

## Digital Photo Academy Student Testimonials (From 2006 - 2025)

Founded in 2006, Digital Photo Academy has been a trusted destination for photography education for 20 years.

Over that time, we've proudly received more than 1,200 testimonials—as shown below—from students who found value in our workshops across 24 cities throughout North America. Our instructors live and teach in the communities they serve, giving them deep knowledge of the best local photo opportunities.

This collection of over 1,200 testimonials reflects the real experiences of students who have benefited from our hands-on, practical approach to photography.

We invite you to explore their stories and see what makes the Digital Photo Academy experience so impactful. Read just below!

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**City:** Philadelphia

**Student:** Nancy Bercich

**Date:** 12/08/2025

**Comment:** Hinda and I had a lovely time and a quite productive session. I have not yet had the opportunity to go back and review the photographs I had taken.

However, I learned quite a lot and believe I achieved my objective, which was to really learn the workings of this camera as the books and tutorials have failed me.

It was lovely working with Hinda. Thank you for all your arranging. Nancy

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**City:** San Diego

**Student:** Marlena Sanfilippo

**Date:** 11/27/2025

**Comment:** Thank you so much Martin for such a great class. I really appreciate you taking the time with me yesterday!

I learned a lot working with you and I am even more eager to get out there and take some photos!! Here's a picture I took and edited.



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**City:** Seattle

**Student:** Erin Maude

**Date:** 11/27/2025

**Comment:** Thanks for sending the all the additional info! I really enjoyed the class with Jeff and took multiple pages of notes.

It was so beneficial to have just two of us. I've attended other classes where there were so many people and different cameras there was no chance for one-on-one help. The mathematics behind the settings is where I get flustered so having it laid out and then immediately practicing was great.

Now I need to keep practicing before my next safari! Erin

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**City:** New York

**Student:** Jim Beattie

**Date:** 11/17/2025

**Comment:** I took a class with Jonathan at the Brooklyn Bridge in June this year, and it was terrific.

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**City:** Tampa

**Student:** Kim Ross

**Date:** 11/07/2025

**Comment:** Hi Sam, I had a fantastic day with you and learned so much more about photography in general and specifically my camera! Having a small group allowed us to have open discussions not only about using our cameras but topics beyond.

I'm excited to be creating great digital images using Lightroom after our discussion! Your experience and knowledge was incredibly helpful and inspirational. I left feeling very motivated to go out into the field and play with depth of field and bracketing to name a few. Thank you for the resources you sent. I'll definitely check them out.

I am definitely interested in the black and white film, with lab work to print, and classes. As well, I'll be looking into any classes offered photographing animals or people. Thanks again for a wonderful day together! Kim

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**City:** Tampa

**Student:** Brooke McPhail

**Date:** 10/28/2025

**Comment:** Sam spent a lot of time with me and Kim on our individual cameras and settings. It was very helpful! He was just great! Brooke 😊

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**City:** New York

**Student:** Asaba K

**Date:** 10/23/2025

**Comment:** Hi Alina, I enjoyed our time together last Saturday and will put into practice what I learned so far.

Thanks for the additional information as well. I'll be in touch. Regards, Asaba

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**City:** New York

**Student:** Mark Stenholm

**Date:** 10/23/2025

**Comment:** Alina, Was a pleasure meeting you and Asaba. I really enjoyed the session and picked up a lot of good information and very helpful insights.

Thanks for all your help and I appreciate the additional information in this email as well. A few of the images I took turned out pretty nice.

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**City:** San Diego

**Student:** Corey Turoff

**Date:** 10/20/2025

**Comment:** Today's sessions far exceeded my expectations and I had high expectations going in. Martin is a phenomenal teacher and though obviously expert in the field, he clearly went out of his way to ensure I had a good experience by meeting me where I was at, developmentally. I learned so much today and just want the opportunity to do more of it. Thanks!

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**City:** Detroit

**Student:** Pavel Melchor

**Date:** 10/13/2025

**Comment:** Thanks for the lesson, I really appreciated it.

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**City:** New York

**Student:** Roy Schreiber

**Date:** 10/13/2025

**Comment:** Working with Sophie was a pleasure. She's knowledgeable, clear and good with people (at least with me). If I ever want to develop more editing skills, she's the one I'd want to help me.

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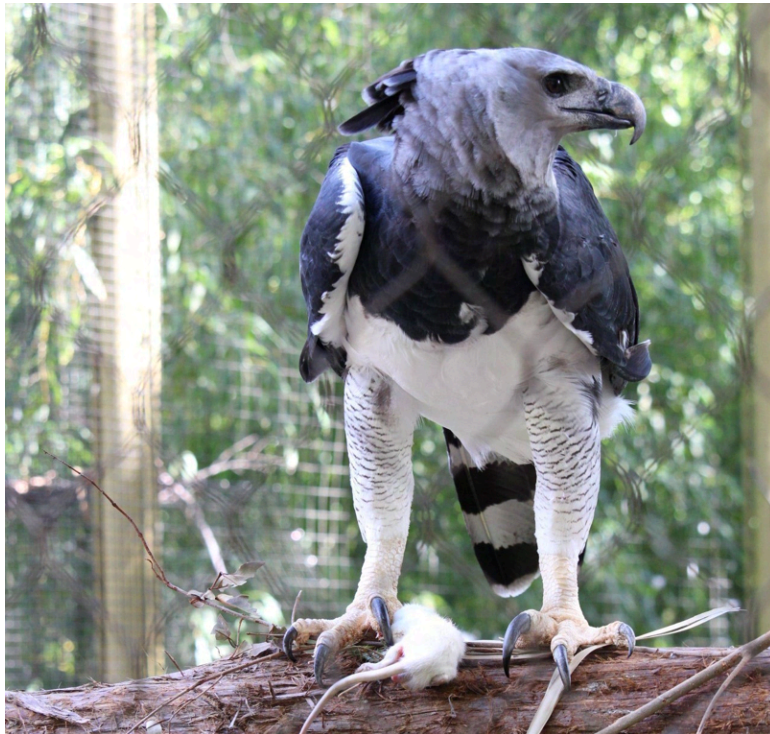
**City:** Dallas

**Student:** Joy Hart

**Date:** 10/08/2025

**Comment:** I had such a great time yesterday and learned so many new things! Mark was an amazing teacher and shared so many helpful tips and tricks. I'll definitely be on the lookout for more classes in Dallas.

Here is a photo I took — I feel like I have a much better sense now of what to look for when it comes to quality photography. I definitely have some room to grow, but I think the ones I took are a great start!



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**City:** Cleveland

**Student:** Karen Hammon

**Date:** 10/06/2025

**Comment:** Class was great. I really enjoyed it and learned a lot. Eric was very patient with my questions. I didn't realize the class went until 2 pm, but with it being so hot and sunny, I was done by 1 pm.

I can't share any pictures right now, we are currently on our way to "Amish country" camping for the week. I brought my camera hoping to get some nature pics.

I did tell Eric, he should have business cards that he can pass out when people wonder what we are doing.

Who knows once I use my camera more, I may come back and take the composition class again to learn more. I do look forward to using it this winter out in Arizona and Southern California!!

Thanks for all your help!

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**City:** Hudson Valley

**Student:** Izzy

**Date:** 10/02/2025

**Comment:** Jonathan was great! I meant to email about him but the day got away from me. He was very helpful and I feel I learned a lot from him. All in all a great job!

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**City:** Seattle

**Student:** Jane Scolieri

**Date:** 9/29/2025

**Comment:** Jeff's a great teacher! I got a much better understanding of several camera controls, more info on exposure and how everything interacts, and semi-automatic modes (I have tended just to use manual, so really need to dig into these).

Lots of other information too about composition, which I'll now put into practice. Jeff also answered some questions which have plagued me for a few years, and even some software advice.

Attaching a pic, I just brought the standard lens for this meeting. Had fun and learned a lot!



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**City:** Dallas

**Student:** Arturo & Charo Rodriguez

**Date:** 9/24/2025

**Comment:** Jerry, It was such a pleasure meeting you. Thank you for the class — we truly enjoyed learning more about our cameras and appreciated the helpful tips you shared for taking better photos.

We look forward to working with you again and continuing to learn more about this amazing field! Your expertise and patience are something we highly recommend. T

Thank you again, and we hope to see you soon!

Warm regards, Arturo & Charo Rodriguez

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**City:** Miami

**Student:** Alex Fradin

**Date:** 9/24/2025

**Comment:** The workshop was great. Matt is a wonderful teacher and he really cares

about his craft. It was a great class with just 3 of us.

He helped me master the controls of my new camera. We focused on adjusting exposure in different situations and adjusting the manual focus on my camera. He showed me how to achieve different results by adjusting my shutter.

We also had the chance to explore different compositional elements by challenging me to find different compositions at the beach.

Then we ended with a private 1-on1 session which I really enjoyed. All in all, I was very satisfied with the time that I spent learning.

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**City:** Minneapolis

**Student:** Chris Jones

**Date:** 9/23/2025

**Comment:** Thanks Tony. Couldn't be happier. I think we learned a lot and feel a little more competent now! May hit you up down the road for another session on setting up our camera network so that our photos start arriving in our digital drives. But for now, we'll just try to get better at taking some of these photos!

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**City:** Houston

**Student:** Kevin Harkel

**Date:** 9/22/2025

**Comment:** I really enjoyed the class and hanging out with Jim. Definitely got a few good takeaways. Thank you for arranging!

The sunset wasn't too dramatic, and there weren't many clouds in the sky, but I've attached a photo.



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**City:** Houston

**Student:** Kevin Harkel

**Date:** 9/18/2025

**Comment:** I had a great time with Jim

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**City:** Minneapolis

**Student:** John Eads

**Date:** 9/16/2025

**Comment:** The class was great and was very helpful at understanding all the functions of my camera. Tony is great instructor. Patient and able to explain in multiple ways to insure understanding.

Key for me is to keep using my camera more frequently so the different options are more muscle memory. Looking forward to using your other resources.

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**City:** Hudson Valley

**Student:** Elyse Klingher

**Date:** 8/21/2025



**Comment:** Thank you Jonathan for the great class. Not sure if I can send pics. So great to meet you and learn from you. Really enjoyed the day!

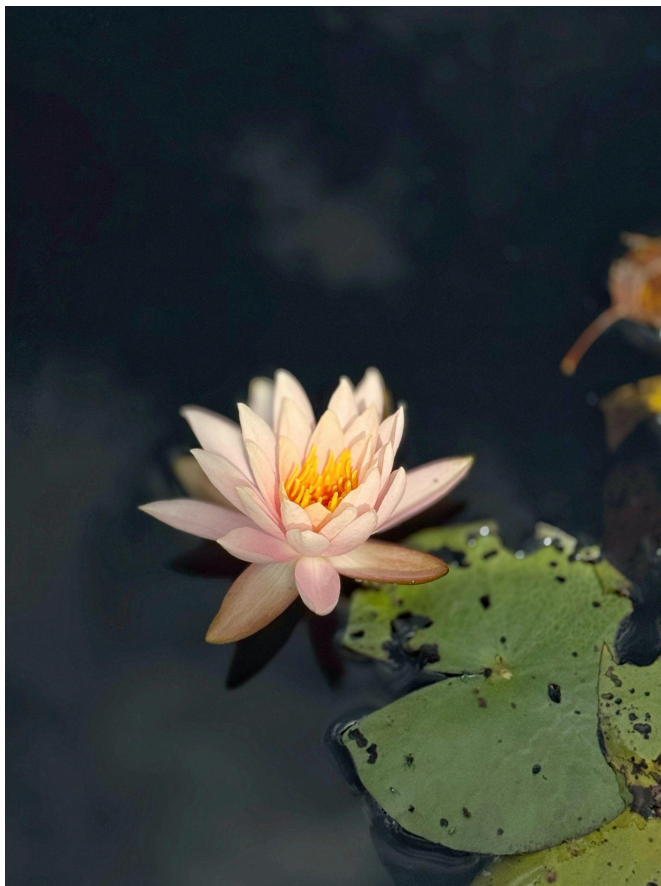
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**City:** New Jersey

**Student:** Maria Bongo

**Date:** 8/20/2025

**Comment:** We had such a wonderful time at grounds for sculpture yesterday with Cheryl. It was a wonderful birthday surprise and we felt like we learned so much! I have attached a picture that I took. Thank you so much for the wonderful day! It was such a fun and educational experience.



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**City:** Cleveland

**Student:** Melissa Stover

**Date:** 8/20/2025

**Comment:** Eric,

Thank you so much for the incredibly detailed email as a follow up to our great class! I really enjoyed meeting you and learning about photography from someone so passionate about the art! I came away from our session being so much more comfortable with my camera and how to use it. Have a great school year! I will be sure to check in when I get back from my trip!

The class was fantastic and the location of The Coffee House was great. Right in the center of things and a beautiful old building with ample parking. Attaching one of my favorite shots from the class here! Eric is very passionate about photography and a natural teacher!

Thank you,  
Melissa



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**City:** Hudson Valley  
**Student:** Zoda

**Date:** 8/20/2025

**Comment:** Had a great session! Appreciate it and I will be back to take more workshops.

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**City:** Orlando

**Student:** Michael Schmidt

**Date:** 8/18/2025

**Comment:** Bryan,

It was great walking around Winter Park with you. The knowledge and practical application that you shared with me was outstanding. I too enjoyed our conversation with our analog friend. It felt like taking a walk with a friend and shooting some pictures. You have a great teaching method and knowledge. I was sharing about the experience with a friend and she said when the weather gets nicer she is going to schedule a lesson.

