-Lindsey Warne

[EDIT](#)

36. **Bill Indursky**

Dec 18th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Thank you for this class! It was amazing and I learned a lot! I just wanted to thank you for it and Bill is an awesome teacher!! "

-Natalie C.

[EDIT](#)

37. **Bill Indursky**

Dec 18th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Thanks for your time and effort at the class this past Saturday. Although a lot of what you had to say was, refresher, I did learn about "Leading Lines" from you. I have never heard the concept expressly stated, although it may have been and I just missed. Makes sense though. Your portrait example out there in the yard can be very helpful to me as I tend to the side of what I shoot is what I get in portraiture. Well, it's not so much portraiture as it is family snapshots. At any rate, thanks so much. I hope we cross paths again. I hope we all cross paths again.

So here are a few of the shots from Saturday. Please feel free to critique, all of you. I can only get better if I know what I did not accomplish with my images"

-Frank Sylvis.

[EDIT](#)

38. [Bill Indursky](#)

Dec 18th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"I really enjoyed today's class and am attaching some of my shots, some of which I have edited with the Aviary app for iPad. Although I was not able to practice most of the features you discussed, I really enjoyed learning about leading lines and framing and playing with the ISO and White balance!

I will definitely take more classes in the future and will likely purchase a better camera!! Do you have any suggestions for beginner models I should look into?"

- Valeria

[EDIT](#)

39. [Bill Indursky](#)

Dec 18th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Thank you for a very enjoyable and productive class. You helped us understand concepts that would had taken us months to figure out on our own and shared tips we might have never known. Your pictures are wonderful.

Hope to see you in another class in the near future."

- Agnes and Fredy Irizarry

[EDIT](#)

40. [Bill Indursky](#)

Dec 18th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"It was a great session with a lot of information that I know we'll be able to leverage in the future. I thought the hands-on advice and training you had provided while we were doing our shots was extremely valuable for me. Thank you for a wonderful session."

– Maria Rozario

[EDIT](#)

41. [Bill Indursky](#)

Dec 18th 2014 [REPLY](#)

“Thanks again for the great class yesterday. Here are a few of my favorites from yesterday. One is the upward perspective shot of the tree. A second is one of the bike baskets, from the perspective of sitting in a seat. And the third was a final result of slow shutter speed on tail lights as we ended last night.”

– Mona

[EDIT](#)

42. [Bill Indursky](#)

Dec 18th 2014 [REPLY](#)

“Thank you Bill! I enjoyed the class and you covered what I need to know, and then some. Starting to practice. Once I get the basics down I will be ready to learn more.”

-Mary

[EDIT](#)

43. [Bill Indursky](#)

Dec 18th 2014 [REPLY](#)

“Thanks, Bill, for the quite enjoyable class. Sorry I had to run off at the very end – but I did enjoy the walk and trying to figure out how to view things in a different way.

I love the dramatic black and white treatment of the statue on your picture!

I am sending you over a few of my favorites. I’m still learning post production and want to learn how to manipulate lightroom a lot better than I do – that’s more of a factor of time than anything else.

I look forward to attending your class in Hoboken next month.”

– Mona

[EDIT](#)

44. **Bill Indursky**

Dec 18th 2014 [REPLY](#)

“Thank you for a great class. It was really nice to meet you and to get some great tips and ideas from you. I definitely enjoyed the day.

Thanks again and hopefully I will see you at another class.”

– Allison

[EDIT](#)

45. **Bill Indursky**

Dec 18th 2014 [REPLY](#)

“Thank you Bill for a great afternoon in spite of the weather. It was very informative and a good day. I appreciate your help.”

– Art

[EDIT](#)

46. **Bill Indursky**

Dec 18th 2014 [REPLY](#)

“Hey Bill! Thanks for a great class on Saturday. It was great! I’m so glad that I still have 2 more groupons left to use!”

– Jess

[EDIT](#)

47. **Bill Indursky**

Dec 18th 2014 [REPLY](#)

“Class was good and Bill really knows his stuff.”

– Vera

[EDIT](#)

48. **Bill Indursky**

Dec 18th 2014 [REPLY](#)

“This was my first time shooting manual... I learned few things... and it was fun... I understand better now why my husband takes 5min just to take 1 picture.”

– Judite

[EDIT](#)

49. **Bill Indursky**

Dec 18th 2014 [REPLY](#)

“I wanted to let you know that my wife, Ariela, and I very much enjoyed your workshop this past Saturday. Thank you for an enjoyable, informative afternoon.”

– Ned

[EDIT](#)

50. **Bill Indursky**

Dec 18th 2014 [REPLY](#)

“Thank you very much, Bill; really appreciated your low-key, practical, and demystifying approach.”

– Bob B.

[EDIT](#)

51. **Bill Indursky**

Dec 18th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Thanks again for a great class on Sunday. I enjoyed it and found it very helpful. I put a few of my pictures together so feel free to take a look. I surprised myself by even getting a reasonable 'blur' photo so I added a couple of these in."

- Graham

[EDIT](#)

52. **Bill Indursky**

Dec 18th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Thank you for leading the class on Saturday. I enjoyed it despite the frigid temps.

Thank you for forwarding your pictures and the commentary.

New things learned!"

- John Mintz

[EDIT](#)

53. **Bill Indursky**

Dec 18th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"I enjoyed the Composition class on Sunday 1/27 and found it very useful. Bill Blanchard was a very good instructor."

-Graham

[EDIT](#)

54. **gobinathm@gmail.com**

Dec 18th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"The training was a really good one, got to know more about the basics of photography."

- Gobinath

[EDIT](#)

55. [Bill Indursky](#)

Dec 18th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Great day! I actually turned the camera to "M" and shot for several hours!"

- Julie

[EDIT](#)

56. [Bill Indursky](#)

Dec 18th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"The workshop was terrific. Bill, thanks for a great workshop. You did a great job!"

- Dennis McCarthy

[EDIT](#)

57. [Bill Indursky](#)

Dec 18th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Thanks Bill. It was a great class and I look forward to taking composition in the field at a later date."

- Sharon

[EDIT](#)

58. [Bill Indursky](#)

Dec 18th 2014 [REPLY](#)

“Thanks for a great workshop, Bill. We gleaned a lot of information and are more readily able to refer to our manuals and know what they are talking about!”

– Carey and Graham

[EDIT](#)

59. [Bill Indursky](#)

Dec 18th 2014 [REPLY](#)

“Thanks again. I really did enjoy the class and learned a great deal.”

– Michael Nader

[EDIT](#)

60. [Bill Indursky](#)

Dec 18th 2014 [REPLY](#)

“Thank you again for an amazing class. Thanks to you I picked up my hobby again. I’ve been taking pictures like every day and reading all kinds of books. Truly grateful.”

– Leticia Medina

[EDIT](#)

61. [Bill Indursky](#)

Dec 18th 2014 [REPLY](#)

“I enjoyed you workshop greatly, and appreciate all your tour and helpful tips. I have attached a number of photos that I took during the workshop. If you have any comments or suggestions please let me know.”

– Charles

[EDIT](#)

62. **Bill Indursky**

Dec 18th 2014 [REPLY](#)

“Thank you SO much for your time and expertise during our Photoshop class on Saturday! I really appreciated your fantastic suggestions, and I learned some incredible new tricks that will be very useful as I revise my curriculum.

’ll be in touch!”

– Eliot

[EDIT](#)

63. **Bill Indursky**

Dec 18th 2014 [REPLY](#)

“Thank you for a fantastic workshop in Princeton yesterday! I learned a lot and had a huge amount of fun. It was a good group of people and certainly a photogenic setting. The tips on leading lines were great, as were the tips on framing. I have started to go back over the pictures I took and was reminded that I got a couple of images that were, in effect, double-framed. I had a window behind a window, which wound up looking pretty cool.

I may post a couple to the DPA website.

’m looking forward to taking more of these workshops and learning still more. Oh, and I already ordered a set of the close-up filters and can’t wait to play with them. Good stuff.

Hope to see you at a future workshop!”

– Sean Blinn

[EDIT](#)

64. **Bill Indursky**

Dec 18th 2014 [REPLY](#)

“Thanks so much for a educational and memorable experience. It’s definitely one for the books. In the midst of all the excitement, I actually learned a lot about digital SLR photography as well so thank you for that. I posted a few of

my photos on the Digital Photo Academy website (better late than never, right?), so feel free to take a look when you get a chance. Thanks again for a great class."

- Kim

[EDIT](#)

65. [Bill Indursky](#)

Dec 18th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"It was a nice class yesterday and we took lots of good pictures."

- Lin-Hung

[EDIT](#)

66. [Bill Indursky](#)

Dec 18th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"It was great meeting you this past Saturday, great class!"

- Peter Kostik

[EDIT](#)

67. [Bill Indursky](#)

Dec 18th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"It was a pleasure to take your class. Someday, I wish to be as knowledgeable as you. I'm looking forward to another class that would require out in the field shooting. I'll put my comments in the student thread and will absolutely check your website work out as well.

Thanks for a great class."

- Kristine M.

[EDIT](#)

68. **Cristina Coltro**

Dec 18th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Your class at Liberty Park yesterday was very enjoyable. I learned a lot from your explanation of main concepts regarding composition and camera setting. I was wondering if you could share some of the picture cards that you brought along and any other materials you may have that you think could help improve my understanding. They hit the spot for me! Thanks again!"

- Cristina Coltro

[EDIT](#)

69. **Peter Turai**

Dec 18th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Bill, thank you so much for your guidance and a great day of shooting. I really appreciate your generosity in staying after the scheduled end time. I got some of my best shots after 5pm. I would welcome your critique and look forward to seeing you on Sunday in Hoboken."

- Peter Turai

[EDIT](#)

70. **Bill Indursky**

Dec 18th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Wanted to send a big thanks for your insights and help this Sunday. That was my first time taking any sort of photo class, so it was great to do it with a fun group, and learn some great and useful tips. Again, thanks. Looking forward to taking more classes."

- Anthony Galasso

[EDIT](#)

71. **Bill Indursky**

Dec 18th 2014 [REPLY](#)

“Lauren and I both really enjoyed the time we spent with you. We learned some really good things and thought you were really enjoyable to be with. Thank you for an enjoyable and educational 3 hours. I will be in touch. Again, thanks for a really good time.”

– Dave Rosenthal

[EDIT](#)

72. **Bill Indursky**

Dec 18th 2014 [REPLY](#)

“I really enjoyed the class this past Sunday in New Hope. I appreciated the reminders that photography requires practice at getting better.

I posted the pictures I felt were good on my picasa page. If you have the time I appreciate any feedback you have.

<https://picasaweb.google.com/kehoerm79/CompositionClass?authuser=0&authkey=Gv1sRgCMY4yeiDsQDjQg&feat=directlink>”

– Ryan Kehoe

[EDIT](#)

73. **Bill Indursky**

Dec 18th 2014 [REPLY](#)

“Thanks a lot for the class. I really enjoyed it and nw I’m very inspired to read my manual. It was a great group and a really nice day.”

– Lynn

[EDIT](#)

74. **Bill Indursky**

Dec 18th 2014 [REPLY](#)

“Thank you for the class on Sunday. It was a fun class. I love the pictures you took.”