Mike

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**City:** San Diego

**Student:** Emily Lease

**Date:** 8/18/2025

**Comment:** I loved the workshop!! It was really helpful.

I am definitely going to sign up for another class!

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**City:** Seattle

**Student:** Jessica Morse

**Date:** 8/11/2025

**Comment:** It was such a great session, we loved learning from Jeff! We haven't uploaded our photos to our computer yet, but we really enjoyed pike place. That was a



great location to practice with different light and subjects.

I would recommend this to a friend for sure.

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**City:** Denver

**Student:** Peter Klauck

**Date:** 8/06/2025

**Comment:** Thank you all so much! Amanda, I learned a ton and can't thank you enough for all the tips and clear explanations. Do you offer any follow up classes? I am definitely interested in continuing my education in photography and learning opportunities in the future.

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**City:** Cleveland

**Student:** Lauren Meade Kamath

**Date:** 8/06/2025

**Comment:** I wanted to let you know that Eric was a fantastic teacher, and I enjoyed the class very much. He took the time to research our cameras in advance and tailor the class toward our goals and needs. He is very talented, and I appreciated his expertise very much.

Westside Market was a fun place to photograph! We were able to capture a variety of compositions, candid, close-ups, and colorful scenes. I didn't mind paying for the parking and spent some extra time after the class shopping and exploring the area.

Please keep me posted if there are courses on other photography topics. I'd love to learn more about portraits, posing subjects, and taking great candid.

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**City:** Boston

**Student:** AJ Cullen Langell

**Date:** 7/29/2025

**Comment:** Thank you so much for a wonderful session! I greatly enjoyed it and learned

so much.

I appreciate the reminders and the tips sheet and I will absolutely be in touch!

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**City:** Tampa

**Student:** Peyton Krumbholz

**Date:** 7/28/2025

**Comment:** I learned a lot from the class thank you so much!! I'll talk to my mom about potentially taking more classes in the future! 😊 The pictures are beautiful.



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**City:** New York

**Student:** Jiwoo Lee

**Date:** 7/26/2025

**Comment:** I really enjoyed my workshop with Sophie. It was fun and incredibly helpful. Definitely met my expectations. The zoo was great practice ahead of safari.

Happy to share photos: <https://adobe.ly/3GUSXHu>

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**City:** Orlando

**Student:** Shelly Rodriguez

**Date:** 7/25/2025

**Comment:** Hey Bryan!

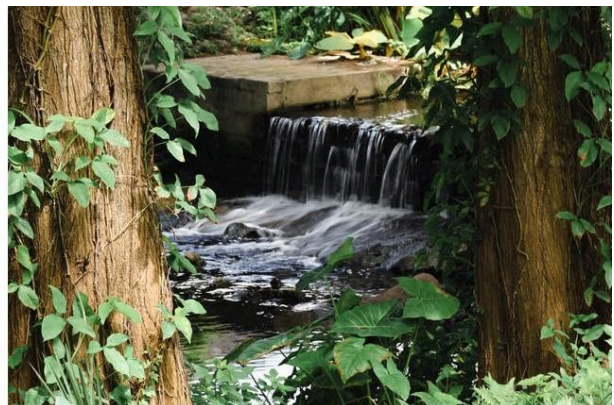
Thank you for your tolerance of my mom and I 🤪 haha we are certainly a duo. But most importantly thank you for sharing your knowledge, skills and patience while we learned all the things in our new found hobby. My mom and I spent hours after the workshop talking about how great and educational it was while also feeling extremely comfortable to learn, ask questions, make mistakes and laugh. All of which is attributed to a great instructor; such as yourself!

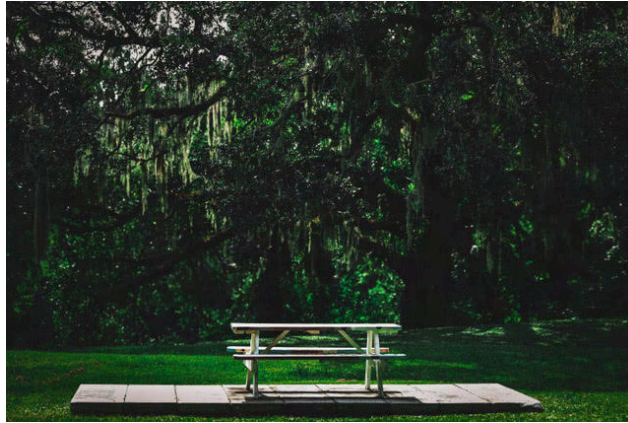
I couldn't help but look back at the shots we took, the rough ones on my camera, and just be in pure awe! Beauty is everywhere and it truly is amazing the story a picture can tell when you capture it. I also love that it can tell multiple stories just based on angles. There is so much creativity and freedom there and that is incredibly exciting and enticing to me! I plan to sit down in the next few days and edit my photos (let's see how it goes). I'd love to send you my edited versions and see how mine turn out. Yours were absolutely beautiful!! Couldn't believe we got to be behind the scenes of the magical shots you took.

I definitely would love to pick your brain on how you got your photos to be "moody" I love that dark cool tone but I couldn't adjust it myself.

Talk soon!

Best,  
Shelly Rodriguez





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**City:** Orlando

**Student:** Susana

**Date:** 7/25/2025

**Comment:** Hello Bryan,

I would like to thank you for the beautiful workshop we had, it was awesome! I learned a lot and feel confident I can do magic with my camera. 😂😂 The knowledge I got from you will make me more confident with my camera. You are a beautiful human being and a great instructor! Thank you for your patience and kindness as you answered all of our questions. We had a blast. I'm currently out of town but when I get back I will be editing some of my photos and sending your way. I really hope I can be good at photography as a hobby. But like we said, photography is an art. We can find beauty every where but just have to pay attention to your surroundings. Once again, thank you very much!

Regards,  
Susana.

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**City:** Hudson Valley

**Student:** Alexander Yakle

**Date:** 7/22/2025

**Comment:** Both classes were great, and Johnathan provided amazing instruction. There were many unique and interesting places to take photos of both inside and

outside the mansion. My personal favorites included the hill overlooking the Hudson River, and the dining room.

I personally don't think the time we spent inside limited my capacity to have a learning experience about taking photographs. The course focused on manual shooting, and I think the site provided a unique site to experiment with my camera's setting. Every room had its own unique lighting and vibe, and that constantly had me adjusting and experimenting with my settings. This allowed me to really understand the relationship between the settings of my camera.

Outside was also beautiful. We primarily kept to a hill behind the mansion, and shot photos of the building, trees, and River. I really enjoyed getting to photograph the area, and loved using the hill to create different perspectives.

All in all, I really enjoyed my time taking these courses. As someone with a background/training in film/video production, I was in a unique amateur position with photography. Photography was something I picked up as a hobby, and I only just got a DSLR about a year ago. My current role with the City of Newburgh requires photography, and a need to "iron out" those skills.

These courses really helped me in taking what I know about video, and transfer/understand how those skills can be used in photography. I also feel much more confident now that I have a more complete baseline understanding.

Thank you so much, and have a wonderful day.

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**City:** San Diego

**Student:** Betty Hudson

**Date:** 7/22/2025

**Comment:** Martin,

Thank you for a great class!!!

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**City:** New Jersey

**Student:** Jessica

**Date:** 7/21/2025

**Comment:** Now I feel more comfortable with my camera and have a guide for settings! Telling a story with the photos and presenting the subject to the viewer by following a few simple rules, that's what the composition course gives you!

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**City:** New York

**Student:** Randall

**Date:** 7/15/2025

**Comment:** Great teacher! Sophie was very patient and was able to pivot. Loved it.

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**City:** Chicago

**Student:** Mary Jane

**Date:** 7/15/2025

**Comment:** The teacher was quite good, considering that one of us students had an older camera and I have an odd one that is not easily tracked to the menus in others. I learned quite a bit about what the controls do, considering that I have never had a \*real\* camera before. And the Driehaus Museum was a splendid place to wander about in and take pictures afterward. I think more attention should be given to where to meet for this location, though, as there is no seating for a teaching session in the Driehaus Museum, and the "cafe" suggested as a meeting place is an actual restaurant that expects people to order food, and we had to hustle up another place to sit. I would definitely take another class with this instructor, but would perhaps look for one given in a better-planned venue.

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**City:** Minneapolis

**Student:** Sarah Oyler

**Date:** 7/15/2025

**Comment:** Here are my faves from the day - in a montage...

Thank you again Tony for the inspiration and instruction - I loved your perspective shot



of the spoon and cherry and the one looking up at the bridge - and you even found a way to incorporate that lime rental bike that was “in the way”. What a beautiful day to shoot!



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**City:** New York

**Student:** Justin Weinberg

**Date:** 6/24/2025

**Comment:** Sophie,

It was great to meet you and thank you for the helpful lesson. Appreciate you sending over the resources as well.

We are taking my mom to Switzerland in July and look forward to implementing what I learned on the upcoming trip!

Best,

Justin

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**City:** New York

**Student:** Randal Fippinger

**Date:** 6/24/2025

**Comment:** Thanks for a great class. Sarah Beth and I look forward to scheduling the portraits class.

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**City:** Cleveland

**Student:** Matt Poyles

**Date:** 6/23/2025

**Comment:** The class today was great!

Tom is an incredible photography instructor with a gift for making even the most technical concepts feel approachable and inspiring. His passion for storytelling through the lens is contagious, and learning from him felt like unlocking a new way to see the world.

I have attached a photo I got today.





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**City:** San Diego

**Student:** Gail Fetman

**Date:** 6/23/2025

**Comment:** Everything was fantastic.

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**City:** Cleveland

**Student:** Bill Geraci

**Date:** 6/23/2025

**Comment:** It was terrific! Eric was a wonderful teacher. And to have the meeting be at the Museum of Art was amazing. 🙏

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**City:** New York

**Student:** Bernard Levin

**Date:** 6/15/2025

**Comment:** Alina Oswald is an excellent, patient instructor.. The lesson was methodical and well-paced. She provided helpful printed material during the lesson and the next day emailed me extensive follow-up information relevant to the lesson. I recommend her highly!

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**City:** Boston

**Student:** Caleb Lopes

**Date:** 6/11/2025

**Comment:** Hi Aaron,

I had a great experience and feel a lot more confident with the settings and features of my camera. I was at the cape cod canal this morning and practiced taking pictures with the 50mm lens and got these two shots (attached) that I think follow the rules of thirds, following the movement of the subject, and leveraging diagonal lines. There is still a lot more practice needed but I'm very glad to have had a basic understanding on how to improve the quality of my pictures. I definitely plan to take another composition class this summer!

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**City:** San Francisco

**Student:** Jeff Marcowitz

**Date:** 6/6/2025

**Comment:** I was not one of Jerry's students but attended a DPA workshop many years ago in Chicago. I also enjoy photographing people on the street and making the connections, and appreciated Jerry's perspective and approach as described in the article. It is hard to do sometimes so his tips are helpful reminders.

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**City:** Los Angeles

**Student:** Dinah Perez

**Date:** 5/29/2025

**Comment:** I cannot tell you how impressed I am with Scott. He is so professional and giving as a teacher.

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**City:** Toronto

**Student:** Elaine

**Date:** 5/26/2025

**Comment:** Hessam is a great instructor - patient & supportive.

And the location is a great choice to practice photography.

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**City:** Tucson

**Student:** Barbara Kane

**Date:** 5/26/2025

**Comment:** I really enjoyed the class. Jose is great. Knowledgeable, patient, good teacher.

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**City:** Miami

**Student:** Kalinda Stephenson

**Date:** 5/20/2025

**Comment:** Theo LOVED the workshop! Danny, you were amazing with him and I'm so impressed at how well you were able to keep his attention! The only other thing that can keep his attention that long is an iPad!!

Danny, would Sunday morning work if possible? Theo isn't able to travel on Friday night-Saturday night due to Shabbat observance. If not, we can try to find another day. It looks like the Miami Beach Botanical garden is open 9-5.

Thank you!

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**City:** San Diego  
**Student:** Betty Hudson  
**Date:** 5/19/2025

**Comment:** I can not even express how much I enjoyed Saturday! The first part of the day was so informational, I gained a lot of knowledge about my camera and photography in general. I can not thank you enough for being so patient with me!!

The Composition part of the class was super inspirational and I intend on practicing a lot!! Which I obviously need!! You will be happy to know I took a lot of pics at the German Club dance show that my Great Niece and Nephew performed at directly on my way home from our class. Then I did stop by the tree I have been eyeing to photograph for at least 10 years!! It took some searching of the correct dirt road to take but I did it!!

At home I will continue studying all of the different ISO, Aperture and Shutter speeds of my pics to try to improve!!

I am planning on signing up for the July class at Liberty Station. I will also keep an eye out for a class at Balboa Park that will be taught by you!

Again, I can not thank you enough for all of your help!!

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**City:** Boston  
**Student:** Mark Friedman  
**Date:** 5/19/2025

**Comment:** Nice to see you both and thank you Aaron for a great lesson  
Looking forward to a portrait class  
Mark

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**City:** San Diego  
**Student:** Russell Godfrey  
**Date:** 5/12/2025

**Comment:** We had a blast and truly learned a lot from Martin! We are excited to taken what we have learned and get some good photographs!