- Maureen Butler

[EDIT](#)

75. **Bill Indursky**

Dec 18th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Thank you so much for teaching us today - I had a blast! I enjoy meeting photographers with Different points of view- you shared with me many good pointers. My husband thought that my pictures looked better! I can't wait to process them. Thanks"

- Zehra Travis

[EDIT](#)

76. **Gregory Clarke**

Dec 18th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Sunday past was Father's Day and what better way to start it than with a DPA class!! I attended the Photo Session in Philadelphia's Rittenhouse Square with Armond Scarvo. Being taught by Armond was a real treat as he's a highly accomplished photographer and a fantastic instructor. His knowledge of Philadelphia and the Rittenhouse Square was only surpassed by his knowledge of photography. Simply amazing!! I really liked Armond's instruction style as he first made sure students were comfortable with the basics of their camera, and then following a brief discussion on composition, he turned everyone loose. I think a few students were uncomfortable with going out so quickly but that was the beauty of it. The process really challenged students to shoot things in a way that resonates with them, not the way their instructor or someone else does; and actually after 30 minutes everyone was clicking away. Throughout the day Armond gave students pointers on everything from lenses to HDR to framing techniques. I particularly appreciated his ability to address and challenge students at their respective level. One of the takeaways that he gave me was to move my eye around the edge of the viewfinder, to make sure that the composition only includes subject matter that aids in the story being conveyed. I've heard this before but Armond really brought it to light for me and I've been doing it consistently since. I also enjoyed this group of students. Although we were at

various levels, there was a nice bonding that took place and I would suspect that some of us will get together again to shoot other parts of the city. At least I hope so... hint, hint guys!! Oh, Armond mentioned trying to get a DPA session for another part of the Philly area. If he succeeds, sign me up!! Thanks Armond!! "

-Gregory Clarke

[EDIT](#)

77. [Bill Indursky](#)

Dec 18th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"I really enjoyed your class – thanks for all your feedback. I've edited and compiled my favorites, incorporating some of your suggestions. I couldn't decide between these 12, so I hope you don't mind a couple extra. I've noticed you see things that I can't quite put my finger on, so just choose your favorite 5-10 to comment on. I look forward to your feedback and suggestions! I put them up on a Flickr set, but let me know if you have trouble or would like the files. "

-Randy

[EDIT](#)

78. [Bill Indursky](#)

Dec 18th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Thanks for hooking me up! I really enjoyed the class, and learned new things. Plus, several hours in, I remembered that years ago I had seen and admired Armond's work!"

- Elaine Axelrod

[EDIT](#)

79. [Bill Indursky](#)

Dec 18th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"I really enjoyed your class yesterday. I learned a lot about my camera and how to capture different scenes using the sunlight.

I look forward to taking anotherf class with you in the future. I have attached my 3 pictures to this email."

- Bill Taylor

[EDIT](#)

80. **Bill Indursky**

Dec 18th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"I really enjoyed your class - thanks for all your feedback. I saw you run a few more classes on your site - hopefully I can join you again sometime."

- Randy

[EDIT](#)

81. **Bill Indursky**

Dec 18th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Thank you very much. I had a good time, and learned so much from you today. I feel more comfortable with my camera, and know that I still have more to learn."

- Randy Weikel

[EDIT](#)

82. **Bill Indursky**

Dec 18th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"I attended a class at Rittenhouse Square, Philadelphia today with Armond Scavo.

It was a great experience; he mainly dealt with HDR techniques using bracketing shots, but he occasionally taught other aspects as well if we had questions or he thought there were things that could improve our shots. I

edited all my photos from today and I must say I'm very satisfied. Thank you and Armond again for this great experience, and I hope to attend other classes of DPA again in the future."

-Solbi Choi

Comments to “Phoenix”

1. Royce

May 30th 2023 [REPLY](#)

Thank You Christine for a wonderful lesson! It turned out to be just what I needed in a dedicated person to field my questions and come back with useful advice. I have new found enthusiasm for photography especially now that I can actually see what I’m doing. Photography (like billiards) became more difficult for me when I had to start wearing glasses and I had really been struggling with seeing the LED screen while out in the sun. I’m much more comfortable making the important basic manual adjustments (I once knew but forgot) on a cam that has so many things going on.

I’ve downloaded the images but haven’t had much time to pick the winners. I’ll be sure and post something after a more thorough review.

Thanks for your help!

[EDIT](#)

2. Michelle Park

Nov 17th 2022 [REPLY](#)

My friend Suzanne and I had the BEST time on Sunday with Christine! We learned so much and she was really fun. I actually am going to have some of the photos I took made into canvases to give to a Ukrainian refugee family we are helping to move into their first apartment this weekend! I think she will enjoy having a little bit of the desert on her walls.

[EDIT](#)

3. Ted Swanson

Feb 13th 2019 [REPLY](#)

“Thanks, Richard. Everything went great and Christine picked a perfect spot for our class. Lots of color and light with great action. Thanks, Christine. ”

-Ted Swanson

[EDIT](#)

4. **Jim Paire**

Dec 13th 2018 [REPLY](#)

"I really like Christine's photography instruction and also SHE is a life saver."

-Jim Paire

[EDIT](#)

5. **Chris**

Jan 27th 2016 [REPLY](#)

"It was great. Makes me want to get a new camera. I learned a lot. Chrstine was great. Maybe the Botanical Gardens next! Thank you so much for your kindness through this whole thing. "

-Chris

[EDIT](#)

6. **Geneva**

Nov 10th 2015 [REPLY](#)

Hello, where is the workshop on the 14th going to be help in Phoenix?

Comments to “San Diego”

1. John Hamilton

Jan 30th 2024 [REPLY](#)

I really enjoyed the workshop. Since my previous photography teacher retired in August of 2023, I've been looking for a photography workshop or class that is interesting, challenging and fun, and this workshop met my expectations; in fact it exceeded those expectations. I'm looking forward to taking some of the other Composition in the Field workshops as I really like what is taught and the locations that we can explore. By the way, even though it rained for almost the entire time of our workshop, Martin found work around's to keep us engaged and focused on finding interesting images (I've attached a couple of them).



[EDIT](#)

o John Hamilton

Jan 30th 2024 [REPLY](#)

Other image:



[EDIT](#)

2. **Liz Condercuri**

Jan 12th 2024 [REPLY](#)

The sessions went very well. Martin was wonderful to work with: very patient, very knowledgeable and an overall nice guy.

[EDIT](#)

3. **Michelle**

Dec 19th 2023 [REPLY](#)

I enjoyed the workshop. It was what I was looking for. Martin was excellent.

[EDIT](#)

4. **Sheri**

Jul 12th 2023 [REPLY](#)

Sanija was very excited when I picked her up from Martin's Workshop

[EDIT](#)

5. **Kelly N**

Oct 31st 2022 [REPLY](#)

I purchased the Digital Photography Live-In-The-Field at the L.A. Arboretum course for my father for his birthday. He loved it! Mom had just bought him a high-end mirrorless camera, which was above his skill level since he had really only used a point-and-shoot in the past. So, to get him comfortable with his new camera in the field, I thought this course would be a good fit. Dad really enjoyed it and captured some beautiful nature shots and has since created some treasured family photo memories for us since taking this course. The instructor was very approachable, took his time with the students, and facilitated a fun and educational experience. This experience makes for a terrific gift. My parents are in their '70s, so I am finding that they value experiences over material items at this age.

[EDIT](#)

6. **Iris Haring**

Oct 24th 2022 [REPLY](#)

Thank you so much for the magnificent class on Saturday!

[EDIT](#)

7. **Tony**

Jan 29th 2020 [REPLY](#)

I learned in a lot in just a few hours. Martin was a fantastic instructor who showed me how to get the most out of my camera, and helped me learn composition to be able to take memorable photos that can tell a story. Well worth it for anyone who wants to become a better photographer.

[EDIT](#)

8. **Rita Blockman**

Jan 28th 2020 [REPLY](#)

The class with Martin was very helpful!

[EDIT](#)

9. **Alexi**

Jan 28th 2020 [REPLY](#)

I had an amazing time and took some phenomenal photos!! I'll make sure he joins the facebook page to upload some of his snaps. Thank you so much for the amazing experience - I definitely won the birthday gift competition this year 😊 .

Best,

Alexi

[EDIT](#)

10. **Alex Yapjoco**

Dec 31st 2019 [REPLY](#)

It was great! Here attached is my favorite pic.

Thanks to Martin for teaching us so well.



[EDIT](#)

11. **Rose Wolkin**

Dec 2nd 2019 [REPLY](#)

Martin is a wonderful instructor. Keep me on the list, love to attend many more. Not sure I can do any Dec. classes, but January on, I'm in.

[EDIT](#)

12. **Jason L**

Aug 26th 2019 [REPLY](#)

Great experience for setting your home town in a new view. I was able to see what a pro looks for when walking the streets or seeing the bay. I highly suggest for beginners to experienced photographers.

[EDIT](#)

13. **Mayra Silva**

Jul 23rd 2018 [REPLY](#)

"Had a workshop class this weekend the basics and also compilation. Martin was my instructor and to be honest I don't think I have the words to describe how nice and patient and knowledgeable he was. Both of the classes were incredible and such a great price. I look forward to taking more classes when Martin is teaching again!"

-Mayra

[EDIT](#)

14. **Gisela Mayworm**

Nov 21st 2017 [REPLY](#)

"Thanks for your event. I enjoyed learning about composition besides socializing.

Mr. Miller is very patient and professional. He has so much to teach us. I am an amateur learning in how to use my iPhone features with the camera and today, I gained experiences in learning more... please, let me know when you have another event, and I will pass down to my friends... it was great!"

-Gisela

[EDIT](#)

15. **Emily P.**

Oct 30th 2017 [REPLY](#)

"Thanks Patty for all your help and guidance! "

-Emily

[EDIT](#)

- o **Patricia**

Nov 6th 2017 [REPLY](#)

Now you are "seeing" like an artist. Love it. Keep up the good work.

[EDIT](#)

16. **Parish Jefferson**

Oct 30th 2017 [REPLY](#)

"Prior to working with Patty, I was having trouble getting my camera to focus on the primary subject and eliminating the background noise. Patty was able to quickly help me make adjustments to own my camera and show me how to capture my subject as the primary focal point of the image. This picture is one of the first results of her teaching. I am looking forward to joining Patty again for another class in the field. Thank you, Patty!"

-Parish

[EDIT](#)

o **Patricia**

Nov 6th 2017 [REPLY](#)

Any editor would love this image. You included enough of the background to give "place" to the image. Her head turned just so really lends it's self to what's going on in the background. I would crop the left side of the image just to the black line, you have plenty of room to do that. Thank you for giving me credit toward your improvements.

[EDIT](#)

17. **Lola B.**

Oct 30th 2017 [REPLY](#)

"Hi all , great day out with everyone , these are a few pics of mine that I'd like to share .

Best,"

-Lola B

[EDIT](#)

o **Patricia Bean**

Nov 6th 2017 [REPLY](#)

I am so glad you got this shot, it's one you should be very proud of and use the example of what you know for your next travels.

[EDIT](#)

18. Jennifer Thompson

Jul 25th 2017 [REPLY](#)

"Martin Miller from Digital Photo Academy made this meet up really profitable. His overall comments and individual instruction were clear and concise and very encouraging."

-Jennifer

[EDIT](#)

19. Suzanne Brendis

Jul 25th 2017 [REPLY](#)

"I thoroughly enjoyed working with Martin Miller. He was encouraging, well prepared and taught me a great deal about composition. I would definitely attend other workshops with him. Valuable insight!"

-Suzanne

[EDIT](#)

20. Jackie Durward

Jul 13th 2017 [REPLY](#)

"Hi Richard,
I wanted to follow up with you and let you know how much I enjoyed my photo classes on Saturday with Patty. I had a lot to learn-I knew virtually nothing about my camera. Patty broke down the basics in understanding how my camera works- aperture, shutter speed, ISO. We then hit the streets of San Diego challenging me to use what I'd learned in a variety of settings. Patty was friendly, helpful, and encouraging.

I'm off to Africa and look forward to using my newly acquired skills.
Happy summer."

-Jackie Durward

[EDIT](#)

o **Patricia Bean**

Nov 6th 2017 [REPLY](#)

Let's see some of your favorite African images.

[EDIT](#)

21. **Chris Keogh**

Apr 25th 2016 [REPLY](#)

"Just thought I would let you know that it was a great class and yes I did post some."

-Chris Keogh

[EDIT](#)

22. **Bill Indursky**

Dec 19th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Thank you for helping me expand my photography knowledge yesterday via your wisdom (and I do mean wisdom)! It was really fun and I appreciate all the help and tips you gave me."

- Noah Levy

[EDIT](#)

23. **Bill Indursky**

Dec 19th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"I was in your Saturday afternoon class. You did a great job. I appreciate the effort you put into the class."

- Steve

[EDIT](#)

24. **Bill Indursky**

Dec 19th 2014 [REPLY](#)

“Thank you so so very much for the wonderful class! Leo and I actually had a great time learning altho it was a lot to take in in one day. 😊 You’re a great teacher! and you know what? because of you, we actually had fun editing our pictures using Photoshop & NIK softwares and we spent hours doing it without getting frustrated. 😊 especially ME!”

– Miri Kim & Leo Linares

[EDIT](#)

25. **Bill Indursky**

Dec 19th 2014 [REPLY](#)

“Thank you so much for the wonderful class on Saturday. I feel like I can confidently tinker with the camera now. Now I just need to tinker in a more meaningful way. The class was exactly what I was looking for and you taught it very well.”