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**City:** Denver

**Student:** Jo List

**Date:** 5/7/2025

**Comment:** The workshop on Saturday was awesome. Amanda is so knowledgeable and patient. I will recommend your course to anyone who is interested in learning more about their camera and how to compose a photo with great results. I still have a lot to learn, but I know that what I learned from this course, I've got the right information to move forward.

Thank you!

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**City:** Atlanta

**Student:** Suzanne Prichett

**Date:** 5/6/2025

**Comment:** Dave,

Your help was extremely valuable & I am keen to apply all the learnings. Huge thank you! Please keep me posted of future events.

Sincerely,

Suzanne Prichett

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**City:** Atlanta

**Student:** Carrie Powell

**Date:** 5/6/2025

**Comment:** Thank you so much! I am excited to keep playing with my camera and

applying my new knowledge.

Thanks,

Carrie Powell

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**City:** Denver

**Student:** Michael Weiderhold

**Date:** 5/6/2025

**Comment:** Amanda provided us with a perfect start! She is highly knowledgeable and personable. I greatly appreciated her ability to introduce concepts and processes in ways that were tailored for Jo and me to understand. She also customized the course to what Jo and I needed to learn. I especially appreciated her kindness, patience, and humility—refreshing traits for a seasoned professional.

The class location was perfect. We had a nice spot to sit down together in a common area that facilitated our discussion of Carl Finkbeiner's excellent guide and all the additional tips, tricks, and traps that Amanda needed to teach us. The surrounding area was full of interesting places to facilitate our composition class.

I recommend providing some information about parking near the meeting spot. I found a nice \$10/day (for weekends) parking garage nearby. Pay parking on the street is a pain because most/all of the spots have a 2 hour limit. Some parking garages are \$15/day.

I'll send some photos from our class when I get a chance to download them.

I know I have so much more to learn in the days, months, and years ahead. I look forward to turning to the resources that National Digital Photo Academy has to offer. What a tremendous service!

Kind regards,

Mike

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**City:** San Diego

**Student:** Jaudat Shaad

**Date:** 4/29/2025

**Comment:** Mr. Rabinowitz, your assistance has been invaluable, and I will certainly recommend Digital Photo Academy should any of our contacts require photography instruction.

Sincerely,  
Jaudat Shaad

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**City:** Toronto

**Student:** Rannique Pinnock

**Date:** 4/28/2025

**Comment:** Hi Hessam,

Thank you so much for hosting today's session and for sending amazing resources! And a big thank you to Richard as well for putting together this program.

It was truly a pleasure meeting you and learning from you — I found the class refreshing, and I'm excited to dive deeper into understanding my camera.

I really appreciate the time you took to explain the concepts so clearly. I'll definitely be reviewing the PDFs you shared and I look forward to applying everything I've learned. I also noticed that Richard has a Facebook page for sharing photographs, which I'll be sure to check out. I'm excited to share some of my work with both of you soon! If you wish to see anything I've done professionally then please check out my instagram @bexpro\_

Thanks again for creating such a supportive and inspiring learning environment. I'm excited for what's ahead!

Wishing you a wonderful weekend as well,

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**City:** Atlanta

**Student:** Alan Manno

**Date:** 4/7/2025

**Comment:** The photo shoot today in the Oakland Cemetery was great, Dave did a good job.

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**City:** San Francisco

**Student:** Sarah Barthelet

**Date:** 4/1/2025

**Comment:** We had a very fun time with Jerry - my thanks to everyone involved in making it happen!

I enjoyed playing with some settings I have been avoiding and we had joyfully meandering discussions about light and composition, learning from mistakes and slowing down.

They both got some super shots in the curious triangular corner near the cafeteria - I look forward to returning there!

I had wanted to capture an image of Jerry and I was disappointed that my efforts were falling short.

But luckily, Ross caught this portrait:





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**City:** Seattle

**Student:** Whitney Jessen

**Date:** 3/28/2025

**Comment:** Thank you, the class was fantastic!

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**City:** Toronto

**Student:** Claude

**Date:** 3/24/2025

**Comment:** Thank you again Hessam for a great morning. I posted 4 images from today on my Flickr account. Thank you again.

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**City:** Washington, D.C.

**Student:** Whitney Jessen

**Date:** 3/24/2025

**Comment:** Bob's class was fantastic!

Thank you,  
Whitney Jessen

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**City:** San Francisco

**Student:** Richard Lombard

**Date:** 3/24/2025

**Comment:** I really enjoyed Jerry's Ferry Building workshop and learned a lot. He was a real gentleman and I'd highly recommend him. It was a great experience.  
Richard

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**City:** Phoenix

**Student:** Richard Heck

**Date:** 3/18/2025

**Comment:** yesterday with Christine was fabulous and I learned soooo much. Great instructor just as mentioned, I will work on sending photographs ASAP 😁👏

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**City:** Orlando

**Student:** A'Mod Walter

**Date:** 3/17/2025

**Comment:** Greetings,

Bryan, I appreciate the knowledge that you were able to provide. It reinforced my understanding and boosted the confidence I have in myself. Like I mentioned on Saturday, using and understanding Shutter priority definitely gave me a new perspective, which I hope will lead to new abilities.

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**City:** New York  
**Student:** Katherine  
**Date:** 3/17/2025

**Comment:** Wonderful class concentrating on aspects of composition and storytelling through photography.

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**City:** Orlando  
**Student:** Lola  
**Date:** 3/17/2025

**Comment:** Thank you for an awesome class today. I appreciated the individual attention to each student. Arielle learned a lot I'm happy she got to experience today.

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**City:** Atlanta  
**Student:** Nkem  
**Date:** 3/14/2025

**Comment:** Dave,

It was great connecting with you, and of course meeting the other ladies.  
All the best, till next time!

Nkem,

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**City:** Detroit  
**Student:** Vince Piscopo  
**Date:** 3/12/2025

**Comment:** Heather,

Great class! A lot I can take back and use when I'm photographing worksites. The walkthrough on the renovated Detroit train station was on my list of things to do!

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**City:** Boston

**Student:** Linda Hin

**Date:** 3/11/2025

**Comment:** Hi there,

Class was awesome! I learned a ton and I'm excited to take more classes. I'm planning to buy a camera soon, and once I have it, I'd love to take more classes. I live in Ayer Ma, but I'm open to traveling. Life is super busy right now, but I hope to get a camera within the next month or so.

Thank you!

Linda

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**City:** Denver

**Student:** Duncan K

**Date:** 3/6/2025

**Comment:** Amanda,

Thanks for the notes, it was an enjoyable class.

-Duncan



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**City:** Dallas

**Student:** Holly Wells

**Date:** 3/6/2025

**Comment:** I am Holly Wells, I attended Mark Conwell's photograph classes on Saturday, March 1st. My daughter Maelee Sutton bought the classes for me as a gift.

I had a wonderful time learning and exploring new ways to take pictures and use my camera.

Mark was thoughtful in caring for us, his students. He made sure we were prepared by sending us informative emails and with his prompt replies to questions before we even got to class. Then, as we were learning from him throughout the day, he was open to our questions as well as asking us questions to make sure we understood what he was teaching.

I would highly recommend Mark's classes to anyone! Thank you so much for having such a terrific teacher on staff and for providing this wonderful experience!

With gratitude,  
Holly Wells

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**City:** Philadelphia

**Student:** Daniel Birch

**Date:** 3/3/2025

**Comment:** Excellent courses today in Philadelphia. Mimi is an exceptional instructor.

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**City:** Philadelphia

**Student:** Kavi

**Date:** 3/3/2025

**Comment:** Mimi was great

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**City:** San Francisco

**Student:** Bob

**Date:** 2/24/2025

**Comment:** All worked out yesterday. All six students were there. The meeting place Starbucks no longer exists but we all found each other on the corner. Jerry was great and we had a very fun day.

Thanks!

Bob

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**City:** New York

**Student:** Ellen

**Date:** 2/17/2025

**Comment:** Hi all, I'm pleased to report I had a great time using the long lens in Hawaii. I'd like to know if i could schedule a class with Eric on using Lightbox. I took a zillion photos, of course, and would like to know what I can do with them. As a complete newbie, I think I can grasp about a tenth of what Lightbox can do.

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**City:** Phoenix

**Student:** Emerson

**Date:** 2/17/2025

**Comment:** Christine and I had a good time and watching the hoop festival event was very cool. I've never shot moving subjects before so it was a very fun experience. I appreciate the guidance working all this out and I had a great time!

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**City:** San Francisco

**Student:** Ryan Kunitake

**Date:** 2/1/2025

**Comment:** Hi Jerry,

Thank you again for all your help on Saturday. We love the pictures, and we're incredibly grateful that you were there to help capture a nice moment with our family.

We're excited to play around with our camera and put it to more use.

Ryan



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**City:** Tucson

**Student:** Meg

**Date:** 1/28/2025

**Comment:** The class was terrific. Jose was a very good instructor and I am much more confident about shooting photos.

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**City:** New York

**Student:** Kelly Hunter

**Date:** 1/21/2025

**Comment:** Photo here!



**City:** New York

**Student:** Kelly Hunter

**Date:** 1/21/2025

**Comment:** Richard and Sophie!

My apologies for the bit of delay in replying — I've had a packed couple of days, AND I've also wanted to find some time to sort through and choose from the zillions of photos I took with you yesterday, Sophie, to show my prowess. 😁 (I also took a whole bunch after I left you at the zoo and walked back through the park...I had a heyday capturing the the wildlife I ran into on my way home.)



I had a wonderful time with you yesterday, Sophie — you were very patient with me, took things at my speed, and give me tons of pointers. You could tell I didn't want to get into the "snapping" right away...that I needed to develop a comfort level first with my camera. And then — once the feeding started with the seals, I was off and running!

Richard, many thanks for coordinating the session and for connecting me with Sophie. I know you put a lot of thought and effort into it, and it's hugely appreciated.

Sophie, a huge thanks to you for all of your instruction and guidance. And also for the follow-up materials! This is all fabulous — I will absolutely dig into it as soon as I can tomorrow (and will also download for reading on the flight next weekend).

I will be sure to send you some of my favorite photos from Antarctica. Cross your fingers for the humpback whales — they're my #1 goal!

And in the meantime, here are a few of the photos I took yesterday - some with you, Sophie, and some from my walk home afterwards. I'm pretty satisfied with them, given that it was the first time I'd used the camera! Hopefully I'll only get better from here.

Many thanks once again!

Best,  
Kelly

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**City:** Orlando  
**Student:** Charlie  
**Date:** 1/14/2025

**Comment:** everything went very well. Micheal was great!

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**City:** Miami  
**Student:** Luna  
**Date:** 1/12/2025

**Comment:** My mother loved it. She came home so happy.

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**City:** Chicago

**Student:** Darwin Brown

**Date:** 1/6/2025

**Comment:** Rocky Nook books:

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**City:** Chicago

**Student:** Darwin Brown

**Date:** 1/6/2025

**Comment:** Ron Hale was attentive to our individual needs. His answers were very responsive to the questions raised. I especially appreciated how he worked through some of the quirky camera confusion that arose and stayed with the issue till we got true resolution. As example, who knew my 24-105 RF lens had a third ring allowing exposure compensation to be dialed in while partially depressing the shutter? A classmate with a very similar kit did not have that ring on her lens. The nuances!

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**City:** Chicago

**Student:** Sydney Naseef

**Date:** 1/6/2025

**Comment:** I just bought the Rocky Nook pocket book, looking forward to jumping in as well! Thanks so much for sharing these additional options, Darwin!

And reiterating what Darwin said below-- thank you again, Ron, for an awesome class. Really appreciate your insight and assistance as we worked to understand the ins and outs of our models!

Sydney Naseef

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**City:** Chicago

**Student:** Darwin Brown

**Date:** 1/6/2025

**Comment:** Ron,

Thanks again for the invaluable instruction provided in today's class. It's unbelievable how much photography has advanced since my days as high school yearbook photographer! Your patience and clarifying responses to our questions really helped us up the learning curve.

I was particularly glad for your recommendation to Rocky Nook for third party manuals. I've taken a look at the site and find the description for my Canon EOS R6 Mk II to be exactly what I need to continue to learn this sophisticated instrument. (Sydney will love it as well!)

That said, I stopped by Central Camera on the way home, only to have them closed five minutes before my arrival. Having already paid for parking, I walked around the corner to Barnes and Noble. There were some of references I found on their shelves. No particular recommendations, but thought you guys might find them of interest. Noteworthy in particular was the book on design (which I bought!)

All the best,

Darwin

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**City:** Boston

**Student:** Angela Ryan

**Date:** 1/6/2025

**Comment:** One of the most readily useful knowledges gained is transferring photos to phone app.

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**City:** Philadelphia

**Student:** Geoffrey Kabat

**Date:** 1/6/2025

**Comment:** Dear Carl,

I really enjoyed the two classes you gave me today. I am looking forward to spending time taking pictures with different settings for shutter speed, aperture, and ISO to get comfortable with the camera settings and extend my repertoire of effects I can achieve. Glad you liked the photo of the tower of the Church of the Holy Trinity that is visible from our apartment, and that we have the same excitement about light and photography.

The handouts are very helpful.

I will definitely consider posting some of my pictures on the websites you recommend when I feel I have something that merits showing.

Again, it was a pleasure taking the courses one-on-one with you this morning.