– Kahleb

[EDIT](#)

26. **Bill Indursky**

Dec 19th 2014 [REPLY](#)

“I recently took your photo composition class in Balboa Park, which I enjoyed very much. Thank you! I hope to be back for another class soon.”

– Bridget Palitz

[EDIT](#)

27. **Mark Zucker**

Dec 19th 2014 [REPLY](#)

“Chris: Just wanted to extend a sincere thanks for your efforts in making the class a success. It was exactly what I had hoped for. You really opened my photographic eyes to the possibilities of what to shoot and some great techniques to do it. I also enjoyed your perspective on mental aspect of photography. I now realize that is why I have been attracted to it as a hobby. I hope I can email you from time to time for your opinions / advice.”

- Mark Zucker

[EDIT](#)

28. **Bill Indursky**

Dec 19th 2014 [REPLY](#)

“Chris, Here are 2 photos each from Sean and I. We had a great time in the class also and learned an incredible amount about the camera. We have been out a couple of times shooting since the class and are able to get much better results now since learning about the camera controls. We appreciate you having the class and being a great teacher! I have already recommended the class to others – hopefully they take it! Thanks again. We had a good time!”

- Jessica & Jeffrey

[EDIT](#)

29. **Beth Vicker**

Dec 19th 2014 [REPLY](#)

“We got so much out of the course. Being fairly new to DSLR cameras and photography, I can’t think of what could have been included, that wasn’t. We have already begun to use the information we learned and are taking better photos! Thanks so much!”

- Beth Vicker

[EDIT](#)

33. **Bill Indursky**

Dec 19th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"I thoroughly enjoyed the Composition in the Field class taught this weekend by Christian Michaels on Coronado Island. The Hotel Del Coronado is an icon in the area and my favorite shot was captured in the hotel lobby. I learned to adjust the ISO on my camera to capture shots in low light – plus Christian challenged us to look at our subjects from a unique perspective. I'm looking forward to the next class!"

-Maile Geis

Comments to "San Francisco"

1. **Samantha**

Jul 12th 2023 [REPLY](#)

Great class. Well worth it.

[EDIT](#)

2. **Deidra Walker**

Jul 12th 2023 [REPLY](#)

Great class. Very worthwhile.

[EDIT](#)

3. **Natalie Cowie**

Jun 8th 2023 [REPLY](#)

Jerry Downs was an excellent teacher and great fun.

[EDIT](#)

4. **Natalie Cowie**

Jun 7th 2023 [REPLY](#)

Jerry!

Thank you so much for a great lesson! I'll be back to the DeYoung as soon as I'm done with all my travels! I feel much more ready to practice on holiday!! That photo is crazy! It's like he was paid to stand there!

[EDIT](#)

o **Natalie Cowie**

Jun 7th 2023 [REPLY](#)

Here's one from yesterday...



[EDIT](#)

5. **Jessica Crichlow**

Aug 28th 2022 [REPLY](#)

Thank you Richard for setting us up with Jerry, it was a great lesson. I will be sharing photos with you and Jerry soon.

[EDIT](#)

6. **ECKHART BEATTY**

Aug 22nd 2020 [REPLY](#)

Thanks again for a great experience

[EDIT](#)

7. **Anwar**

Aug 22nd 2020 [REPLY](#)

Jerry and Peter.

Wonderful. Love it. Thanks for sharing the pictures. You both were awesome.

Enjoyed every minute of it.

Take care.

Anwar.

[EDIT](#)

8. **Alex**

Aug 22nd 2020 [REPLY](#)

Thanks for sharing your knowledge about different gear, techniques, and concepts; I learned quite a bit. I cannot practice photoshop today but if you could send me a link to any videos that you've found useful I'd greatly appreciate it. And, as I mentioned yesterday, I would love to participate in other outdoor classes or hikes that you hold in the future.

[EDIT](#)

9. **Matt D**

Dec 18th 2019 [REPLY](#)

Jerry, thank you as well for all of the creative insights and exercises as well. So great to experience the instructors and learn so much in such little time. Richard, I am absolutely thankful I was able to find your courses and can't tell you how much I appreciate your hospitality and kindness. I am extremely likely to book again for more discovery courses..will keep you posted!

[EDIT](#)

10. **Anisha Raghavan**

Sep 30th 2019 [REPLY](#)

Hi Richard - Peter was great! I really enjoyed it. Thanks for the class.

[EDIT](#)

11. **Jennifer Ziemba**

Aug 30th 2019 [REPLY](#)

Jerry's workshop was excellent.

I had some technical problems with my camera so I didn't get as many great photos as I would have liked and had to leave early for work.

I'd like to take another class with Jerry. He was very cool.

[EDIT](#)

12. **Steven V**

Jul 30th 2019 [REPLY](#)

Jerry Downs offers a wealth of experience and knowledge regarding the fundamental mechanics of taking digital photos; how to use your camera effectively.

However, Jerry is a gift to anyone seeking to learn why and how to take a photograph that reflects what you see with your own eye sight.

The mentoring environment Jerry provides instills confidence and results.

I highly recommend this work shop and Jerry Downs.

Your photos will reflect your soul through the lens – an invaluable experience that will last a life time.

[EDIT](#)

13. **Marjorie Morgenstern**

Jul 30th 2019 [REPLY](#)

Jerry Downs is an excellent instructor. Not only did Jerry show us how to sharpen & improve our photography skills he taught us how to think outside the box & take creative photographs while having fun.

Jerry is passionate about photography & it comes across to his students.

I had an excellent experience and I was able to take numerous photographs while walking through very colorful neighborhoods.

I enjoyed meeting & spending time with the other students who were inspiring to take photographs with.

I would definitely recommend instructor Jerry Downs to my friends & his photography walks to anyone who enjoys photography.

Digital Photo Academy has classes in other cities as well & is a first rate company.

[EDIT](#)

14. **Ariel K**

May 3rd 2019 [REPLY](#)

Fun class! Definitely worth the money and time. My partner and I learned to view the world around us differently and we got really good photography fundamentals to build on. Jerry was helpful and super kind! I just recommend that you be familiar with your camera before you get there (know how to change the ISO, Aperture, and Shutter speed). In fact I'd recommend googling it before you get there cause every camera is different and I spent a long time trying to figure mine out instead of taking pictures. But otherwise a really lovely afternoon spent in downtown S

[EDIT](#)

15. **Anonymous**

May 2nd 2019 [REPLY](#)

Very helpful. I learned a lot about how my camera worked.

[EDIT](#)

16. **Anonymous**

Jan 7th 2019 [REPLY](#)

"I was able to tailor the class to be exactly what I needed to learn. Jerry is great to work with."

-Anonymous

[EDIT](#)

17. **Isabella S.**

Jan 7th 2019 [REPLY](#)

"We had a private session with Jerry which was very informative. Our session was at the De Young Museum which was a perfect location for experimentation. Jerry not only showed us new technical skills, but taught us a new way of looking at the world. Thanks Jerry!"

-Isabella S.

[EDIT](#)

18. Crystal A

Aug 6th 2018 [REPLY](#)

"I recently went on a composition tour of Chinatown with Peter, and I was absolutely blown away. I had so much fun and could not believe how much I learned in the span of three hours. I just wanted to say thank you so much for creating such a well thought out and incredibly fun program. I was not only inspired by my awesome instructor, Peter, but also by the group of people that I was with that all had the same passion to become better."

-Crystal A.

[EDIT](#)

19. Yining Liu

Aug 1st 2018 [REPLY](#)

"The class was awesome. I loved it."

-Yining Liu

[EDIT](#)

20. Ken

Jul 9th 2018 [REPLY](#)

"The meeting place and the subject of the Golden bridge made for an outstanding experience."

-Ken

[EDIT](#)

21. Andreas

Jul 9th 2018 [REPLY](#)

“What an awesome experience! Jerry Downs is a great photographer, but above all a great person! I had so much fun! Jerry is letting you be the photographer and then he explains and guides you on capturing the perfect moment! Highly recommend!”

-Andreas

[EDIT](#)

22. **Karen**

Jul 9th 2018 [REPLY](#)

“The instructor was knowledgeable and shared many easy-to-understand tips and suggestions. The location (Chinatown) couldn’t have been more perfect: it was alive with culture and movement.”

-Karen

[EDIT](#)

23. **Nora**

Jul 9th 2018 [REPLY](#)

“I learned a lot and will no longer rely on my automatic settings. Thanks to Jerry and Richard for being awesome!”

-Nora

[EDIT](#)

24. **ancrystal**

Jul 5th 2018 [REPLY](#)

I recently went on a composition tour of Chinatown with Peter, and I was absolutely blown away. I had so much fun and could not believe how much I learned in the span of three hours. I was not only inspired by my awesome instructor, Peter, but also by the group of people that I was with who all had the same passion to become better.

Thank you again!

Crystal An



[EDIT](#)

25. **Peter Lee**

May 7th 2018 [REPLY](#)

It went well.

-Peter Lee

[EDIT](#)

26. **Shani Davis**

Aug 14th 2017 [REPLY](#)

"Hi Richard,

I hope this finds you well! Dad and I had a wonderful time during our session with Jerry.

Thanks!"

-Shani

[EDIT](#)

27. **Frances Vista**

Jul 13th 2017 [REPLY](#)

"Hi Richard, I just thought I would let you know that I have enjoyed our class very much. Jerry was very good. Let me know next time you have another photo class in San Francisco."

-Frances

[EDIT](#)

28. Debra Aron

Mar 20th 2017 [REPLY](#)

"Hi Jerry,

Thank you, and thank you for the memorable and meaningful tour. I enjoyed it a great deal and learned a lot about photography, about seeing, and about interacting with the world. You conveyed your artistic vision as well as your personal philosophy.

I also want to say that I love all the photos below, but am blown away by the one with the man in the blue plaid shirt, because I had not seen you take that one and did not see that color palette at all. It is a reminder that while we were all on the same trip, we were all seeing something different and there is so much more one can see than is immediately apparent. Wow, what an eye you have.

Best regards,"

-Debra ("Chicago")

[EDIT](#)

29. Cheryl Strong

Feb 7th 2017 [REPLY](#)

"Thank you for the workshop! I enjoyed exploring your suggestion at getting down lower when taking photos, and taking the same photo from different heights and vantage points. I love shadows and reflections, so it was a fun day for me and now I'm inspired to practice some pointers that you taught in the workshop. I also enjoyed the fact that the group was small, so it felt like we were able to get more one on one coaching.

Best,"

~Cheryl

[EDIT](#)

30. **Nargis Rabimova**

Sep 8th 2016 [REPLY](#)

“Thank you all for being so flexible and arranging this 1:1 class. It was a lot of information and I’m looking forward to playing with the settings and learning more. Thanks again.

Thank you,”

-Nargis

[EDIT](#)

31. **Geolocation Software**

Jun 1st 2016 [REPLY](#)

Hey Digital Photo Academy,

Wow, these photos are amazing. I have always wanted to visit San Francisco and rather than doing a boring tour, I feel like this would be the best way to get a real sense of the location and amazing sites.

Hope to make it out to you guys soon.

Thanks,
Dennis

[EDIT](#)

32. **Adrienne Fisher**

Oct 26th 2015 [REPLY](#)

“Jerry! Thanks so much for an amazing day of pointing, shooting and reimaging. It was a great group, and a true pleasure meeting everyone. I would do it again in a heartbeat :-)”

-Adrienne Fisher

[EDIT](#)

33. Janet Sim

Oct 20th 2015 [REPLY](#)

"Thanks for the great lesson and coaching! Thanks also for the links. I am now inspired to learn more and hopefully will shoot more as well!"

-Janet

[EDIT](#)

34. Bill Indursky

Dec 19th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Robert Arnold was great!"

- Mark L. Mosley

[EDIT](#)

35. Bill Indursky

Dec 19th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Thanks for a great photo class today! I learned a lot and really enjoyed myself. You were a great teacher and made for a fun experience."

- Lisa

[EDIT](#)

36. Joseph Gambardella

Dec 19th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"I just wanted to let you know I have taken two of Eric's classes. The first class was architectural photography in Oakland, it was very informative and fun. Eric was always there to help with the camera set up and help explain the lighting throughout the day. The second class I missed because I forgot my phone at home and there was a problem at the meeting place. Eric was great enough to email me and we set up for a few days later for me to make up the

class. This is a total of 4 classes so far with DPA and I intend to take more, hopefully if I am free, I want to take Eric's North Beach class."