Best,  
Geoffrey Kabat

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**City:** San Diego  
**Student:** Pamela Pagan  
**Date:** 12/23/2024

**Comment:** Martin was great! I learned a lot and am excited to keep practicing. Thank you Martin for all your help and knowledge.  
The small group size is perfect, anyways nice to meet others with similar interests. Martin gave us all individual help as well as group help.  
I will check out the two sites mentioned.  
Thank you again and look forward to more classes.

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**City:** San Diego  
**Student:** Kristin Franssens  
**Date:** 12/23/2024

**Comment:** Martin was fantastic and I learned so much today and definitely became a better photographer!! He stayed til the last minute and I got some great shots I hope to use in my portfolio! Fun group too!

Thanks so much and happy holidays!

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**City:** Detroit  
**Student:** Ron  
**Date:** 12/16/2024

**Comment:** Hi Heather  
I enjoyed the photo session at the D.I.A. Saturday. I got a lot out of it. Thinking of adding the post processing to my photo hobby.  
Have a Great Christmas  
Ron

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**City:** Detroit  
**Student:** Samantha  
**Date:** 12/11/2024

**Comment:** It was wonderful and good weather!!

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**City:** Boston  
**Student:** Jessica Grant  
**Date:** 12/8/2024

**Comment:** It was great! I'll practice what I learned on my own for a while but hope to take a composition class sometime when the weather is nicer! Thanks!

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**City:** Denver  
**Student:** Becky  
**Date:** 12/8/2024

**Comment:** It was great and Ellen was fun.

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**City:** Tampa  
**Student:** Gregory  
**Date:** 11/25/2024

**Comment:** Thank you for reaching out to us so quickly. We appreciate your help and Dana really enjoyed the class. She was eager to show what she learned.

Thanks again!

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**City:** Tampa  
**Student:** Lola  
**Date:** 11/23/2024

**Comment:** Very nice gentleman   
Learned a lot of good tricks

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**City:** Philadelphia  
**Student:** Dan Johnson  
**Date:** 11/18/2024

**Comment:** It went well. Jack gave me some different perspectives and things to look at.

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**City:** New York  
**Student:** Michael Zulich  
**Date:** 11/18/2024

**Comment:** Hi Alina,

thanks for being so generous with your knowledge and understanding of composition. I know that I came away knowing much more after our time together. You're also a great teacher and you have a great eye - love all of the photos that you shared below.

Thanks again.

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**City:** San Diego  
**Student:** Susan Williamson  
**Date:** 11/18/2024

**Comment:** I thought the class was great! John is a great teacher, and was very thorough. Not sure the camera I rented is the best for me to start with, as I had some difficulty navigating all the menus. He suggested I might try one with more button controls vs. screen menus, so I will be checking out some other cameras.

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**City:** New Jersey  
**Student:** Mammana Marta  
**Date:** 11/18/2024

**Comment:** Thanks a lot Alina for your time with us! Very useful classes!

I would be interested to continue with a 1h30 min private class in January.

May I know what would be the price?

Thanks a lot.

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**City:** San Diego  
**Student:** Mauricio Rivillas  
**Date:** 11/18/2024

**Comment:** The class was great. I enjoyed brushing up on the principles of photography. And learned some tecnicas I'm definitely going to implement on my everyday shooting.

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**City:** Atlanta

**Student:** Heather Maki

**Date:** 11/14/2024

**Comment:** It was great.

John and I got on well and I learned a lot about my camera.

I am very pleased.

Thanks

Heather

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**City:** Los Angeles

**Student:** Bryan Haley

**Date:** 11/14/2024

**Comment:** The workshop went great! The Disney Concert hall was definitely a much nicer area than Hollywood boulevard. Ming was awesome!

Thanks so much,

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**City:** San Francisco

**Student:** Harry Davidow

**Date:** 11/11/2024

**Comment:** Thank you, Jerry! You offer so much!

I appreciate the opportunity to learn from you.

Your use of reflective surfaces, layered textures and perspectives is both inspiring and enlightening. There is so much more for me to learn.

I'm looking forward to sharing experiences and being educated by you.

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**City:** New York

**Student:** Alix Burns

**Date:** 11/11/2024



**Comment:** Photo from the lesson:

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**City:** Denver

**Student:** Julia Rasul

**Date:** 11/8/2024

**Comment:** Hi Ellen,

Thank you so much for the workshop. I had so much fun and learned so much about my camera. I have attached a favorite photo. Thanks again and have a wonderful week.

Best,  
Julia

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**City:** Hudson Valley

**Student:** Kathy Greenberg

**Date:** 11/8/2024

**Comment:** I loved all of it! Thank you Mary Ann I learned a lot and am going to be glued to my new iPad when I buy it.  
And I'll send some photos tomorrow!

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**City:** New York

**Student:** Anthony Kapouranis

**Date:** 11/5/2024

**Comment:** Here are some of the photographs that I took at nyc session. I found it very helpful, despite having not attended the preceding overview of controls. I learned a lot about what to look for when shooting an image. I think the class size is more manageable at that size, if there were more people I may not have received as much crucial feedback. I loved the session, and Anastasia was very clear about what worked and didn't. Thanks!

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**City:** New York  
**Student:** Alix Burns  
**Date:** 11/5/2024

**Comment:** Hi Alina,

Thank you so much for your thoughtful write-up and for all of your great advice and tips during our lesson! It was so much fun and I learned SO much! You're an excellent teacher. Looking forward to implementing your techniques, and I will be in touch.

Thank you!  
Alix

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**City:** Dallas  
**Student:** Thusha  
**Date:** 11/5/2024

**Comment:** I am a Photography fine arts major on the side and Jerry answered my very specific questions about my camera and he was very thorough and very good

Thanks again for organizing  
It was a good group. We had to leave but Jerry answered all my questions  
I came to get Dallas skyline pics for my professional portfolio so maybe another time with better weather !

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**City:** Washington, D.C.  
**Student:** Renee  
**Date:** 11/5/2024

**Comment:** Hi Bob,

I tried your eraser trick and it seems to have worked! I did some test shots before going to the airport today and it looks like the aperture is moving again! You saved me from shipping my lens to Canon repair.

Thank you,  
Renee

Bob's Tip:

"Possible solution.....

1. Take the back lens cap off.
2. Get a clean pencil eraser.
3. Erase the small contacts on the metal ring, (do not touch the glass).
4. Gently blow the eraser crumbs away.
- %. Install the lens and hope for the best."

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**City:** San Diego  
**Student:** Kelly  
**Date:** 10/19/2024

**Comment:** Martin's workshop was great! I even emailed a few photos a couple of weeks ago

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**City:** New Jersey  
**Student:** Chris  
**Date:** 10/19/2024

**Comment:** Alina was thorough in her preparation and the materials that she provided to teach me how to use my Nikon D3300. She was patient and clear in her explanations, and always encouraging as we experimented with different techniques. And she pointed out composition issues with my photos that I didn't notice, raising my awareness of ways to isolate the subject and take better-looking pictures. I'm a beginner in digital photography, and feel much more comfortable talking about and taking photos after my session with Alina.

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**City:** New York

**Student:** Chris

**Date:** 10/19/2024

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**City:** Detroit

**Student:** Verne

**Date:** 10/19/2024

**Comment:** Hello, I hope all is well. The course was good. Heather is very knowledgeable. Thanks again.

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**City:** Dallas

**Student:** Carly Hallman

**Date:** 10/19/2024

**Comment:** Thank you for the additional info on composition! Very helpful. Our class was great. Jerry made us feel very comfortable and definitely helped us better understand our cameras! We didn't take any photos, but that's ok. We enjoyed our time. I'll definitely pass along your name as a contact for anyone I know looking to learn more about photography and how to use their cameras! 😊

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**City:** Boston

**Student:** Mark Friedman

**Date:** 10/8/2024

**Comment:** Hi,

There is a group of amateur photographers I belong to who have meetings, invited speakers, and shows.  
Might be a venue to consider to get clients.  
I think Aaron would be ideal to give a lecture and become known by potential clients.  
Mark

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**City:** San Francisco  
**Student:** Anthony Mazzel  
**Date:** 10/6/2024

**Comment:** We had a great class with Jerry today in Golden Gate Park.

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**City:** San Diego  
**Student:** Kelley Klassen  
**Date:** 9/25/2024

**Comment:** Here are a few of the photos I took on Saturday. It was so great and I learned so much!  
Thanks,  
Kelley

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**City:** New Jersey  
**Student:** Adrienne Cooke  
**Date:** 9/23/2024

**Comment:** First my thought was having a class in the park was different, but I adjusted and had fun and enjoyed myself!

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**City:** San Diego  
**Student:** Shelton Markham  
**Date:** 9/23/2024

**Comment:** I had such a great time with Martin at the class yesterday. Learned so much. I wanted to share some of the shot I got.

Blessings,  
Shelton Markham

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**City:** Hudson Valley  
**Student:** Tracey Jaehnert  
**Date:** 9/17/2024

**Comment:** The session on Saturday was excellent! Art is amazingly talented with a passion for the craft! The information and help he provided while learning how to find the right shot, then adjust camera settings provided a fabulous experience that was fun and inspiring! The outside resources will certainly be fun to explore. Thank you for organizing the session and providing an opportunity to network to further my interest in digital photography.

My shots are not nearly as good as the ones up on the sites but I may post some to get feedback from others as to how to improve.

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**City:** Los Angeles  
**Student:** Dinah Perez  
**Date:** 9/16/2024

**Comment:** Scott is a great instructor. He's thorough, patient, and rolls with the punches. I ran out of battery and it was no big deal. We just moved onto the cell phone cameras. I will be taking more classes with him.

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**City:** Los Angeles  
**Student:** Dinah Perez  
**Date:** 9/16/2024

**Comment:** Scott was great. I have not downloaded the pics, but I will send a couple when I do.

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**City:** Houston  
**Student:** Kim Garrett  
**Date:** 9/16/2024

**Comment:** Everything turned out well. Jim was awesome. This week I will assist Juston on uploading the photos. Thank you very much.

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**City:** Chicago  
**Student:** Toula Ballas  
**Date:** 9/9/2024

**Comment:** Ron ran the class well, gave clear, helpful guidance, and was generous with his attention to each participant –particularly to me. Definitely came away with a better understanding of my camera.

The only downside (which I mentioned to Ron in class) is that the Chicago Cultural Center is a very echo-y building, so it was often difficult to hear him. Of course, it's also a stunning building and a great place to photograph.

Thanks too for the video links. Look forward to checking those out.

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**City:** New Jersey  
**Student:** Gerard  
**Date:** 9/9/2024

**Comment:** The workshop was very good.  
Alina was excellent, thank you.

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**City:** Denver  
**Student:** Brylee  
**Date:** 9/9/2024

**Comment:** I just wanted to say thank you for the class today, it was wonderful and I'm so excited to shoot more!

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**City:** Dallas

**Student:** Nick Wiseman

**Date:** 9/9/2024

**Comment:** Thanks a lot. Had a good time and learned about a setting on my new camera I was unaware of, so just that made the time well spent.

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**City:** San Francisco

**Student:** Vashti Rambo

**Date:** 9/3/2024

**Comment:** The day was a lot of fun!!! Thank you Jerry for all your knowledge and instruction.

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**City:** Seattle

**Student:** Sara

**Date:** 8/28/2024

**Comment:** Jeff the teacher was great and did a fabulous job of balancing different participants different skills and cameras. The other participants were lovely.

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**City:** Chicago

**Student:** Hope

**Date:** 8/26/2024

**Comment:** Good afternoon! Greg was absolutely fantastic with Nick! Thank you so, so much



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**City:** San Diego  
**Student:** Joscha Pirtle  
**Date:** 8/21/2024

**Comment:** I think this was a great start for me. Made me start thinking and I need more practice. I think I will plan on coming again next month.  
Please let me know when the class is.

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**City:** Hudson Valley  
**Student:** Andrea  
**Date:** 8/20/2024

**Comment:** My daughter was in attendance and she learned a lot. Thank you for your time and efforts. She's looking forward to attend more classes that will help with her photography career.

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**City:** New York  
**Student:** TJ  
**Date:** 8/20/2024

**Comment:** Whitney is great and will do another session with her when I'm back in about 8 days or so - she has a nice teaching style and gets to know you before she dives in - I am taking lessons from a few different photographers while I'm in NYC because I like to get different opinions and everyone has a different style - I'll do another session with her soon just need to figure out my schedule.

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**City:** San Diego  
**Student:** Joe Condercuri  
**Date:** 8/20/2024

**Comment:** You have been a wonderful support and resource for me and it's truly appreciated.

I look forward to speaking to both Martin and John as I don't want to make the same mistake I did when I bought the camera I gave my grandson.

Martin was an excellent tutor but the camera was just too complex for me and is better suited fit my young, sharp minded grandson.

Again, thank you for your support.

Best regards, Joe

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**City:** Atlanta  
**Student:** Devin Fox  
**Date:** 8/20/2024

**Comment:** Here are some of the unedited shots I have taken since yesterday:

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**City:** Atlanta  
**Student:** Devin Fox  
**Date:** 8/20/2024

**Comment:** Session went great! Stan and I got along well and he helped me tremendously. Thank you very much for the help of connecting us.

He made some adjustments on my settings and showed me some great techniques. The bulk of my shots will be action or hitting a target that will not stay still. I will soon be getting Photoshop and Lightroom subscriptions to really up my photography game.