- Joseph Gambardella

[EDIT](#)

37. Noah Levy

Dec 19th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Thank you for helping me expand my photography knowledge yesterday via your wisdom (and I do mean wisdom)! It was really fun and I appreciate all the help and tips you gave me."

- Noah Levy

Comments to "Seattle"

1. **Luis Congdon**

Nov 3rd 2023 [REPLY](#)

We had a really fun time. Jeffrey was friendly and helpful. Thank you.

[EDIT](#)

2. **Charles Davidson**

Dec 8th 2022 [REPLY](#)

Thank you EVERYBODY for responding to my inquiry re best tripods.

I will be taking your recommendations with me when I get my refund check next year, which is my usual time to buy gear.

What a great bunch of people you all are!

Charles Davidson

[EDIT](#)

3. **kelsey chuang**

Aug 4th 2022 [REPLY](#)

The workshop was really good, thank you so much. Jeffrey for your patience !!

[EDIT](#)

4. **Anonymous**

Sep 3rd 2020 [REPLY](#)

I had fun! I went alone and just met some new people there. Jeff is super talented and very laid back, which made asking his opinion and asking him silly questions about my camera much easier. Definitely recommend, and will most definitely be back for another class!

[EDIT](#)

5. Hortensia

Sep 3rd 2020 [REPLY](#)

I just want to let you know how much my daughter and I enjoyed the class with Jeffrey.

He has such a kind soul, and he is an excellent person who has the ability to connect with you instantly.

He gave us some very helpful directions and the photos were amazing.

My daughter and I had a blast!

You guys are the best!

[EDIT](#)

6. Eve Miller

Oct 29th 2019 [REPLY](#)

Jeff taught and showed me exactly what I wanted to know. He showed me different ways to understand it. Jeff was patient, pleasant, and knowledgeable.

[EDIT](#)

7. Aidan Vickers

Aug 26th 2019 [REPLY](#)

I enjoyed Jeff's workshop

Good things:

Flexible with topics to cover

Felt I improved my photography

Explained the three most important parts of photography

[EDIT](#)

8. Gerard

Jul 9th 2018 [REPLY](#)

"The photography class was not only educational, but fun. We met at a great location and our instructor Jeff was very knowledgeable and able to tailor the

class to the different degrees of experience for each student. Jeff was very personable and a pleasure to spend the afternoon with. Would highly recommend this course."

-Gerard

[EDIT](#)

9. **Stefan**

Jul 9th 2018 [REPLY](#)

"The Seattle composition in the field workshop was outstanding! My wife and I took it to learn how to use our new camera and we got more information than we expected. Our instructor did a fabulous job and we look forward to participating in more workshops in the future!"

-Stefan

[EDIT](#)

10. **ddeleon15**

May 7th 2018 [REPLY](#)

I had a fantastic time at the Composition in the Field workshop in Skagit Valley. The Tulip farm was gorgeous and Jeff was an amazing instructor. He really took the time to give everyone in the group personal instruction and tips on how to best capture the image they were looking for. Jeff helped me navigate the lighting and depth functions on my camera. He is very knowledgeable and very easy to talk to, which makes for a great teacher. The tulips were gorgeous and Jeff knew where to go to get the most beautiful pictures without being blocked by swarms of visitors who were also there to look at the flowers and take photographs. I highly recommend taking this class especially if Jeff is the instructor!

-Dalia De Leon

[EDIT](#)

11. Liz Grandaw

Jan 21st 2018 [REPLY](#)

I took the Master Your Camera Controls class and the Composition in the Field Class on the same day, which was very helpful. Jeff Fong was an excellent and extremely knowledgeable instructor. He made it personalized to each person in the class, and really took the time needed to explain everything to make sure that everyone understood. He also encouraged people to keep in contact and reach out to him after the class if they need anything or have any questions. Thanks Jeff!

[EDIT](#)

12. Susan Marineau

Nov 30th 2017 [REPLY](#)

"Both the course and the instructor were absolutely wonderful. My husband and I enjoyed the afternoon with Jeff and also got to learn a lot of different things about Photography. Jeff was wonderful on many levels, but one important one was that he was able to teach each student at their own level. We were the least experienced photographers and he helped us in a way we didn't feel any less than the others.

Thank you again so much for a wonderful course and instructor."

-Susan

[EDIT](#)

13. Fiona

Aug 29th 2017 [REPLY](#)

"Here are my top pics from the class. Thanks again! Loved it."

-Fiona

[EDIT](#)

14. Tonya Christoffersen

Dec 12th 2016 [REPLY](#)

"Richard

Please forgive me for the lateness of this email...I simply wanted to say that I thoroughly enjoyed the class with Jeffrey Fong and found him to be an excellent instructor.

thank you again and I have gladly referred your company to my friends"

-Tonya Christoffersen

[EDIT](#)

15. **Sara Batten**

Sep 8th 2016 [REPLY](#)

"Thanks Richard, we had a great time."

-Sara

[EDIT](#)

16. **Diane Milligan**

Apr 14th 2016 [REPLY](#)

"Just attached a few pictures. It was a fun day and enjoyed the workshop."

-Diane

[EDIT](#)

17. **Marcus Lima**

Dec 19th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"I was so lucky to spend the afternoon with Ken that I hope all students can have the same experience that I had... He's a man of knowledge."

-Marcus Lima

[EDIT](#)

18. **rand stevick**

Dec 19th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"I thought Jon Canfield's class was fantastic. His knowledge is unbelievable, a true pro. I was surprised (maybe I shouldn't be) that the Digital Photo Academy could come up with such a qualified instructor. There was no stumping this guy."

- Rand Stevick

[EDIT](#)

19. **Joseph Barber**

Dec 19th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"I have taught for many years at university and medical school and am known by students and colleagues alike as a very critical guy. I know good teaching from not so good. I have no criticism whatsoever of this really fine workshop. In my opinion, Jon's teaching was excellent. As good as it gets."

- Joseph Barber

[EDIT](#)

20. **Eve Simpson**

Dec 19th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"The class went so well that I'd like to take another one in a month or so. Jon is a terrific teacher, he's extremely knowledgeable in photography, PhotoShop & the profession in general. He was very generous in sharing his knowledge & answered all questions completely."

- Eve Simpson

[EDIT](#)

21. **Bill Indursky**

Dec 19th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Class was awesome for several reasons."

1. Jeff has a very relaxed presentation and worked with each member of the class (8 or so) to make sure we really understood what he was saying. We ranged from “just got it” to people like me who know enough to be dangerous.

2. It turns out, during my radio past, that I had worked with Jeff 20 years ago. Small friggin’ world.

3. The people I talked with in the class seemed to agree with me that we left knowing more about our cameras, through practicing that day, got better and faster with our cameras and all in all, it was a great experience.

4. Gasworks Park is one of the best places to have that class. That day, there was the spectacular view of the city, two weddings and a group of Knights practicing their battles for an upcoming Renaissance fair.

So, we’re covered. I have nothing but good to say about the whole experience and will definitely recommend it to friends who would like to get to know their camera better.”

– Tim Hunter

[EDIT](#)

22. [Bill Indursky](#)

Dec 19th 2014 [REPLY](#)

“My passion for photography has increased dramatically after spending three wonderful hours this weekend with Jeffrey Fong at a composition class hosted by Digital Photography Academy. What an exciting adventure in photography with a winning instructor like Jeffrey.”

– Gary L. O’Rielly

[EDIT](#)

23. [Bill Indursky](#)

Dec 19th 2014 [REPLY](#)

“Nick was able to get to the class no problem (despite terrible traffic!) and thoroughly enjoyed the class. He said that Mr. Fong was a very good teacher and did a great job tailoring the material to the various levels of the students. We will recommend DPA to our friends.”

– Lisa Anderson

[EDIT](#)

24. **Bill Indursky**

Dec 19th 2014 [REPLY](#)

“I will definitely be in future classes.

You are a wonderfully knowledgeable instructor with a great sense of humor.

I appreciated how you level set the class so that we all could understanding the “photography language”, no matter what our current knowledge and skills.

I enjoyed the opportunity of taking photos and the Pike Place Market with an instructor who knows all the ‘secrets’ to being a successful photographer. Thank you, Jeffrey for your time and patience, you’re a gem in this business.”

– Loretta

[EDIT](#)

25. **Bill Indursky**

Dec 19th 2014 [REPLY](#)

“I was a student in Jeffrey’s Composition in the Field class. We met at the University of Washington, where Jeffrey gave a brief lesson and review before heading out to practice in and around campus. He did a really great job of teaching to all the different levels of experience in this class. His instruction was clear and easy to understand. Jeffrey is very attentive to the students’ questions, and was willing to tackle those that were not composition related. You can tell that Jeffrey is passionate about sharing his knowledge and experience. I would recommend his class to anyone. Beginners to professionals will all enjoy the experience.”

-Nicki McQuillen

[EDIT](#)

26. **Bill Indursky**

Dec 19th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"I thoroughly enjoyed myself at the Composition in the Field class taught by Jeffrey Fong. The lecture part of the class was very informative & Jeff was obviously very eager to share his knowledge of photography and was great at answering any questions that arose. Before this class I couldn't even define the words aperture, shutter speed, ISO, etc.; now I feel like I have a much better understanding of not only what these words mean but how to manipulate these settings to improve the quality of my photos. It was also fun to be able to put this newly acquired information to use immediately by taking photos around the Snoqualmie Railroad museum & Snoqualmie Falls. I look forward to using the knowledge obtained in this class to improve my photos for years to come."

- Anonymous Student

[EDIT](#)

27. **Bill Indursky**

Dec 19th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"It was another very worthwhile workshop. Jeffery found a warm quiet place to talk about technique - lots of practical tips, answered all our questions - and we had time to shoot some photos with tips on what to look for."

- Don Secrist

[EDIT](#)

28. **Bill Indursky**

Dec 19th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"I attended the "Composition in the Field" class @ University of Washington, Seattle by Jeffrey Fong. It was cloudy and rainy ... but I enjoyed the session."

– Palash Biswas

[EDIT](#)

29. **Bill Indursky**

Dec 19th 2014 [REPLY](#)

“Jeffrey was very knowledgeable and patient. He gave us tips and was able to help all of us, even though the students had different levels of ability. It was only one class but we feel much more confident and can take advantage of our camera’s features.”

– Andy

[EDIT](#)

30. **Bill Indursky**

Dec 19th 2014 [REPLY](#)

“I loved this class! It was so much fun and I learned so much more than I thought I was going to! Jeffrey made it fun for everyone in the class and I think it was pretty obvious that despite the cold none of us wanted to stop shooting. Thanks again!”

– Elizabeth McAninch

[EDIT](#)

31. **Bill Indursky**

Dec 19th 2014 [REPLY](#)

“For Christmas, I gave my husband the gift of a Field Day of Photography at Pike Place Market. We spent a fun and productive morning with the excellent guidance and instruction provided by Jeffrey Fong. The class was fast paced, interesting and valuable. Jeff worked to meet all experience levels. We would definitely take another class from Jeff!”

– David and Lisa Pitcher

[EDIT](#)

32. **Bill Indursky**

Dec 19th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Composition in the field is an awesome class!!!. The location (Pike Place Market) was perfect with all of the colors, fish, flowers, etc too shoot. A photographers gold mine! Our instructor Jeffrey was even better. He is very knowledgeable, answered all our questions, had a great sense of humor and allowed us some time to ask him questions as we walked through the market snapping away. I would definitely recommend his class and I am looking forward to taking more. Thanks Jeffrey!!"

- Adrian

[EDIT](#)

33. **Bill Indursky**

Dec 19th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Jeffrey Fong was a knowledgeable and helpful instructor for the Composition in the Field class. I participated in his class with about 12 other students for the - Fremont District, Seattle, WA class. Jeffery's warm personality really makes students feel at ease. He's very open to answering questions or assisting students during the lecture session and the photo shoot time. I would definitely would take another course with DPA and Jeffery. I hope he teaches the advanced course some day."

- Dennis Day

[EDIT](#)

34. **Bill Indursky**

Dec 19th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"I thoroughly enjoyed the composition class this past Saturday with Jeffrey Fong. Jeffrey helped me to understand the principles of the exposure triangle, and gave me a practical understanding of the elements of composition. Jeffrey - you have a real gift for making the camera very practical and a great eye for photo opportunities; providing the right level of

assistance and interaction for beginners and experienced photographers alike.”