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**City:** Denver  
**Student:** Elaine Chang  
**Date:** 8/13/2024

**Comment:** The class was great! Russ was very patient with 4 active boys. Looks like he really captured their attention. He also played scavenger hunt games with them and

had them wander around in the front yard taking photos. 😊 I think boys got the key points of the lesson and the class sparked their interests. Russ also shared with me at the end of the class about the photography he's been doing for the city of Lafayette (where my parents are at).

Thank you for the class! I will talk to my son about what he has learned. If he has further interests, I surely would like to contact you again.

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**City:** Chicago

**Student:** Stephen Jones

**Date:** 8/6/2024

**Comment:** Trent and I had a productive and enjoyable time Saturday.

The directions were clear, Deanna on time, and the group small. She provided help with understanding the features of my Canon, especially the aperture settings. I would definitely do this again.

Thanks.

Steve

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**City:** Los Angeles

**Student:** Norman Schwartz

**Date:** 7/24/2024

**Comment:** The photo outing was enjoyable, educational and entertaining. Can we do an online Zoom photo critique for the remaining time? I will post approximately 15 from today beforehand. I am available almost every day from 2 PM until 9 PM.

Hans was extremely helpful with camera settings plus lighting, subjects and composition during the street shooting portion. Some results are posted at [www.nsapc.com/hollywood21](http://www.nsapc.com/hollywood21). (The blur of people was intentional to depict their motion).

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**City:** Chicago

**Student:** Felicia T

**Date:** 7/24/2024

**Comment:** 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!

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**City:** Chicago

**Student:** Larry

**Date:** 7/10/2024

**Comment:** I had a great experience. I'm sure for Ron it was disappointing and strange that the others were a no show. But for me it was wonderful. Ron gave me a really solid foundational overview of good photographic practice including a very helpful overview of my camera. As a result, I feel more confident and have a better understanding about how to improve the quality of my photos. He is an excellent teacher. I love learning from people, like him, who know their stuff inside and out. Thank you for making this possible.

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**City:** New Jersey

**Student:** Nancy

**Date:** 7/10/2024

**Comment:** Everything went well!

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**City:** Philadelphia

**Student:** Mychal Butler

**Date:** 7/10/2024

**Comment:** it was awesome, all questions were answered. thanks to Mimi's instructions I saw an immediate improvement in my photos. Mimi is indeed a magician, she was a

tremendous instructor. Only wish is that we had more time.

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**City:** Washington, D.C.

**Student:** Chellsie Carter

**Date:** 6/28/2024

**Comment:** First, I would like to say thank you for offering these workshops. This was an eye opener for me and my fiancé and we learned some great tools and controls on how to take our photography and videography to the next level. I was so impressed with Robert not because of his age but because of his ability to really teach and take his time with us. He was very personable and his life story that he shared with us made it even more worthwhile. We will be taking more classes with him on the private side as we have some projects we would like his expertise on.

Thanks,

Chellsie Carter

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**City:** Orlando

**Student:** Holly

**Date:** 6/25/2024

**Comment:** The class ended up being really great! Mike was a really nice and helpful guy

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**City:** New York

**Student:** Amin Alwan

**Date:** 6/21/2024

**Comment:** It was great, in fact, more than great. I got all the answers that I needed and more.

Alyssa was an excellent teacher, choosing her was a great decision.

I am so excited about the next session.

Regards  
Amin

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**City:** San Diego  
**Student:** Wendy Smith  
**Date:** 6/21/2024

**Comment:** Martín  
Thanks for a great class. The class was fun and I learned alot.  
I will keep practicing what you taught us  
Thanks again

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**City:** Cleveland  
**Student:** Jennifer Knight  
**Date:** 6/17/2024

**Comment:** Overall, I felt the workshop was very helpful, and gave me some basics that were needed to practice on my own and feel like I have enough of a foundation to build on. As a complete novice, it was a necessary step! In terms of my camera issues, there are two issues that occur periodically, and there doesn't seem to be a consistent fix that I can rely on. The first is that the camera and lens do not reliably connect, and it results in an error. I think in discussing this with Tom yesterday, we narrowed down that it is likely a technical issue with either the lens or the camera, and if it continues, I should try replacing the lens and see if that resolves the issue. The other problem that occurs is that the autofocus doesn't work consistently, and this one I'm not certain if it's a technical issue, or if it's user error. I don't know if there are settings that are incompatible with autofocus, and I need to change settings when that happens, or if it's like the communication issue, and it's a physical problem with the lens or camera. If you can offer any insight there it would be appreciated, because as someone who wears contacts for distance and reading glasses for close up, manual focus is not a recipe for success!

Thank you as well for the Power Points that you sent! I'll take a look at those today!

Jennifer

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**City:** Hudson Valley  
**Student:** Daniel Dunn  
**Date:** 6/14/2024

**Comment:** The class and location were great.

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**City:** Chicago  
**Student:** Peg Borgert  
**Date:** 6/14/2024

**Comment:** Ron did a great job.

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**City:** Denver  
**Student:** Robert Meeks  
**Date:** 6/7/2024

**Comment:** Good morning Ellen,

I wanted to send you a few of my pics from your wonderful class about composition. I really learned a lot from your class and I am very appreciative of your expertise in photography. Hopefully we can meet again and do some “photo walks” as a class.

Regards,

Robert

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**City:** New York  
**Student:** Danielle Neil  
**Date:** 5/31/2024

**Comment:** We had a blast in the lesson and also learned so much from Anastasia! Thank you both for sharing your expertise with us - we're excited to stay in contact in the future and would definitely appreciate any further primers/written advice you'd share with us to keep in mind.

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**City:** Tucson

**Student:** Gwen Anthis-McKinney

**Date:** 5/27/2024

**Comment:** Both workshops were amazing and Jose is so nice and patient! I learned the basics and have much more confidence to start using the camera my husband bought me for Xmas. I will forward what I took and they're pretty rough but it's a start. I will see what other workshops are upcoming. Thank you

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**City:** Orlando

**Student:** Eileen Giarratana

**Date:** 5/24/2024

**Comment:** I wish I had brought my zoom lens for the Osprey pictures.

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**City:** Orlando

**Student:** Eileen Giarratana

**Date:** 5/24/2024

**Comment:** Turned out to be a nice day in Sanford. Micheal is a great instructor. Here are some unedited photos.

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**City:** San Diego

**Student:** Julian Mota

**Date:** 5/24/2024

**Comment:** Martin



I appreciate the guidance you provided in class. It has taken my passion for photography in a new direction. More importantly, I'm having a great time doing it.

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**City:** Dallas

**Student:** Todd Sullivan

**Date:** 5/24/2024

**Comment:** I had a great session with Brad. The moon was waxing gibbous and Bortle here is probably like a 5 or 6 on a good night. I didn't expect we'd do much shooting unless we took a long road trip out and felt our time would be better spent focusing on mechanics, techniques and education. I was hoping for a more technical session with a Q/A and Brad delivered just that and answered all my rapid-fire newbie questions. He offered a lot of great advice, tips and resources. I was able to get a snap of the moon from the Leica with some crater detail that I thought turned out pretty decent. We'll be sure to check out the deck you attached.

Thank you all so very much!

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**City:** Washington, D.C.

**Student:** John

**Date:** 5/15/2024

**Comment:** The DPA team has to coordinate the DPA workshops across the whole country; which I imagine entails a lot of names. Your national office team members and the folks who teach where they live do a wonderful job. That's why I keep coming back!

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**City:** Dallas

**Student:** Michelle Bollinger

**Date:** 5/14/2024

**Comment:** Michael was great. It's not easy to teach someone a different method using a camera and other equipment they're not familiar with. I'm very glad to have met him!

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**City:** Hudson Valley

**Student:** Greg Sabo

**Date:** 5/14/2024

**Comment:** Indigo Bunting -

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**City:** Hudson Valley

**Student:** Greg Sabo

**Date:** 5/14/2024

**Comment:** Thank you so much Lori! I really enjoyed the class and learned a lot from you. Here are two good bird pics I managed to get. Red is a Scarlet Tanager and blue is an Indigo Bunting

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**City:** Boston

**Student:** Jeff Tillinghast

**Date:** 5/9/2024

**Comment:** I'm just saying hello and letting you know I'm still in manual mode on my Olympus!

Also wanted to let you know that one of my photos just got selected in a photo contest in Lowell, MA - my home city! I'll be on display on a building in downtown Lowell with 3 other artists. Just lucky I guess...

I've attached it. FYI: it was taken with my Samsung phone last summer, but you know the next rainbow opp will be taken with the Olympus!

BTW: do you guys offer a post-production class at all? I am interested in learning how to improve my images after the fact while on my computer. I know the most popular program to use is Adobe Photoshop. I use a free program called GIMP, but would consider paying the relatively high price for Photoshop/Lightroom.

Look forward to hearing from you,

Jeff

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**City:** Chicago  
**Student:** Samantha  
**Date:** 5/7/2024

**Comment:** The workshop was a good experience

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**City:** Philadelphia  
**Student:** Jennifer Hisey  
**Date:** 5/7/2024

**Comment:** Everything was fantastic! Carl was a great instructor. We learned a lot about our specific camera as well as the different elements that make a good picture. After leaving, we spent the rest of the day looking at and taking pictures. We look forward to attending another class in the future.

Thanks for everything!

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**City:** Los Angeles  
**Student:** Danielle McPherson  
**Date:** 5/7/2024

**Comment:** I enjoyed the class and I learned a lot. As a beginner, the information is overwhelming, but Scott was informative and knowledgeable. He was really helpful in teaching me how to shoot the animals I will see on the safari.

I went to Samys Camera today and bought the lens Scott suggested. The comment from the sales person was, your instructor knew what he was doing. I would recommend Scott for the class. I would take more, however I am returning to Australia on Saturday.

Thank you.  
Danielle McPherson

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**City:** Seattle

**Student:** Maryam Nayibova

**Date:** 5/2/2024

**Comment:** The class was fun and informative, Jeff is definitely very knowledgeable and experienced.

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**City:** Tampa

**Student:** Cheyenne Currall

**Date:** 5/2/2024

**Comment:** Thank you Sam for the wonderful classes. And thank you Richard for the post-classes learning reinforcement materials. Very helpful.  
Cheyenne

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**City:** San Francisco

**Student:** Vashti Rambo

**Date:** 5/1/2024

**Comment:** Thank you Peter for the information and the composition link.  
I'm planning to work on some photos this weekend and get them posted.  
I'll keep you updated.

Vashti 😊

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**City:** Washington, D.C.

**Student:** David Dettman

**Date:** 4/30/2024

**Comment:** Hi there. It was great. My son really loved the instructor. We'd love to do it again sometime.

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**City:** Tucson  
**Student:** Holly Callen  
**Date:** 4/30/2024

**Comment:** Fun day,  
Thanks Jose!

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**City:** Houston  
**Student:** Ken James  
**Date:** 4/30/2024

**Comment:** Just want to stay connected. I am in France and it's been a very busy return since April. I will be here until end of June before returning to Houston. While in Houston, I would like to register for Jim's "composition in the field" session on July 13th. I think I could really benefit from time with him.

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**City:** San Francisco  
**Student:** Vashti Rambo  
**Date:** 4/30/2024

**Comment:** Had a great day with Peter yesterday! I look forward to taking another workshop with you guys.  
Thank you,  
Vashti

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**City:** New York  
**Student:** George Maresciallo  
**Date:** 4/23/2024

**Comment:** It was definitely a fun and informative day, great meeting all of you. Alina, thank you for everything and thank you for all the additional material. Have a great weekend.

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**City:** Phoenix

**Student:** Karen Kalinowski

**Date:** 4/16/2024

**Comment:** Geoff,

I really enjoyed my lesson. Thanks for all of your help. We covered a lot. Enjoy Belize.  
Karen

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**City:** Chicago

**Student:** Mark Bonifield

**Date:** 4/9/2024

**Comment:** It was a rough start due to the address issue. We probably lost 15 minutes. However, Ron was really good and did not rush out of there at 2:30. He was very accommodating.

The times were different than what it said when we signed up, but the change was communicated by email and that wasn't an issue.

We enjoyed the experience.

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**City:** Boston

**Student:** Jeff Tillinghast

**Date:** 4/9/2024

**Comment:** Yesterday's session at The Boston Public Library (BPL) with Brian was in fact what I was hoping for! I needed to get into manual mode on my Olympus and Brian helped immensely with that. We went through a myriad of settings and plethora of environments in order to begin the process of understanding my camera. We even took a few photos - about 100! I can fiddle with knobs and such in order to get a great exposure as I begin, I repeat begin, to get the technical side of things behind these photo by photo adjustments.

As a computer instructor - I teach blind and visually impaired people to use technology to gain more independence in life - I respond to and I teach the basics, the irreducible complexities of how to accomplish a task. Brian assisted me with this. His experience and professionalism shined through as he guided me through roughly 100 photos taken within and around the beautiful Boston Public Library. I have a new level of confidence for sure!

This class may have saved my relationship with my girlfriend! She purchased the camera for me about one year ago and she has asked me countless times why I don't use the camera more often. Saying "I feel like a toddler with a complex toy" only holds her off so long. I've been taking some photos with the camera, but my go to was still my Android phone - until yesterday! Today as she and I spent time together, she saw first hand how my relationship with my camera has changed after my class. She was very happy as I worked in manual mode and made adjustments to what I "captured on film" today. I suppose I'm more of an adolescent with a challenging toy at this point of the journey!