- Gary

[EDIT](#)

35. [Bill Indursky](#)

Dec 19th 2014 [REPLY](#)

“We were in downtown/old snoqualmie railway station. Instruction was great, very helpful. Weather was bad ☹️ as usual in Seattle. I was experimenting with my new macro lens so these aren’t the best but turned out ok.”

- Rachel Smolke

[EDIT](#)

36. [Bill Indursky](#)

Dec 19th 2014 [REPLY](#)

“Jeff was a fun and outgoing instructor. He was very personable and patient in teaching us what we wanted to know about photography and our cameras. He was very hands on and was willing to take time to help us get the quality shots we wanted He and made us feel comfortable in asking our questions. All in all, his class was very fun and informative. Would definitely recommend him as an instructor and would be willing to take any future class from him.”

- Winter Amplayo

[EDIT](#)

37. [Bill Indursky](#)

Dec 19th 2014 [REPLY](#)

“I took my first class offered by Digital Photo Academy, Composition in the Field, on July 14, 2012. This class of 11 students was led by Jeffrey Fong at the Pike Place Market. I knew immediately this was going to be a fun class as he introduced all the class students to each other as they arrived. The Market

was an extremely busy place but Jeff knew about a quiet corner with table and chairs where we could all sit. Jeff ran through some basic photography concepts, talked about some composition techniques and answered anybody's questions. Then we headed out into the crowds at locations that offered great photography potential. I was very impressed how Jeff would find time for each of the students to see what they had photographed and offer advice on composition and technique. Jeff always kept an eye on the students allowing their freedom of movement but ensuring no one got completely lost or left behind. He made this class very informative and fun while making all students with different skill levels very comfortable to work with him. I enjoyed his class very much and came away with some very valuable information to improve my photography. Jeff proved to me that sometimes the best investment in your passion for photography is not always better equipment but in yourself. I would highly recommend any Digital Photo Academy class led by Jeffrey Fong."

- Chuck Mell

Comments to "Tampa"

1. **George Lee**

Nov 17th 2023 [REPLY](#)

Sam,

Thank you very much for taking the time to put together information for me. I found it quite helpful and I feel more confident in making the decision. While I am reviewing a few more things about the Z8, I am almost certain that this is the camera that I will choose.

One final question if you don't mind. In my utilization, I would prefer to have GPS for geotagging my photos (especially for destinations like antarctica, arctic circle, Galapagos Islands, etc.). I know that the Z9 has GPS capability but I prefer the smaller and lighter build of the Z8. I have read that GPS can be added through devices such as those made by Micnova or the Nikon GP-1. Do you have any thoughts on such adjunct devices?

Thank you again,
George

[EDIT](#)

2. **Elizabeth Hayes**

Feb 6th 2023 [REPLY](#)

Your explanations of various settings were explicit and clear, and seeing the results has encouraged me to keep on shooting!

Thanks so much for your patience, sense of humor and for sending the recap of the setting tips you showed us. It will definitely live with the camera for a while...

Thanks you too for sharing helpful equipment websites (definitely getting that camera "hoody"!).

[EDIT](#)

3. **Kimberly/Kerrity**

Jan 31st 2023 [REPLY](#)

Thank you Sam for a great class! I learned a lot about the settings of my camera etc..I now feel much more comfortable using it. Now I just have to get out and take pictures! I appreciate your patience and expertise. Thanks also for sending us a written copy of all the important tips in case I forgot-which I will! Nice meeting you ladies-I had a great day!

[EDIT](#)

4. **Charles Davidson**

Dec 8th 2022 [REPLY](#)

Thank you EVERYBODY for responding to my inquiry re best tripods.

I will be taking your recommendations with me when I get my refund check next year, which is my usual time to buy gear.

What a great bunch of people you all are!

Charles Davidson

[EDIT](#)

5. **Byron**

Aug 4th 2021 [REPLY](#)

Did a class with Samuel W. Johnston IV Saturday Night on the Curtis Hixon Boardwalk and a newbie like myself could not have asked for a better teacher..thank you so much...



[EDIT](#)

6. **Trish Scott**

Dec 31st 2019 [REPLY](#)

The shoot was good. I added a new trick to my bag – panning! OK, so at least now I know the ‘trick’ to be able to do it. All I have to do now is go stand out on a street corner and practice!

Happy New Year!

[EDIT](#)

7. **Anonymous**

Dec 31st 2019 [REPLY](#)

She got so much out of it and so glad we didn’t cancel. Sam is great!

[EDIT](#)

8. **Rick Passaretti**

Oct 29th 2019 [REPLY](#)

Morning Richard just want to thank you for arranging this class Sam was amazing I learned so much what are the classes do you have? Look forward to hearing from you thank you again!

[EDIT](#)

9. **Mary Cay**

Sep 4th 2019 [REPLY](#)

Thank you so much for the photography class on Saturday. I had fun and shot 421 pictures! I just joined the Digital Photo Academy Community group on Facebook and will share some pics there when I am approved. Here is a one of my favorites.

[EDIT](#)

- o **Mary Cay**

Sep 4th 2019 [REPLY](#)

Water fountains at night.



[EDIT](#)

10. **Todd J**

May 3rd 2019 [REPLY](#)

This class was a very enjoyable experience. It was very useful and I learned a lot. I now know things about my camera that I didn't know before, which will help with my photography in the future. Sam was a great teacher and was very knowledgeable and patient. I highly recommend this class to other photographers and those just wanting to learn more about photography.

[EDIT](#)

11. **Melia Healy**

Nov 10th 2018 [REPLY](#)

"Had a great time. Tim was great!"

-Melia Healy

[EDIT](#)

12. **Amber Loring**

Aug 1st 2018 [REPLY](#)

"I recently purchased an entry level camera and was a little overwhelmed with how to use it effectively. The class was great! Sam was the instructor and extremely helpful and patient. If you have questions he has the answers. He was very knowledgeable with various cameras. I took some amazing sunset photos!"

-Amber Loring

[EDIT](#)

13. Rodney Anderson

Aug 1st 2018 [REPLY](#)

"Definitely had an awesome time with Sam and the class. Learned a lot about my camera and a couple of it's functions."

-Rodney Anderson



[EDIT](#)

14. Bethany

Jul 9th 2018 [REPLY](#)

"Absolutely phenomenal composition class, and great instructor! I learned so much at today's class, and I finally feel like I can use all the great functions on my camera! HIGHLY RECOMMEND!!"

-Bethany

[EDIT](#)

15. Donna

Jul 9th 2018 [REPLY](#)

"This class helped me to understand more about my camera and using the multiple settings on it. Sam was very versatile and have a lot of knowledge on the many different cameras present in the class. I really applaud him for being able to jump from brand to brand during his presentation."

-Donna

[EDIT](#)

16. Donna McDonald

May 7th 2018 [REPLY](#)

It was a beautiful day here in Tampa. Sam was awesome and the people in the group were as well. A few good shots. I need a lot of practice. At least I have left the station and I am on my way to being better. Thanks for offering this class.

Donna



[EDIT](#)

17. David Basanta

Aug 8th 2017 [REPLY](#)

"Hi Richard and Sam,
We had a lot of fun last weekend!
I think I will take you on your offer of a 40% discount.
Thanks for everything!"

-David

[EDIT](#)

18. Yvette Cowdrey

Jun 8th 2017 [REPLY](#)

" Just wanted to let you know I very much enjoyed the class on Saturday at the Lowry Park Zoo with Tim Wheeler He was very approachable and knowledgeable. I will take more classes with him.
thanks"

- Yvette Cowdrey

[EDIT](#)

19. Yassmine

Feb 15th 2017 [REPLY](#)

"The class was amazing!! I got to meet new people and we got to take pictures.

Tim was amazing, I'd love the opportunity to learn more from him. He took the time to answer all of our questions and he showed me a few tricks to take the type of pictures I like.

It wouldnt let me attach more than one, but I like this one :)"

Thank you guys!

-Yassmin

[EDIT](#)

20. Amber Mercer

Feb 7th 2017 [REPLY](#)

"The class is awesome!! My teacher Tim taught me a lot about my camera and how to use a lot of the features I was confused about. The instructor took time with each student along with group instruction. I would definitely take future courses with this company to further my knowledge! Here are some photos I took yesterday! All of my photos I submitted are directly from the camera by the way. No editing, photoshopping or cropping by the way. Thanks again!!"

-Amber

[EDIT](#)

21. Allen Pryde

Jan 31st 2017 [REPLY](#)

"Richard,
Enjoyed the class today in Tampa and Tim was great.
Attaching a few pics for you from today's class-a gorgeous day in Florida!!"

-Patty Pryde

[EDIT](#)

22. Haley Bockius

Jan 24th 2017 [REPLY](#)

"Hello Richard,

I wanted to email you and let you know that I really enjoyed the class I took with Tim Wheeler at the University of Tampa last weekend."

-Haley Bockius

[EDIT](#)

23. Haley Bockius

Jan 19th 2017 [REPLY](#)

I highly recommend taking a DPA course with Tim Wheeler. Tim is very knowledgeable and he made the course both informative and fun. Before the class, I knew very little about my camera and was only shooting within the automatic modes. Now I am able to shoot using all of the modes on my camera, and make adjustments to those settings.

[EDIT](#)

24. Andrea Roshaven

Jan 15th 2017 [REPLY](#)

Thanks to Tim Wheeler for great DPA Master Your Camera Controls and Composition in the Field classes today at the University of Tampa. I appreciate the patience and one-on-one time with those of us who basically

just knew where the “on” button was located. Even though I was nervous going in, I learned alot and Tim made it fun. Very excited to elevate my “snapshots” to something approaching actual photography. Definitely taking another Composition class as I continue to develop more skill.

[EDIT](#)

25. **Rodney Altamore**

Jul 21st 2015 [REPLY](#)

“Tim,

Thank you for a great class and sharing your insight, stories and knowledge. I so much enjoyed talking with you and the tips gave me more to think about in my composition.

The pictures were large to email. I added a “photo” page to my website and posted the pictures there for you to see. I will send Richard Rabinowitz an email referencing the Plant Hall class and how well you did. (I will send that tomorrow, it is getting late).

I would love to get together with you sometime and do a fun shoot at Busch Gardens (my kids are grown but you could make it a family day) or do the scavenger hunt thing with a group. We could invite those who were there today and others you may know that might enjoy it.

Thanks again for all the information and taking the time to do the class. It is great to see someone who is passionate about their work and really enjoy it.

Take care and hope to hear from you.”

-Rodney Altamore

[EDIT](#)

26. **Bill Indursky**

Dec 19th 2014 [REPLY](#)

“Hey Richard! Im back home from meeting with Tim. You were right about him being a great person. It was an awesome experience and it really made up for the inconvenience. I will email you some of the pictures as soon as I transfer them to my laptop. Thank you and I am looking forward to the

Composition in the field Workshop. Thank you both and I look forward to keep learning with your courses. ”

-Johnny Suriel

[EDIT](#)

27. **Bill Indursky**

Dec 19th 2014 [REPLY](#)

“We met with Tim today as planned. He is spectacular! We had a great session”

- Meghan

[EDIT](#)

28. **Jim Bear**

Dec 19th 2014 [REPLY](#)

“I have completed my beginners class on Sat May 3 and we concentrated on the operation and the various set up parameters on the camera. This was a great help to me to wade through the myriad of choices available and I think you are doing a fine job of sorting out the complexities of setting up a digital camera. Now the printed manual seems clearer and easier to refer to. It’s fun to have a camera that I won’t outgrow any time soon. Panasonic is to be admired for their efforts in helping digital owners get the most out of their cameras. Keep up the good work.”

- Jim Bear

[EDIT](#)

29. **Tom Harrison**

Dec 19th 2014 [REPLY](#)

“Thanks for the informative class. I found several aspects to be very worthwhile.”

- Tom Harrison

[EDIT](#)

30. **Tracy Stephens**

Dec 19th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"I really enjoyed your class on Sunday. I learned a lot more about my camera and I look forward to the next classes."

- Tracy Stephens

[EDIT](#)

31. **Bill Indursky**

Dec 19th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"I was in Peninsula, Ohio on 6/2/12 with Jeff and we had a great time."