Thank you for the opportunity to be released from the confines of a lack of understanding! Yes there are many online resources, but I respond to in-person instruction with someone who can empathize with the struggle and encourage forward movement - which is what I received in my first DPA class!

I attached one of the photos from the BPL as evidence of pure luck, uhm I mean, helpful guidance from Brian.  
Jeff

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**City:** San Diego

**Student:** Dorothy Story

**Date:** 4/9/2024

**Comment:** Thank you so much for the class, it was really great. Martin was patient when I couldn't figure it out. I am still trying to transfer the pictures in my camera to computer. Martin encouraged me to submit some of my photos to San Diego County Fair the photo contest.

I may possibly do it. I'm looking at my schedule for your next class when I'm available. I am following you Instagram page now.

Thanks again.

Dorothy

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**City:** Phoenix

**Student:** Stephanie Reeves

**Date:** 4/4/2024

**Comment:** Thank you again for the class. I used Lightroom to review and edit some of my picture.

I was pretty happy for my first outing!

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**City:** Phoenix

**Student:** Lisa Gregory

**Date:** 3/26/2024

**Comment:** I enjoyed the class and I'm looking forward to using what I learned to create many more photos.

I will likely be sharing some more photos on the FB page this weekend. I welcome any feedback.

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**City:** San Francisco

**Student:** Harry

**Date:** 3/26/2024

**Comment:** Great site. Very informative. Learned a lot. Great teaching. Thank you very much.

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**City:** San Francisco

**Student:** Michael Robinson

**Date:** 3/26/2024



**Comment:** I loved it, the teacher is awesome and very knowledgeable.

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**City:** Houston

**Student:** Martin Guillory

**Date:** 3/26/2024

**Comment:** We very much enjoyed enjoyed class and got a lot out of it. Thanks for everything.

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**City:** New Jersey

**Student:** Julia Liao

**Date:** 3/26/2024

**Comment:** I really enjoyed the class and learned a lot! I will definitely reach out again if I need more lessons.

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**City:** Washington, D.C.

**Student:** Kenneth Clare

**Date:** 3/26/2024

**Comment:** Thank you for the opportunity to attend the workshop. Bob Stevens was great to chat with. I look forward to future workshops and continuing my photographic journey.

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**City:** Chicago

**Student:** Cecile Ducreux

**Date:** 3/19/2024

**Comment:** Great workshop with the guidance and expertise of Ron ! Ron is very experienced in all aspects of photography... makes it clear and accessible. Learning a new way to approach street photography and depth of field! Thank you

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**City:** San Diego  
**Student:** John Hamilton  
**Date:** 3/19/2024

**Comment:** Hi Martin,

Thanks again for another outstanding photographic outing! It's a pleasure working with you as I always learn so much. As I said during our class (and Dorothy agreed!) to work with someone like yourself is a fantastic privilege. Not only are you a master photographer, but a master teacher as well. Also, thanks for your kind words regarding my path in exploring Black & White Photography. I look forward to taking another Composition in the Field class with you soon.

All the Very Best!

John Hamilton

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**City:** Chicago  
**Student:** Sara Davison  
**Date:** 3/14/2024

**Comment:** The class and Ron were great. I learned a lot and am excited to play with my camera.

Thanks for all of your help!  
Sara

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**City:** Atlanta  
**Student:** Andre Jones  
**Date:** 3/12/2024

**Comment:** Ken is aaaaaaaaawwwwwwwwwwesome!! Answered every question, I learned a bunch of information. Ken made me feel waaaaaaayyyy more comfortable with using my camera. I had so much fun leaning and applying everything I learned in

the field. All of the things that I have been studying on my own Ken just helped me bring everything full circle. Breath of fresh air!

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**City:** Minneapolis

**Student:** Alysia Nelson

**Date:** 3/12/2024

**Comment:** Hey Tony,

Nice pictures! Lovely meeting everyone, thanks for everything!

- Alysia

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**City:** Hudson Valley

**Student:** Claire Buglion

**Date:** 3/12/2024

**Comment:** Thank you, Kay. You were very informative and covered a lot of detail! And thank you for sharing the Power Point. It is very helpful. I am looking forward to getting outside and practicing the skills we worked on.

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**City:** Toronto

**Student:** Sandeep

**Date:** 2/28/2024

**Comment:** Thank You Richard and Carlos for a fantastic workshop. We learnt a lot and it was a lot of fun.

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**City:** Toronto

**Student:** Anthony Teles

**Date:** 2/28/2024

**Comment:** It was a great workshop. Carlos definitely knows his stuff, but more importantly, he took the time to explain everything in a way that was really accessible and easy to grasp. The workshop followed by the field session made for the perfect combo.

I've joined both Facebook groups and look forward to sharing and looking at others' photos.

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**City:** Miami  
**Student:** Anonymous  
**Date:** 2/20/2024

**Comment:** All good. She's great

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**City:** Denver  
**Student:** Linda M.  
**Date:** 2/20/2024

**Comment:** Ellen,

I loved the lesson and found it very productive. I picked up a nice used 43mm Sigma prime lens for a great price at Mikes. It's much nicer than the kit lens I was considering.

I can't wait to get out and practice your lessons.

Thank you!  
Linda M.

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**City:** Orlando  
**Student:** Nena Gunn  
**Date:** 2/20/2024

**Comment:** Good morning!

I really enjoyed my class with Micheal last Saturday. He is super informative and a very friendly person. I definitely learned a lot! Beautiful photos! Micheal is truly an inspiration!!

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**City:** Philadelphia  
**Student:** Scott Breakstone  
**Date:** 2/13/2024

**Comment:** Thank you. Sessions were very helpful.

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**City:** Hudson Valley  
**Student:** Richard Staine  
**Date:** 2/13/2024

**Comment:** It was a pleasure taking your class I learned a lot along with Syanne. Please send us the PowerPoint presentation.

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**City:** Atlanta  
**Student:** George Lee  
**Date:** 2/6/2024

**Comment:** I learned many things during this session and appreciated Nina's instruction and creative inspiration.

I will pass on a couple of photos later in the week.

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**City:** Atlanta  
**Student:** Valerie Isobel Freer  
**Date:** 2/6/2024

**Comment:** Ken:

Thoroughly enjoyed the class and like the idea of the companion class--the camera is still going to intimidate for a bit so working in a "shoot\_then\_see\_what\_happened" teaching moment would be nice.

I have my camera with me at work today--even with the rain (wrapped in plastic bags!)--so am beginning the good habit.

And am eyeing lens hoods but you know how they never make it easy.

I walked through Piedmont Park on the way home so you may well be right that the everyday of the city is not so dangerous as its lesser moments!

Will expect to be meeting again at another class--if not March, perhaps later. Thank you again for all the tips and instruction.

(Taking a deep breath and telling myself I CAN get from the Canon to the photos I used to shoot!)

Valerie Isobel Freer  
@Isobelsottovoce  
isobel.tumblr.com

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**City:** San Diego  
**Student:** John Hamilton  
**Date:** 1/30/2024

**Comment:** Other image:

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**City:** San Diego  
**Student:** John Hamilton  
**Date:** 1/30/2024

**Comment:** 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).

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**City:** New York  
**Student:** Eric Nadelstern  
**Date:** 1/21/2024

**Comment:** Great course

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**City:** Los Angeles  
**Student:** Stacy Ivers  
**Date:** 1/16/2024

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

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**City:** San Diego  
**Student:** Liz Condercuri  
**Date:** 1/12/2024

**Comment:** The sessions went very well. Martin was wonderful to work with: very patient, very knowledgeable and an overall nice guy.

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**City:** New Jersey  
**Student:** Ben Greer  
**Date:** 1/10/2024

**Comment:** 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

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**City:** Houston

**Student:** George Lee

**Date:** 1/10/2024

**Comment:** 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

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**City:** Miami

**Student:** Howard Klein

**Date:** 1/4/2024

**Comment:** Rochelle's photos are gorgeous!

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**City:** Hudson Valley  
**Student:** Zinnia Gutowski  
**Date:** 1/4/2024

**Comment:** 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

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**City:** San Diego  
**Student:** Michelle  
**Date:** 12/19/2023

**Comment:** I enjoyed the workshop. It was what I was looking for. Martin was excellent.

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**City:** Philadelphia  
**Student:** Hannah Boothman  
**Date:** 12/17/2023

**Comment:** 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.

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**City:** New York

**Student:** Mike Wasserman

**Date:** 12/15/2023

**Comment:** 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.

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**City:** Detroit

**Student:** Raina Davis

**Date:** 12/12/2023

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

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**City:** Boston

**Student:** Diane

**Date:** 12/3/2023

**Comment:** The event was good. Brian was nice.

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**City:** New York

**Student:** Anna Fanzun

**Date:** 11/28/2023

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

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**City:** Boston

**Student:** Giulia Escobar

**Date:** 11/26/2023

**Comment:** The lesson with Brian was great!

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**City:** Orlando

**Student:** Greg Stanley

**Date:** 11/21/2023

**Comment:** 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

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**City:** Hudson Valley

**Student:** Sharon Rubinstein

**Date:** 11/21/2023

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

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**City:** Hudson Valley

**Student:** Arlene

**Date:** 11/21/2023

**Comment:** 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!

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**City:** Philadelphia

**Student:** Lan

**Date:** 11/19/2023

**Comment:** 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

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**City:** Tampa

**Student:** George Lee

**Date:** 11/17/2023

**Comment:** 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

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**City:** Orlando  
**Student:** George Lee  
**Date:** 11/17/2023

**Comment:** 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

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**City:** Chicago  
**Student:** Brian Clabby  
**Date:** 11/12/2023

**Comment:** 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.

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**City:** Orlando  
**Student:** Anouska Moses

**Date:** 11/7/2023

**Comment:** Hi John,

Thank you for the class today. It was really nice to meet you.

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**City:** Denver

**Student:** Zach

**Date:** 11/7/2023

**Comment:** Thanks Ellen!

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

Thank You,  
Zach

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**City:** Dallas

**Student:** Pleres C

**Date:** 11/7/2023

**Comment:** Photo:



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**City:** Dallas

**Student:** Pleres C

**Date:** 11/7/2023

**Comment:** 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.

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**City:** Seattle

**Student:** Luis Congdon

**Date:** 11/3/2023

**Comment:** We had a really fun time. Jeffrey was friendly and helpful. Thank you.

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**City:** Orlando

**Student:** Shalena Thomas

**Date:** 10/24/2023

**Comment:** Other pic:

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**City:** Orlando

**Student:** Shalena Thomas

**Date:** 10/24/2023

**Comment:** 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!

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**City:** Miami

**Student:** Karen Martin

**Date:** 10/24/2023

**Comment:** Wonderful class. I appreciate it 🙏

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**City:** Chicago

**Student:** Marisa Bucolo

**Date:** 10/24/2023

**Comment:** 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.

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**City:** Boston



**Student:** Jane Himmel

**Date:** 10/20/2023

**Comment:** 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!

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**City:** Dallas

**Student:** Jane Himmel

**Date:** 10/20/2023

**Comment:** 😊 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!

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**City:** Los Angeles

**Student:** Jermaine

**Date:** 10/17/2023

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

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**City:** Boston

**Student:** Natalya

**Date:** 10/10/2023

**Comment:** 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.

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**City:** Dallas

**Student:** Jane

**Date:** 10/10/2023

**Comment:** 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.

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**City:** Denver

**Student:** Armando

**Date:** 10/9/2023

**Comment:** 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.

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**City:** Atlanta

**Student:** Justin

**Date:** 10/9/2023

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

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**City:** Houston

**Student:** Brian Crockett

**Date:** 10/6/2023

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

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**City:** Denver

**Student:** Susan

**Date:** 9/19/2023

**Comment:** 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.

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**City:** New Jersey

**Student:** Marina Nalitt

**Date:** 9/19/2023

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

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**City:** Los Angeles

**Student:** Marilyn

**Date:** 9/15/2023

**Comment:** 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.

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**City:** Chicago

**Student:** Robin

**Date:** 9/3/2023

**Comment:** I enjoyed my class with Ron and learned a lot of forgotten info on ISO and apperature.

He is very knowledgeable.

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

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**City:** Detroit

**Student:** Sarah

**Date:** 8/29/2023

**Comment:** 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.

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**City:** New York

**Student:** Fred M.

**Date:** 8/29/2023

**Comment:** 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.

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**City:** Toronto

**Student:** Nicole

**Date:** 8/29/2023

**Comment:** 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!

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**City:** Atlanta

**Student:** Michelle Spears

**Date:** 8/29/2023

**Comment:** 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 😊.

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**City:** Hudson Valley

**Student:** Maggie

**Date:** 8/13/2023

**Comment:** 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!

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**City:** Minneapolis

**Student:** Ashlee Alberts

**Date:** 8/13/2023

**Comment:** 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 :)

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**City:** Minneapolis

**Student:** Christina

**Date:** 8/13/2023

**Comment:** 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!

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**City:** Cleveland

**Student:** Barbara Bruhn

**Date:** 8/8/2023

**Comment:** 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.

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**City:** Chicago

**Student:** Patrick Masterson

**Date:** 7/31/2023

**Comment:** 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.

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**City:** Philadelphia

**Student:** Monica

**Date:** 7/24/2023

**Comment:** 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

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**City:** Los Angeles

**Student:** Diane

**Date:** 7/20/2023

**Comment:** 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

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**City:** Denver

**Student:** James

**Date:** 7/18/2023

**Comment:** 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.

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**City:** Denver

**Student:** James

**Date:** 7/18/2023

**Comment:** 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.

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**City:** Los Angeles

**Student:** Janet Okazaki

**Date:** 7/17/2023

**Comment:** 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.

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**City:** Washington, D.C.

**Student:** Jaden Jones

**Date:** 7/12/2023

**Comment:** 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.

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**City:** San Francisco

**Student:** Samantha

**Date:** 7/12/2023

**Comment:** Great class. Well worth it.

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**City:** San Francisco

**Student:** Deidra Walker

**Date:** 7/12/2023

**Comment:** Great class. Very worthwhile.

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**City:** Miami

**Student:** Nicholas

**Date:** 7/12/2023

**Comment:** 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!

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**City:** New Jersey

**Student:** Steve Sadauskas

**Date:** 7/12/2023

**Comment:** 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.

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**City:** Denver

**Student:** Lisa Wolkerstorfer

**Date:** 7/12/2023

**Comment:** 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.

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**City:** San Diego

**Student:** Sheri

**Date:** 7/12/2023

**Comment:** Sanija was very excited when I picked her up from Martin's Workshop

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**City:** Los Angeles

**Student:** Jiye

**Date:** 6/12/2023

**Comment:** 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.

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**City:** Chicago  
**Student:** Angelina  
**Date:** 6/12/2023

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

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**City:** Los Angeles  
**Student:** Josh Clinton  
**Date:** 6/12/2023

**Comment:** 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.

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**City:** Hudson Valley  
**Student:** Romelys M.  
**Date:** 6/12/2023

**Comment:** 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.

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**City:** San Francisco  
**Student:** Natalie Cowie  
**Date:** 6/8/2023

**Comment:** Jerry Downs was an excellent teacher and great fun.

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**City:** San Francisco

**Student:** Natalie Cowie

**Date:** 6/7/2023

**Comment:** Here's one from yesterday...

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**City:** San Francisco

**Student:** Natalie Cowie

**Date:** 6/7/2023

**Comment:** 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!

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**City:** Chicago

**Student:** Melissa B

**Date:** 6/7/2023

**Comment:** 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!

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**City:** New Jersey

**Student:** Mimi

**Date:** 5/31/2023

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

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**City:** Philadelphia

**Student:** Barb Gulick

**Date:** 5/31/2023

**Comment:** I truly had a wonderful time. Carl was excellent.

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**City:** Denver

**Student:** Chad

**Date:** 5/31/2023

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

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**City:** Boston

**Student:** Jannik

**Date:** 5/31/2023

**Comment:** 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

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**City:** Houston

**Student:** Kenneth Matheus

**Date:** 5/31/2023

**Comment:** 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 [www.kennethmatheus.com](http://www.kennethmatheus.com). You can definitely find photos there.

thank you very much

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**City:** Los Angeles  
**Student:** David Salomon  
**Date:** 5/31/2023

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

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**City:** Philadelphia  
**Student:** Phil Warmflash  
**Date:** 5/31/2023

**Comment:** Thank you for a very fun and informative day. I can't wait to see the pictures I took on a larger screen.

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**City:** Washington, D.C.  
**Student:** Ann Spevacek  
**Date:** 5/31/2023

**Comment:** Rene and I really enjoyed the class with Bob. He's a wonderful teacher, and we felt we got a lot out of it.

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**City:** Boston  
**Student:** Stephanie Marino  
**Date:** 5/31/2023

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

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**City:** Toronto  
**Student:** Susan Anderson  
**Date:** 5/31/2023

**Comment:** 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.

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**City:** Hudson Valley  
**Student:** Jarshua Frederique  
**Date:** 5/31/2023

**Comment:** 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.

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**City:** Phoenix  
**Student:** Royce  
**Date:** 5/30/2023

**Comment:** 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!



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**City:** Washington, D.C.

**Student:** Andy L

**Date:** 5/23/2023

**Comment:** 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.

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**City:** Toronto

**Student:** Connie Crosby

**Date:** 3/28/2023

**Comment:** Thank you, Taku. I had a lot of fun.

Sharing a few of my favourite photos from the day.

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**City:** Toronto

**Student:** Steven Albrecht

**Date:** 3/28/2023

**Comment:** It was nice to take pictures in a group, it makes me feel I stand out less... Here are a few of mine.

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**City:** Washington, D.C.

**Student:** Meriem Malouche

**Date:** 3/27/2023

**Comment:** 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.

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**City:** New Jersey

**Student:** Kathy

**Date:** 3/27/2023

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

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**City:** Dallas

**Student:** Sudip Bhattacharyya

**Date:** 3/13/2023

**Comment:** 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.

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**City:** Denver

**Student:** Robyn Premo

**Date:** 3/13/2023

**Comment:** 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.

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**City:** Orlando

**Student:** Nicole Felton

**Date:** 2/23/2023

**Comment:** 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.

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**City:** Chicago

**Student:** Melissa B

**Date:** 2/6/2023

**Comment:** 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.

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**City:** Tampa

**Student:** Elizabeth Hayes

**Date:** 2/6/2023

**Comment:** 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"!!).

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**City:** Tampa

**Student:** Kimberly/Kerrity

**Date:** 1/31/2023

**Comment:** 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!

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**City:** Denver  
**Student:** Allison  
**Date:** 1/31/2023

**Comment:** Thank you for the class, it was great!

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**City:** Hudson Valley  
**Student:** Jack  
**Date:** 1/31/2023

**Comment:** I learned a lot!

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**City:** Houston  
**Student:** Phenix-Hall  
**Date:** 12/19/2022

**Comment:** 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.

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**City:** Atlanta  
**Student:** Brian-Rucker  
**Date:** 12/19/2022

**Comment:** 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.

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**City:** Denver

**Student:** Charles Davidson

**Date:** 12/8/2022

**Comment:** 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

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**City:** New York

**Student:** Haley

**Date:** 12/8/2022

**Comment:** 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.

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**City:** Atlanta

**Student:** Jessie Olmsted

**Date:** 12/8/2022

**Comment:** 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.

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**City:** Miami

**Student:** Maria Murphy

**Date:** 11/17/2022

**Comment:** 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! 😊😊

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**City:** Phoenix

**Student:** Michelle Park

**Date:** 11/17/2022

**Comment:** 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.

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**City:** San Diego

**Student:** Kelly N

**Date:** 10/31/2022

**Comment:** 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.

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**City:** San Diego  
**Student:** Iris Harring  
**Date:** 10/24/2022

**Comment:** Thank you so much for the magnificent class on Saturday!

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**City:** San Francisco  
**Student:** Jessica Crichlow  
**Date:** 8/28/2022

**Comment:** Thank you Richard for setting us up with Jerry, it was a great lesson. I will be sharing photos with you and Jerry soon.

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**City:** New Jersey  
**Student:** Carl Germano  
**Date:** 8/26/2022

**Comment:** 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.

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**City:** Los Angeles  
**Student:** Gail Meara  
**Date:** 8/24/2022

**Comment:** 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!

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**City:** Orlando

**Student:** John Pigott

**Date:** 8/15/2022

**Comment:** 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.

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**City:** Miami

**Student:** Jacques Noziera

**Date:** 8/15/2022

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

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**City:** Seattle

**Student:** kelsey chuang

**Date:** 8/4/2022

**Comment:** The workshop was really good, thank you so much. Jeffrey for your patience !!

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**City:** Hudson Valley

**Student:** Debbie MacGregor



**Date:** 8/1/2022

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

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**City:** Philadelphia

**Student:** James Buehlerto

**Date:** 7/27/2022

**Comment:** Carl. Thank you very much for the notes and these excellent examples. I look forward to your class on digital photo editing.

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**City:** Philadelphia

**Student:** Ralph Hirschorn

**Date:** 7/27/2022

**Comment:** 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.

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**City:** Orlando

**Student:** Carol

**Date:** 7/27/2022

**Comment:** 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

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**City:** Miami

**Student:** Isis Brahona

**Date:** 7/27/2022

**Comment:** 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!

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**City:** Los Angeles  
**Student:** Lyssandra Guerra  
**Date:** 7/19/2022

**Comment:** THANKS SO MUCH FOR SHARING YOUR EXPERTISE!

- Lyssandra

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**City:** New Jersey  
**Student:** Matthew Magratten  
**Date:** 7/19/2022

**Comment:** Great lesson, thanks.

- Matt

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**City:** Chicago  
**Student:** Erin P  
**Date:** 7/19/2022

**Comment:** 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

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**City:** Chicago

**Student:** Jacqueline K

**Date:** 7/19/2022

**Comment:** Great class! I appreciate all the information I received.

- Jacqueline

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**City:** Chicago

**Student:** Randy N

**Date:** 7/19/2022

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

- Randy

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**City:** Denver

**Student:** Lori B

**Date:** 7/19/2022

**Comment:** 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

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**City:** Miami

**Student:** Tina Siddall

**Date:** 7/19/2022

**Comment:** Thank you Rochelle for a great session and thank you Richard for the additional info! And thanks Isis for the great company :)

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**City:** Orlando

**Student:** John Pigott

**Date:** 7/11/2022

**Comment:** 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?

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**City:** Atlanta

**Student:** Augustin Dantes

**Date:** 7/11/2022

**Comment:** 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

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**City:** Hudson Valley

**Student:** Justin Geis

**Date:** 7/11/2022

**Comment:** 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.

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**City:** Boston

**Student:** Douglas Riis

**Date:** 7/11/2022

**Comment:** 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

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**City:** Chicago  
**Student:** Greta Huizenga  
**Date:** 7/11/2022

**Comment:** Great teacher! Great info! I really benefitted from this private course!

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**City:** Cleveland  
**Student:** Aric Hluch  
**Date:** 6/10/2022

**Comment:** 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

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**City:** Boston  
**Student:** Sara Musun  
**Date:** 6/10/2022

**Comment:** Thank you again. It was a great session.

- Sara M

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**City:** Denver

**Student:** Lori Bottiger

**Date:** 6/6/2022

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

-Lori

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**City:** Atlanta

**Student:** Sulma Valentin

**Date:** 6/6/2022

**Comment:** 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

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**City:** New York

**Student:** Anne S

**Date:** 6/2/2022

**Comment:** 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

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**City:** Los Angeles

**Student:** Maria L

**Date:** 6/2/2022

**Comment:** 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

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**City:** Los Angeles

**Student:** Daniel N

**Date:** 6/2/2022

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

- Daniel N

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**City:** Los Angeles

**Student:** Eric Wang

**Date:** 4/11/2022

**Comment:** 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

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**City:** Atlanta

**Student:** Kermit

**Date:** 8/11/2021

**Comment:** 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

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**City:** Los Angeles

**Student:** Sung

**Date:** 8/11/2021

**Comment:** 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

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**City:** Denver

**Student:** Kristin

**Date:** 8/4/2021

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

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**City:** Minneapolis

**Student:** Gwen

**Date:** 8/4/2021

**Comment:** Thank you for setting the photo shoot up I learned a lot. It is as a lot of fun.



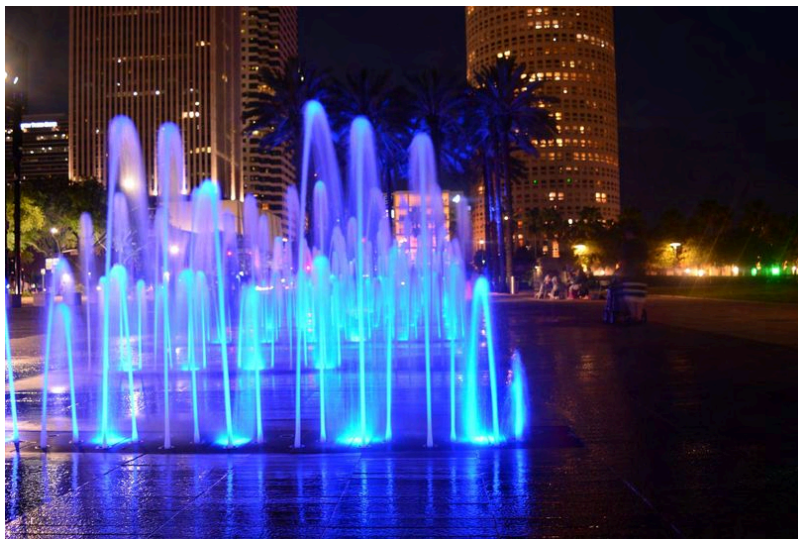
Now I would like to go to a class in photo shop if you have one

Thanks  
Gwen

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**City:** Tampa  
**Student:** Byron  
**Date:** 8/4/2021

**Comment:** 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...



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**City:** Orlando  
**Student:** Maritza  
**Date:** 8/4/2021

**Comment:** 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!

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**City:** Minneapolis

**Student:** Allison

**Date:** 7/17/2021

**Comment:** 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.

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**City:** Detroit

**Student:** dawn

**Date:** 7/17/2021

**Comment:** 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

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**City:** Detroit

**Student:** Sharon

**Date:** 7/17/2021

**Comment:** 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

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**City:** Hudson Valley

**Student:** Michael Caivano

**Date:** 2/10/2021

**Comment:** 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

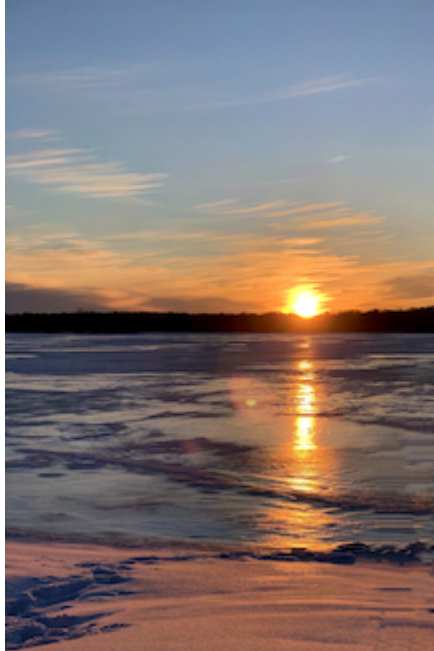
I was told that your wife is an amazing photographer, so congrats to you on that and to her.