—Student Courtney L. Clough

[EDIT](#)

32. **Bill Indursky**

Dec 19th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"The class was great! I think that my husband and I were somewhere in the middle of the group when it came to photography. You did an outstanding job of meeting the needs of everyone in the group, which must have been quite a challenge since this was an extremely diverse group.

I learned a lot — and my biggest take away... don't pack up and leave seconds after the sun goes down at sunset. The sky just lights up for those 20 minutes following sunset, and I have missed it all these years, especially at the beach!!!! So many wasted opportunities!

Also, I didn't know that the histogram existed, and how helpful that is! Even though I am usually technologically challenged, you made many of the technical aspects of camera functions quite understandable.

Your class has made me excited to keep learning."

—Michelle Fox

[EDIT](#)

33. [Bill Indursky](#)

Dec 19th 2014 [REPLY](#)

“Thanks for your time today in the photography class. It was fun and I learned a lot.

One of the reasons Bridgette and I took your class today was to get more familiar with the camera and the different options (ISO, F Stops, Histogram, etc.). We will be going to Hawaii in a couple of months and we would like to come back with some nice shots.

Thanks again for your help today!”

—Keith

Comments to “Toronto”

1. **Nicole**

Aug 29th 2023 [REPLY](#)

I really enjoyed the photography workshop with Taku on Saturday. The event was very informative and enjoyable, exactly as advertised.

Taku was really knowledgeable, patient and friendly. He took the time to explain and answer my questions. I realized that I finally understood a few things that were explained to me before but that didn't “click” until Taku explained them to me. As I told Taku “I finally saw the light”! 😊

I would recommend this workshop with Taku without any hesitation.

Thank you!

[EDIT](#)

2. **Susan Anderson**

May 31st 2023 [REPLY](#)

The workshop exceeded my expectations. Taku was excellent! And I was thrilled of his connections to Nikon. He helped me tremendously with settings on my Nikon camera helping me ensure I am using the correct ISO, F-Stop Aperture and Shutter Speed. Truly a joy to spend a morning at a beautiful park receiving his expert recommendations for photography as well as explaining the finer details of my camera. I was also thrilled Taku has the same model of camera as mine, which made the whole workshop that much more of a true hands on experience. Thank you so much for your help, Richard and Taku. Much appreciated.

[EDIT](#)

3. **Connie Crosby**

Mar 28th 2023 [REPLY](#)

Thank you, Taku. I had a lot of fun.

Sharing a few of my favourite photos from the day.



[EDIT](#)

4. **Steven Albrecht**

Mar 28th 2023 [REPLY](#)

It was nice to take pictures in a group, it makes me feel I stand out less...
Here are a few of mine.



[EDIT](#)

5. **Sophie Tantsis**

Oct 29th 2019 [REPLY](#)

elsie was very knowledgeable and made the session enjoyable. highly
recommended to get started in photography

[EDIT](#)

6. **Susan-Jane Bynoe**

Sep 26th 2019 [REPLY](#)

Really enjoyed my session with Leanne on Saturday. Finally understand the settings on my camera.

[EDIT](#)

o **Susan-Jane Bynoe**

Oct 4th 2019 [REPLY](#)

Here is a photo.



[EDIT](#)

7. **Hannah Raguine**

Jul 30th 2019 [REPLY](#)

I just want to thank you for the time and patience on Saturday. I certainly learned a lot and can't wait to continue to practice my photography skills. You were an amazing teacher and the atmosphere you created in guiding us was very warm and endearing. I had a fantastic time!

[EDIT](#)

8. **Stephanie F**

May 3rd 2019 [REPLY](#)

This class was amazing! It was everything I wanted and more. It was super informative and fun. I could not recommend it more!!!!

[EDIT](#)

9. **Raymond Li**

Jul 23rd 2018 [REPLY](#)

"Thank you, Taku, for your professional Composition in the Field workshop yesterday, Victoria has learned a lot during your 3+ hours session..She liked it, and hopes to have more chances to learn more in Digital Photo Academy in the future."

-Raymond

[EDIT](#)

10. **Maria**

Jul 10th 2018 [REPLY](#)

"It was a great day and Taku was a really patient instructor. Gave me just the right amount of information to focus on so the day wasn't overwhelming. If you're new, like me, I highly recommend taking the Master Your Camera Controls class first. You'll definitely get more out of the Composition in the Field workshop. I did, and it was the best investment I could have made!"

-Maria

[EDIT](#)

11. **Cyrillene**

Jul 10th 2018 [REPLY](#)

"Richard and the staff at Digital Photo Academy was kind and helpful when I booked my session and then had to reschedule. We had a good group and Taku, the instructor great. Thanks to Taku for your instructions, guidance and the thought of looking at my world in a different way. I even took a different route home in order to capture more of my world."

-Cyrillene

[EDIT](#)

12. **Farhana**

Jul 9th 2018 [REPLY](#)

"Thank you Richard and Taku for a wonderful photography experience! Certainly, we all braved the weather! I'm so glad I was able to participate – I definitely walked away learning some key tips and ideas, and which camera would best suit my lifestyle. I highly recommend this workshop for anyone looking for a fun, interactive and explorative experience. I love connecting with new people, and such experiences are a great opportunity!"

-Farhana

[EDIT](#)

13. **Nam Hoang**

Oct 30th 2017 [REPLY](#)

"Hey guys, thought I'd share some captures from Saturday.

Thanks again Taku for your patience with us beginners, and some below beginners :)"

-Nam

[EDIT](#)

14. **Anya Handa**

Sep 26th 2017 [REPLY](#)

"Taku, thanks so much for the great tips during both classes yesterday! I feel that I have a better idea now of how to position things in the shot to have a more effective outcome.

My dad and I walked away with some great pictures, and more extensive knowledge of how to use the various settings on our cameras."

-Anya

[EDIT](#)

15. **Evan Delaney**

Sep 26th 2017 [REPLY](#)

"Hi Richard,

I really enjoyed today's workshop. Taku was very helpful in showing us how to take interesting photos and providing feedback on the pictures we took. I learned a lot from him in the three hour session today!

Taku: thank you for everything! "

-Evan

[EDIT](#)

16. **Sharon Carty**

Aug 29th 2017 [REPLY](#)

"Hi Richard

The class was very good. Taku is a talented and patient teacher. For me Saturday was about practicing with my new camera. Its always good to go out with other photographers and I learned a few things about composition.
"

-Sharon

[EDIT](#)

17. **Michelle**

Aug 29th 2017 [REPLY](#)

"Hi Richard, I really enjoyed my day, I still have a lot to work on. My screen on my camera was hard to see the pictures, so needed to delete a lot after viewing them at home. Unfortunately I love the sailors picture, however disappointed that I did not see at the time that I cut part of his arm off. Will be looking to take another class to improve.
Thank you so much"

-Michelle

[EDIT](#)

18. Kathleen

Aug 29th 2017 [REPLY](#)

"Hi Richard,

The class on Saturday was awesome. It was my first ever photography class and I loved it. Thanks to Taku for being such a helpful instructor with loads of patience. When we were by the water, there was a lot of glare, so it was difficult to see what I was shooting. When I got home, I had to scrap some shots because of that.

I love how there is so much experimentation I can do now. I also look forward to taking more classes!"

-Kathy

[EDIT](#)

19. Michael Martin

May 31st 2017 [REPLY](#)

"I enjoyed learning about the camera before the camera shoot. It has opened up the camera's features to me and made me much more confident and relaxed with it when photo situations arise.

Thanks."

-Mike

[EDIT](#)

20. Linda Du

Mar 28th 2017 [REPLY](#)

"The class was good. learned a lot. i just need practice now. "

-Linda

[EDIT](#)

21. **Sara Bowker**

Mar 28th 2017 [REPLY](#)

"Good morning Richard,

Our workshop was amazing, Taku was great we had a great time and learned a lot. I only used my iphone, it was a gift for my fiancé to learn to use his camera better as he used photo and video a lot in our training studio to promote the business. I will get a hold of the camera tonight and download images to share. Thanks for checking in! I will be sure to share our feedback on the site"

-Sara

[EDIT](#)

22. **Katia Marten**

Mar 7th 2017 [REPLY](#)

"Thank you so much Taku,, I had a great time and learned a lot !
The picture is amazing I love it!!!!!!

With gratitude and respect"

-Katia

[EDIT](#)

23. **Allan Rowe**

Feb 7th 2017 [REPLY](#)

" Thanks we are very happy that we did attend the training and was blessed to have an instructor like Taku who had so much patience with us and we learnt so much in the time we had. Lots of what we were told were some things that we took for granted and pointed ion the right direction not we can walk around with our cameras and feel good. I did some photos on the website for you and everyone to see. Thanks again guys and keep the good work up."

-Allan.

[EDIT](#)

24. Anne Fleming

Jul 20th 2015 [REPLY](#)

“Sanja was a wonderful teacher – she was patient and very encouraging and put me at ease so I felt comfortable and confident using my camera and experimenting with different subjects, angles and settings. She explained everything simply and clearly, and stuck with me until I got the concept. She showed me both how to use the camera settings for different purposes using practical exercises, as well as how to tell a story with the right shot. Over our three hours she was creative in finding lots of interesting subjects with different technical challenges. I started out with very little DSLR experience and was taking great shots by the end of the afternoon. Also had a lot of fun! Would recommend.”

-Anne Fleming

[EDIT](#)

25. Paul Quattrini

Jun 15th 2015 [REPLY](#)

“Hi Sanja,

Thank you for a very enjoyable class. I look forward to more photo classes with you in the future and I will invite some friends next time. Here are some of my favorite photos we took last week.”

-Paul

[EDIT](#)

26. Gary Gibbs

Apr 17th 2015 [REPLY](#)

“Just wanted to let you know that my daughter and I very much enjoyed the workshop with Sanja. She kept it fun and informative and we appreciated her effort and encouragement.”

-Gary Gibbs

[EDIT](#)

27. **Amanda Gibbs**

Apr 7th 2015 [REPLY](#)

"Hi Sanja,

Amanda Gibbs here. Thanks so much for the course this past Saturday, I learned a ton about proper composition, where/how to crop properly, and how to capture the same image from different angles. I've also attached my favourite photos from the day, hope you like them!"

-Amanda Gibbs

[EDIT](#)

28. **Bill Indursky**

Dec 19th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Thank you very much for such a wonderful class on Saturday, I had a lot of fun."

Kind Regards,

-Kristina Solymos, OCT

[EDIT](#)

29. **Bill Indursky**

Dec 19th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"First, let me tell you how much I enjoyed our workshop last Sunday. I learned a lot and left hungry to learn more. That's a great combination!

You have a wonderful ability to circulate amongst your students, (and we were a large group of 12) and both critique and praise. You kept theory to a minimum but gave sufficient direction for us to practise different techniques in the class. I found that I could hear your words when I reviewed the 172

pictures that I returned home with. I was able to see which were bad, and which made me quite proud. Thank you for that!

On another note, if you are able to make this possible I think that the models might like to see the portraits that were taken. Some, I think were exceptional. I know that I personally would very much like to see them. You may certainly give out my e-mail to anyone. (as belonging to the older lady with the blue hat 😊)

I am sending you 5 of my favourites in this e-mail and will attach the next 5 in a second e-mail. (Not sure how many g-mail can transport at one time. Do let me know if this works.

Once again, thank you for a great workshop!!"

- Diane Goudie

[EDIT](#)

30. **Bill Indursky**

Dec 19th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"The class was really fun! It is my first ever official photography class. I deposited my pictures into Dropbox. I can share the folder with you!

Thanks for creating this academy!"

- Joyce

[EDIT](#)

31. **Bill Indursky**

Dec 19th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Attached are some of my photos. I am heading out on a 6 week solo trip through Southeast Asia and I feel much better prepared for using my camera more effectively now. I was always fine with finding angles I like, but I really enjoyed getting to know more about the different functions on the camera. Thanks for the lessons!"

- Kelly Muir

[EDIT](#)

32. **Bill Indursky**

Dec 19th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Once again, thanks for your expertise and advice on our photo course last Sunday."

- Dale Crawford

[EDIT](#)

33. **Bill Indursky**

Dec 19th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Thanks for a great day - you have taught me to have people in my pictures as they do in fact tell a story"

- JoAnn

[EDIT](#)

34. **zeeshan_xt123123123@yahoo.com**

Dec 19th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Again, thanks for sharing your knowledge and the tips you emailed."

- Zeeshan

[EDIT](#)

35. **Bill Indursky**

Dec 19th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"I enjoyed our outing. you are a good teacher. and i am sure you are a talented artist!

maybe we can collaborate on some film projects of mine!"

-Bassel

Comments to "Tucson"

1. **Donna**

Aug 22nd 2020 [REPLY](#)

Just wanted to thank you guys for a great photo experience. I had so much fun and I learned a lot

[EDIT](#)

2. **Natalie**

Jul 9th 2018 [REPLY](#)

"Small class size. As it turned out we were novices with either our cameras or shooting manual so we spent a lot of class time learning. Then we went out and took pictures. Martha was a wonderful instructor! Will definitely take another class!"

-Natalie

[EDIT](#)

3. **kckolba@msn.com**

Mar 14th 2018 [REPLY](#)

"Great! Will take another class with Martha!"

Kim Kolba

[EDIT](#)

4. **Sherry Van Camp**

Dec 22nd 2016 [REPLY](#)

"Each class I've been to has been helpful, so keep up the good work. "

-Sherry Van Camp

[EDIT](#)

5. Carl Kominsky

Sep 23rd 2016 [REPLY](#)

"By the way, it was a great class, really valued spending time with Martha. She was an excellent communicator and talented pro!"

-Carl

[EDIT](#)

6. Joyce

Feb 8th 2016 [REPLY](#)

"Hi Chris

here is a big thank you for a really good, relaxed, learning experience. your professional knowledge and love of the craft really transmitted itself to all of the group. and of course, we learn from each other.

metering in the camera was always a mystery for me. and i now understand how to use the

metering function of my camera, a real boost. i had relied on bracketing which only affects

ISO and EV. metering in the camera will allow me to set both aperture and shutter speed

to a creative mode.

i am inclosing in this email, the photos you took with my camera which show me how to frame with this ultra wide lens. and one that i took of the group."

-Joyce

[EDIT](#)

7. David Smith

Sep 17th 2015 [REPLY](#)

"The class with Martha was terrific. The one on one time was perfect and the group composition class was equally valuable.

Now I just need to apply what I have learned.

Thanks.”

-David Smith

[EDIT](#)

8. **Bill Indursky**

Dec 22nd 2014 [REPLY](#)

“I enjoyed the class. We’re in the throes of finals and completing school so I will get back to this next week. Great attachment! I can use this in Yearbook class, can’t I?”

-Debbie

[EDIT](#)

9. **Bill Indursky**

Dec 22nd 2014 [REPLY](#)

“Thank you for a very enjoyable class yesterday morning. As I told you then, although most of the info served as a refresher, it was great to be out for the sole purpose of shooting photos. Normally, I am a tourist, with my wife and me trying to see things for the first time.

Being able to just concentrate on the camera and shot was a lot of fun and helpful. That, of course, can have its drawbacks. I hadn’t played with the ISO rating in a while, wasn’t thinking, and set it to 800 for most of the shoot yesterday. I still got some good shots (I included that one of the rose you shaded for me).”

-Student Greg Goldman

[EDIT](#)

10. **Bonnie Rosenberg**

Dec 22nd 2014 [REPLY](#)

“I just attended a beginners class on July 28 in Phoenix taught by Dave Sanders. I enjoyed the class a great deal. Actually, I enjoyed the class so

much that on the way home, I purchased the Panasonic TZ3 and the Photoshop Elements that were discussed in the class. I would appreciate any printed information that I could get. Thank you!"

- Bonnie Rosenberg

[EDIT](#)

11. **Inga Arnadottir**

Dec 22nd 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Dear David, I enjoyed your class very much and found it very helpful."

- Inga Arnadottir

[EDIT](#)

12. **Brian Smith**

Dec 22nd 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Thanks so much for yesterday, it was an education and really helped me understand how to use the camera to get some of the results we admire in the magazines, you were a great help. Gives me another good reason (excuse) for a trip to Tempe Camera as well!!"

- Brian Smith

[EDIT](#)

13. **Bruce Kushner**

Dec 22nd 2014 [REPLY](#)

"I have been so busy that I have not had a chance to thank you for the class (intermediate) that you taught. I am hoping to sign up for the advanced class at some point, and perhaps I will see you again there."

- Bruce Kushner

[EDIT](#)

14. **Matt George**

Dec 22nd 2014 [REPLY](#)

“Just wanted to say thanks. I learned quite a bit at your class, and will definitely be taking the advanced session. You are an excellent teacher.”

- Matt George

[EDIT](#)

15. **Amy Horn**

Dec 22nd 2014 [REPLY](#)

“Thanks again for the wonderful workshop. I look forward to putting this all to practice! It was great having such a small class and your willingness to work with us individually. Thanks again for a great day - I really learned a lot and enjoyed learning from everyone in the class.”

- Amy Horn

[EDIT](#)

16. **MARY BROWN**

Dec 22nd 2014 [REPLY](#)

“Thank you so much - I am talking to my girlfriend about taking the advanced class - so you may see me again. I told everyone about how much I learned and recommended the class to them.”

- Mary Brown

[EDIT](#)

17. **David Seay**

Dec 22nd 2014 [REPLY](#)

“I enjoyed spending Sunday with you and the group. Thanks for sharing your knowledge about technical details and “seeing” a scene for photo opportunities. It is always fun to pick up new techniques, I really liked the

shooting from shade with fill flash technique to darken the background.
Thanks again, I enjoyed the day!"

- David Seay

[EDIT](#)

18. **Elizabeth Hershkowitz**

Dec 22nd 2014 [REPLY](#)

"Just wanted to thank you again for a great workshop on Sunday. You imparted some really helpful photography tips to me, which should aid me greatly in future photo endeavors, and beside this, I truly enjoyed interacting with you & the others. It was a fun day. Besides being such a knowledgeable photographer, you are also an excellent, non-intimidating teacher that is easy to be with. Keep up the good work!"

- Elizabeth Hershkowitz

[EDIT](#)

19. **Doug Armstrong**

Dec 19th 2014 [REPLY](#)

"It was my pleasure. I enjoyed your class immensely. It was of great help to me and all I have to do now is remember what you taught me. I am in hopes of getting some nice shots this weekend so I can put it all to use.

Thanks again for all your help and I wish you the best in all your endeavors."

- Doug Armstrong

Comments to “Washington, D.C.”

1. **Jaden Jones**

Jul 12th 2023 [REPLY](#)

I hope your day went well because my day went great. Bob was a very nice and educated guy who sat with me, talked about my camera, and even took me out to put into practice what he had taught me. I can say that I got some beautiful shots. He was a great guy overall and we had great conversations, both related to photography and other topics. This was a great experience for me and I appreciate the time and effort he put in to help me.



[EDIT](#)

2. **Ann Spevacek**

May 31st 2023 [REPLY](#)

Rene and I really enjoyed the class with Bob. He’s a wonderful teacher, and we felt we got a lot out of it.

[EDIT](#)

3. **Andy L**

May 23rd 2023 [REPLY](#)

Bob was a terrific help giving me a wide-angle look at photography as well as in the weeds helpful hints about the kinds of photos I’ll be taking. As a result of this class, I have a renewed confidence in my ability to not just improve my photographs but to keep learning as I go. It was a fun three hours and I’m raring to take improved shots!

If Digital Photo Academy had an option of a star ratings, Bob would get a 5 star review out of a possible 5 stars as the best.

[EDIT](#)

4. **Meriem Malouche**

Mar 27th 2023 [REPLY](#)

The session was very insightful. Bob was patient in his teaching and generous in his technical and artistic advice. I definitely feel more empowered to better use my camera, but most importantly to notice the various elements in the setting/landscape.

[EDIT](#)

5. **Brittany Harding**

Mar 16th 2020 [REPLY](#)

The class was great, I learned so much about my camera. Bob was awesome. I didn't get the chance to do the second half of class because something personal popped up and I unfortunately had to leave. Thank you so much for all your help signing up! I very much enjoyed it.

Hope all is well especially with all the craziness going on!

-Brittany

[EDIT](#)

6. **kevin**

Mar 4th 2020 [REPLY](#)

Took this in Washington, D.C. Bob was great. He's very knowledgeable and I learned so much.

[EDIT](#)

7. **Alex Alepohoritis**

Jan 7th 2020 [REPLY](#)

Hello! Thank you so much for the wonderful class on Saturday! We had a great time and enjoyed listening to your tips from your expertise! Once we upload our pictures, I will send along!

In the meantime, do you mind sending me a few names of photographers you had mentioned that might be good for wedding photography? Thank you again!!

[EDIT](#)

8. **Ginny**

Dec 11th 2019 [REPLY](#)

This class was exceptional and tailored to the needs of the students. I would sign up for another one in a heartbeat. What a fun way to learn!

[EDIT](#)

9. **Taylor Presley**

Aug 9th 2019 [REPLY](#)

I had an amazing time and definitely learned a ton about my camera and how to operate it now in varying light and looking at things with a more artistic eye.

Bob was great in both of my classes, in the morning with me and my camera and then on the walk about.

Hands down, amazing Saturday for me and much appreciated.

[EDIT](#)

10. **Keith K**

Aug 5th 2019 [REPLY](#)

The class was awesome. Bob is an amazing teacher. Explained everything in a way you can grasp even the most complex concepts of photography. Would take a class with him again at anytime.

[EDIT](#)

11. **Wendy Simmons**

Jul 10th 2019 [REPLY](#)

Took this class in Washington DC. We met outside of the Botanical Garden. Bob was everything you would want in an instructor. He explained the basics, answered all our questions, and showed us how to better use our digital cameras. I loved it!!!!

[EDIT](#)

12. **CaSaundra Smith**

Jul 9th 2019 [REPLY](#)

The class was amazing. I was afraid that my lack of knowledge would either slow the class down or I wouldn't understand a thing. Bob was great! He met everyone at their level and explained things so everyone could understand. I really enjoyed the class and plan to let others interested in photography know all about it.

[EDIT](#)

13. **Shantris F**

May 2nd 2019 [REPLY](#)

Bob was knowledgeable and fun. He explained concepts very simply. The class was perfect for beginners, I'm looking forward to taking another.

[EDIT](#)

14. **Jessica Wilkerson**

Aug 2nd 2018 [REPLY](#)

"The class was great! Looking forward to my second one on august 25th!"

Jessica Wilkerson

[EDIT](#)

15. Maxine Robinson

Nov 28th 2017 [REPLY](#)

"Bob is an excellent instructor. He shared his knowledge on the do's and don'ts on how to use the camera so that one could take the perfect picture. Due to his patience and instructions, I am no longer afraid to use my camera."
"

-Maxine

[EDIT](#)

16. Brenda Pomar

Sep 28th 2017 [REPLY](#)

"Walt was great! Very nice workshop."

-Brenda

[EDIT](#)

17. Ransom Jackson

Sep 28th 2017 [REPLY](#)

"Awesome class the best!. Learned so much. Looking forward to learning much more. I'll be sending pics soon. Thanks so much. Excellent program for all levels of photography."

-Ransom

[EDIT](#)

18. Tariq

Jun 6th 2016 [REPLY](#)

" I attended today's session with Walt. He was really good and helpful in getting us a good understanding of the Photography composition fundamentals.
Thanks"

-Tariq

[EDIT](#)

19. **Carrington Smith**

Mar 23rd 2015 [REPLY](#)

I want to take a moment to thank you for the time, information, and inspirational energy that you shared with us yesterday. I hope that I did not offend you with some of my comments. It was not my intent to hog the conversation, but I have to tell you that you touched on some very critical areas that extend way beyond photography. First of all, you represented your craft in the highest way possible, yet found ways to make the subject relatable to all who were assembled. Secondly, there are just too many people who don't do what they say that they will do. I believe in a zero gap (nobody's perfect). Something that is just as important is for us to model our professions, activities, and aspirations in a way that it helps society. Thank you so much.

From my standpoint, you politely called me out. While I have taken some fantastic shots, I have not ventured over to the manual side in ages. Of course, then the manual side was the only side. I have not used the focus mechanism since Superman died. In addition, you introduced conversation that I have not been a part of since the early 80's. Obviously, I need to practice more than I do, but I cannot insulate myself in just being better than some any longer. You have reintroduced a standard that I am, at least, vaguely familiar with. Great job.

"The only question that I would have at this point is from something that you mentioned when talking about the external hard drive. Yes, I purchased a 1TB drive and use it to store pictures. But, early on, I used it to transfer my files from my former computer to my newer one, which included iTunes. Unfortunately, the iTunes did not transfer. Is there something that you can share that I missed. I have nearly 3,000 songs that I still have on my iPod, but did not transfer. My niece told me about an off brand unofficial program called copy pod, but I haven't used it yet.

At any rate, I can never say thank you enough. Unfortunately we are deeply involved in the "me" generation and sharing is a lost art. You helped to remind me to actually take my time and look through the viewfinder with a

purpose. If our paths never cross again, please know that someone did appreciate you for who you are and what you do.”

-Carrington R. Smith

[EDIT](#)

20. Student Remark

Feb 4th 2015 [REPLY](#)

“I enjoyed the class. We’re in the throes of finals and completing school so I will get back to this next week. Great attachment! I can use this in Yearbook class, can’t I?”

-Debbie

[EDIT](#)

21. Student Remark

Feb 4th 2015 [REPLY](#)

“I very much enjoyed the class with Walt at the Capitol on Sunday morning. He is a natural and engaging teacher and was performing impressive feats of (photographic) strength with modest equipment during the session—very inspiring. I may try to take the class again in an evening session after summer—the low light period evaporated shortly after our session commenced, unfortunately.

While I enjoyed the class and Walt, I think I would have profited from a class at a somewhat more advanced skill level or that afforded more one-on-one or intense instruction. I am a somewhat experienced amateur photographer (came up on film with 35mm SLRs) on the lookout for insights into capturing dramatic light and color, and also strategies for capturing industrial, architectural, and transportation subjects. Does DPA offer anything like that?
”

thanks for reaching out

v/r
steve

[EDIT](#)

22. Student Remark

Feb 4th 2015 [REPLY](#)

"I attached 2 pictures that I took during the Georgetown, Washington, DC class on Saturday. Hope they are interesting! Will Calahan was really open to giving feedback and asking questions and explained some photography principles in a way that helped to retain the information."

- Carla

[EDIT](#)

23. James Anderson

Feb 4th 2015 [REPLY](#)

"Thank you, I found it very helpful. I really enjoyed learning more of the backstory behind ISO, aperture/f-stop and shutter, and I really appreciated your demonstrations of how they work together. You have a great way of explaining these complex topics that really cleared it up for me."

- James Anderson

[EDIT](#)

24. Student Remark

Feb 4th 2015 [REPLY](#)

"Thank you for teaching the class yesterday. It was a great day for the zoo and I appreciated your time and instruction.

I am attaching a few photos I took of the class if you want to share them. Not as creative as yours! (There will be a total of three emails.)

I took 198 photos yesterday and am very pleased with a number of the shots I got!"

- Susan E. Etter, Esq.

[EDIT](#)

25. **Niraj Gupta**

Feb 4th 2015 [REPLY](#)

"I was in Georgetown, Wash DC with our instructor Walter Callahan. Great class....had lots of fun and learned a lot."

- Niraj Gupta

[EDIT](#)

26. **Glen Williams**

Feb 4th 2015 [REPLY](#)

"I took the Saturday class on the National Mall (Washington) taught by Walt Calahan. Walt was excellent! He effectively communicated important principles and gave valuable real-time feedback on shots we took onsite. Our area was under a heat advisory, but Walt found us a place to practice shots in the shade. The three hours passed too quickly.

I look forward to taking more DPA classes. Thanks for the great learning opportunity!"

- Glen Williams

[EDIT](#)

27. **Anthony Lambkin**

Feb 4th 2015 [REPLY](#)

"The class with Vincent was great. He is a very knowledgeable, enthusiastic and patient instructor. I definitely learnt more with him in 3 hours than I have known about photography for the last 3 years! Many thanks again for the lesson (and thanks to my wonderful girlfriend for buying it for me!)"

- Anthony Lambkin

[EDIT](#)

28. Christopher McGuire

Feb 4th 2015 [REPLY](#)

"Thank you so much for your class! We really enjoyed it and hope to be back again."

- Jill & Chris McGuire

[EDIT](#)

29. Student Remark

Feb 4th 2015 [REPLY](#)

"Thanks again for all of you time and instruction yesterday. Patrick and I had a great time and learned a lot. Attached are two of the ones that I took and believe are best efforts. I will send you a separate mail with another pair. Please let me know what you think."

- Malcolm

[EDIT](#)

30. John Peterson

Feb 4th 2015 [REPLY](#)

"My instructor, Thomas Arledge was absolutely outstanding. He has a very easy going manner and a great methodology. He was very helpful and attentive. I was amazed at how quickly we were all taking not only better photos, but experimenting with newer ways to look at composition.

I will certainly be looking to attend in more of both his DPA programs and your other ones as well as recommending them to others."

- J.M. Peterson

[EDIT](#)

31. John Peterson

Feb 4th 2015 [REPLY](#)

"Thomas for such an informative and beneficial class. The whole time was packed with great ideas. (certainly more than what one would expect in three hours spent) I really like your easy going approach and ability to communicate so much of your experience so well. I can't wait to attend your other classes around DC area!"

- John Peterson

[EDIT](#)

32. Student Remark

Feb 4th 2015 [REPLY](#)

"Great class, and we especially enjoyed the one-on-one time, which is when the real learning happened for me and Christy."

- Lucian

[EDIT](#)

33. Student Remark

Feb 4th 2015 [REPLY](#)

"Thanks for a great class, I really appreciated receiving your pointers. Do you teach other composition in the field classes? I would be interested in taking other classes that you teach."

- Christine Lyons

[EDIT](#)

34. Evan Franke

Feb 4th 2015 [REPLY](#)

"I took a composition in the field class in Washington, DC. My class was yesterday in Eastern Market. My instructor, Robert Stevens, led me and four other students through a very helpful and interesting class. I am a rank novice as far as using the full potential of my equipment. I shoot with a Canon Powershot SX10 IS. It is not an SLR, and everyone else at the class had a fairly impressive array of SLR digital equipment. Bob never had me do

anything lesser or made me feel at all underpowered for his lessons. He challenged me, and he really started me in a new direction.

I went to the class to capture some basics about what I could do with my camera out of the automatic settings. I took a small step into a larger world with his help, and I really appreciate it. My photos and my technique will need a lot of experimenting and work, but he really helped me start. I also greatly appreciated that he gave us his contact information for follow up questions. He was a very generous professional, and I learned a lot."

- Evan Franke

[EDIT](#)

35. Michael Saft

Feb 4th 2015 [REPLY](#)

"In late October I took another DPA class, composition in the field , this time with Nikhil Bahl, and want to say he was a very attentive and informative instructor who patiently worked with all the attendees to bring out the best and most creative side of our efforts. There are two pictures I took which I am most proud of as my daughter has asked that I mount them for hanging in her apartment, which is the first time she has ever asked for any of my photo's, and of course I am attaching as I feel they were also a reflection of Nikhil's ability as an instructor to bring out the best in my work."

- Michael Saft

[EDIT](#)

36. Student Remark

Feb 4th 2015 [REPLY](#)

" Great class today, my head is spinning with all sorts of info I need to try and remember/keep straight! "

-John Nullmeyer

[EDIT](#)

37. Pavit Gill

Feb 4th 2015 [REPLY](#)

“Thanks Donovan! I really appreciate it! And thank you once again for your help yesterday. You’re a great teacher and we definitely learned a lot. Please keep in touch and keep us posted on your ventures.”

– Pavit Gill

[EDIT](#)

38. Student Remark

Feb 4th 2015 [REPLY](#)

“It was fantastic — what a great instructor — cool, informative, and serious about students understanding so much — really understanding how I got a great shot. Because of Donovan’s style and my ease with his instructions I am only going manual and never going back to program mode again—YEA!!!!!!”

– Andrea

[EDIT](#)

39. Kelly Chmielewski

Feb 4th 2015 [REPLY](#)

“Great session with Donovan Marks at Washington DC’s National Cathedral. Thanks for providing this opportunity via Living Social. Without that promotion, I never would have heard of the Digital Photo Academy. And without this session, I would not have learned how to make the shutter speed and f-stop work in enough harmony to photograph the dark recesses of the Cathedral’s organ with no flash.”

– Kelly Chmielewski

[EDIT](#)

40. Doug Rodgers

Feb 4th 2015 [REPLY](#)

“Excellent”

– Doug Rodgers

[EDIT](#)

41. Student Remark

Feb 4th 2015 [REPLY](#)

“I want to thank you on behalf of the Fords Colony Photography Club for the weekend Workshop held here in Williamsburg, VA this Saturday and Sunday. Dana Bowden did an outstanding job and gave 110% effort to train all of our attendees. Again, thank you very much for having the foresight to see the advantages of this type of a venue for your workshop series.”

– Len Taubman

[EDIT](#)

42. Andor Czompo

Feb 4th 2015 [REPLY](#)

“Just a note to tell you how much I enjoyed the beginning and intermediate classes you taught on Saturday for the Ford’s Colony Photography Club. I had signed up for the beginning class because I had a point and shoot camera. My husband was going to take the intermediate class with a Nikon D40 SLR camera (new to me, but I have used Nikon film cameras previously). Because of the “what to bring” list on the confirmation receipt, he noticed that he was supposed to bring a laptop. He is a bit computer challenged, even though he is becoming more comfortable with our imac. The only laptop we have is a PC, and he won’t touch it with a ten foot pole!!!! So I took the intermediate class instead of him. I learned a lot about the camera and digital photography from your talks. Anyway, I wasn’t sure what to expect and found the whole experience informative and pleasant. I hope that the Photography Club will schedule additional workshops in the future, and that our paths will cross again.”

– Andor Czompo

[EDIT](#)

43. **Brandon Hirsch**

Feb 4th 2015 [REPLY](#)

"Dana Bowden is a great instructor! I really appreciated the time he took to answer our many questions. His personality is perfect for an instructor, and I don't get the feeling that he feels superior to his students (even though he is clearly a much better photographer!). I would love to take another class from him."

- Brandon Hirsch

[EDIT](#)

44. **Student Remark**

Feb 4th 2015 [REPLY](#)

"Hands down, I thought Andre was fantastic; a true blend of humor/entertainment, teaching and constructive feedback. I enjoyed every single minute of it!! I am still new to photography and have yet to learn all the ins and outs of my new camera but got soooo much out of this class. Would absolutely take another!!"

- Theresa Stitzer

[EDIT](#)

45. **Student Remark**

Feb 4th 2015 [REPLY](#)

"Thanks for a great class on Saturday. I feel more confident with the features on my camera and really enjoyed all of the tips you gave me!"

-Heidi

[EDIT](#)

46. **Student Remark**

Feb 4th 2015 [REPLY](#)

"The Composition in the Field class was great! I learned a lot with my camera and the various functions to make pictures pop! I'm traveling to London in a few weeks and feel that I'm prepared to take some great shots!

Thank you so much!"

-Robin

[EDIT](#)

47. Student Remark

Feb 4th 2015 [REPLY](#)

"We had our class on Sunday with Andre at the National Zoo. It was great! Andre is a great guy, full of information, and just a fun person to be around. We hope he teaches more classes in the future.

My wife and I are interested in taking another class soon – National Mall in early December. We would have hoped that Andre was teaching it but just the fun of taking the photo classes is good enough.

Thanks again"

-Mark

[EDIT](#)

48. Student Remark

Feb 4th 2015 [REPLY](#)

"Andre was a phenomenal instructor. He is obviously very passionate about photography and his energy was contagious. He took the time to answer everyone's questions and I'm sure that everyone learned something!"

-Student Kristin Kauffmann

[EDIT](#)

49. Robert L. Vitale

Feb 4th 2015 [REPLY](#)

“Andre Williams does a super job down here in Washington DC.”

-Robert L. Vitale

[EDIT](#)

50. **Student Remark**

Feb 4th 2015 [REPLY](#)

“Thank you for a very enjoyable class yesterday morning. As I told you then, although most of the info served as a refresher, it was great to be out for the sole purpose of shooting photos. Normally, I am a tourist, with my wife and me trying to see things for the first time.

Being able to just concentrate on the camera and shot was a lot of fun and helpful. That, of course, can have its drawbacks. I hadn't played with the ISO rating in a while, wasn't thinking, and set it to 800 for most of the shoot yesterday. I still got some good shots (I included that one of the rose you shaded for me).”

-Student Greg Goldman