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



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**City:** New Jersey

**Student:** Frances Pimentel

**Date:** 2/5/2021

**Comment:** 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.



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**City:** New York

**Student:** Carlos Ruiz Jr.

**Date:** 2/5/2021

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

Thanks for everything.

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**City:** Seattle

**Student:** Anonymous

**Date:** 9/3/2020

**Comment:** 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!

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**City:** Seattle

**Student:** Hortensia

**Date:** 9/3/2020

**Comment:** 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!

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**City:** Tucson

**Student:** Donna

**Date:** 8/21/2020

**Comment:** Just wanted to thank you guys for a great photo experience. I had so much fun and I learned a lot

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**City:** San Francisco

**Student:** ECKHART BEATTY

**Date:** 8/21/2020

**Comment:** Thanks again for a great experience

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**City:** San Francisco

**Student:** Anwar

**Date:** 8/21/2020

**Comment:** Jerry and Peter.

Wonderful. Love it. Thanks for sharing the pictures. You both were awesome. Enjoyed every minute of it.

Take care.

Anwar.

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**City:** San Francisco

**Student:** Alex

**Date:** 8/21/2020

**Comment:** 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.

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**City:** Denver

**Student:** Jessica

**Date:** 8/19/2020

**Comment:** 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)

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**City:** Boston

**Student:** Quelz55

**Date:** 8/12/2020

**Comment:** Fantastic!

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**City:** Boston

**Student:** 1michaelgoldman@gmail.com

**Date:** 8/12/2020

**Comment:** Wonderful course!

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**City:** New York

**Student:** vksingh91

**Date:** 7/20/2020

**Comment:** 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!!!!!!

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**City:** Denver

**Student:** sandeep sandos

**Date:** 3/16/2020

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

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**City:** Los Angeles

**Student:** Patricia Serban

**Date:** 3/16/2020

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





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**City:** Washington, D.C.

**Student:** Brittany Harding

**Date:** 3/16/2020

**Comment:** 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

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**City:** Los Angeles

**Student:** Maria Lorenzana

**Date:** 3/16/2020

**Comment:** 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

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**City:** Washington, D.C.

**Student:** kevin

**Date:** 3/4/2020

**Comment:** Took this in Washington, D.C. Bob was great. He's very knowledgeable and I learned so much.

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**City:** Chicago

**Student:** Jeff P

**Date:** 3/3/2020

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

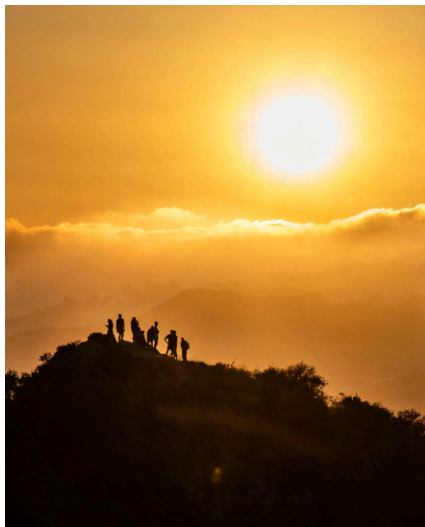
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**City:** Los Angeles

**Student:** Justin D

**Date:** 2/13/2020

**Comment:** 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!



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**City:** Hudson Valley

**Student:** Linda Morris

**Date:** 2/12/2020

**Comment:** 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.

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**City:** Los Angeles

**Student:** Tim Smith

**Date:** 2/12/2020

**Comment:** 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!



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**City:** Los Angeles

**Student:** Hazel Santos

**Date:** 2/12/2020

**Comment:** 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.



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**City:** Dallas

**Student:** Richard Araujo

**Date:** 2/5/2020

**Comment:** 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.

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**City:** San Diego

**Student:** Tony

**Date:** 1/29/2020

**Comment:** 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.

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**City:** San Diego  
**Student:** Rita Blockman  
**Date:** 1/28/2020

**Comment:** The class with Martin was very helpful!

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**City:** San Diego  
**Student:** Alexi  
**Date:** 1/28/2020

**Comment:** 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

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**City:** Houston  
**Student:** Ismaila A  
**Date:** 1/24/2020

**Comment:** 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

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**City:** New York  
**Student:** Anonymous  
**Date:** 1/21/2020

**Comment:** Great instructor, amazing venue!

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**City:** Houston  
**Student:** Allen G  
**Date:** 1/14/2020

**Comment:** 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.

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**City:** Hudson Valley  
**Student:** Tom Orlando  
**Date:** 1/14/2020

**Comment:** 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.

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**City:** Chicago  
**Student:** Josh D  
**Date:** 1/7/2020

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

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**City:** Washington, D.C.  
**Student:** Alex Alepohoritis  
**Date:** 1/7/2020

**Comment:** 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!!

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**City:** Denver

**Student:** Jarrod

**Date:** 1/7/2020

**Comment:** 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.

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**City:** New York

**Student:** Nancylynn H

**Date:** 1/2/2020

**Comment:** 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.

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**City:** Tampa

**Student:** Trish Scott

**Date:** 12/31/2019

**Comment:** 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!

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**City:** San Diego

**Student:** Alex Yapjoco

**Date:** 12/31/2019

**Comment:** It was great! Here attached is my favorite pic.

Thanks to Martin for teaching us so well.



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**City:** Tampa

**Student:** Anonymous

**Date:** 12/31/2019

**Comment:** She got so much out of it and so glad we didn't cancel. Sam is great!

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**City:** New York

**Student:** Lauren Bennett

**Date:** 12/24/2019

**Comment:** 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!!

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**City:** Los Angeles

**Student:** Natalia Jackson

**Date:** 12/24/2019

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



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**City:** San Francisco

**Student:** Matt D

**Date:** 12/18/2019

**Comment:** 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!

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**City:** Orlando  
**Student:** Mike M  
**Date:** 12/18/2019

**Comment:** 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.

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**City:** Washington, D.C.  
**Student:** Ginny  
**Date:** 12/11/2019

**Comment:** 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!

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**City:** San Diego  
**Student:** Rose Wolkin  
**Date:** 12/2/2019

**Comment:** 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.

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**City:** Dallas  
**Student:** Mary Sue  
**Date:** 11/1/2019

**Comment:** 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!

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**City:** Seattle

**Student:** Eve Miller

**Date:** 10/29/2019

**Comment:** 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.

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**City:** Tampa

**Student:** Rick Passaretti

**Date:** 10/29/2019

**Comment:** 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!

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**City:** Toronto

**Student:** Sophie Tantsis

**Date:** 10/29/2019

**Comment:** elsie was very knowledgeable and made the session enjoyable. highly recommended to get started in photography

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**City:** Toronto

**Student:** Susan-Jane Bynoe

**Date:** 10/4/2019

**Comment:** Here is a photo.



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**City:** Los Angeles

**Student:** Jani

**Date:** 10/4/2019

**Comment:** 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.

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**City:** Hudson Valley

**Student:** Lisa Campbell

**Date:** 9/30/2019

**Comment:** What a fabulous day I had. The company, instruction and location was devine. 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.

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**City:** San Francisco

**Student:** Anisha Raghavan

**Date:** 9/30/2019

**Comment:** Hi Richard - Peter was great! I really enjoyed it. Thanks for the class.

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**City:** Toronto

**Student:** Susan-Jane Bynoe

**Date:** 9/26/2019

**Comment:** Really enjoyed my session with Leanne on Saturday. Finally understand the settings on my camera.

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**City:** Philadelphia

**Student:** Shelley Rosenberg

**Date:** 9/23/2019

**Comment:** 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,

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**City:** Orlando

**Student:** Julie Tayes

**Date:** 9/23/2019

**Comment:** 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

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**City:** Orlando

**Student:** Juli Powers

**Date:** 9/23/2019

**Comment:** Thank you ! Alex enjoyed both classes very much.

Hope we can do it again sometime.

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**City:** Detroit

**Student:** Janice Smith

**Date:** 9/17/2019

**Comment:** 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.

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**City:** Los Angeles

**Student:** Sorya Ly

**Date:** 9/17/2019

**Comment:** 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

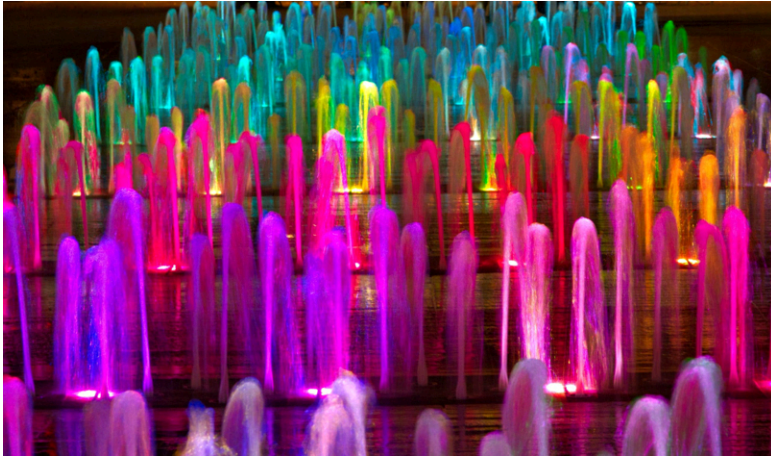
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**City:** Tampa

**Student:** Mary Cay

**Date:** 9/4/2019

**Comment:** Water fountains at night.



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**City:** Tampa  
**Student:** Mary Cay  
**Date:** 9/4/2019

**Comment:** 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.

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**City:** Houston  
**Student:** Joe Fernandez  
**Date:** 9/2/2019

**Comment:** 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

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**City:** San Francisco

**Student:** Jennifer Ziemba

**Date:** 8/30/2019

**Comment:** 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.

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**City:** Denver

**Student:** Santana S

**Date:** 8/29/2019

**Comment:** 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.

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**City:** San Diego

**Student:** Jason L

**Date:** 8/26/2019

**Comment:** 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.

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**City:** Seattle

**Student:** Aidan Vickers

**Date:** 8/26/2019

**Comment:** 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

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**City:** Philadelphia

**Student:** Robert Muzikar

**Date:** 8/19/2019

**Comment:** Had fun with Armond.

He is a gentleman and showed a lot of patience with the beginners.

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**City:** Detroit

**Student:** Amanda Terry

**Date:** 8/15/2019

**Comment:** The weather was quite beautiful! Tom was great and helpful.

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**City:** Los Angeles

**Student:** David Martinez

**Date:** 8/13/2019

**Comment:** Hey Scott,

Here is what I came up with, the 1st one is HDR merge (5pics) then used camera raw to make ads. The 2nd one made ads 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.

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**City:** Detroit

**Student:** Tracy Walker

**Date:** 8/13/2019

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

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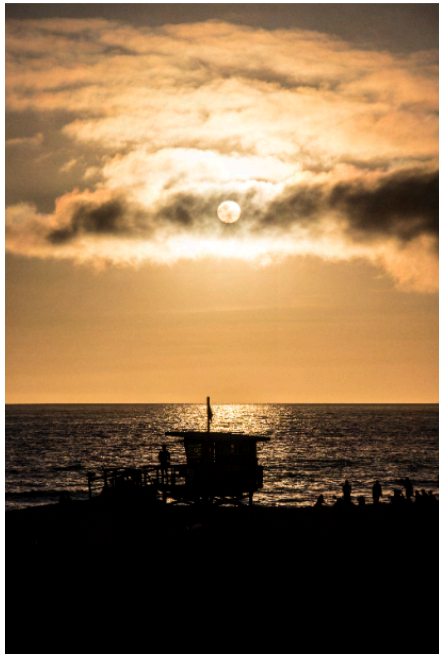
**City:** Los Angeles

**Student:** George Collazo

**Date:** 8/13/2019

**Comment:** 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:



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**City:** Los Angeles

**Student:** TERRY SCHNEIDER

**Date:** 8/11/2019

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

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**City:** Los Angeles

**Student:** TERRY SCHNEIDER

**Date:** 8/11/2019

**Comment:** 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.

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**City:** Boston

**Student:** Stephanie Gourley

**Date:** 8/11/2019

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

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**City:** Washington, D.C.

**Student:** Taylor Presley

**Date:** 8/9/2019

**Comment:** 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.

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**City:** Los Angeles

**Student:** Robin Warner

**Date:** 8/8/2019

**Comment:** 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 .

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**City:** Chicago

**Student:** Amy McCue

**Date:** 8/8/2019

**Comment:** 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.

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**City:** Hudson Valley

**Student:** John S

**Date:** 8/5/2019

**Comment:** 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.

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**City:** Washington, D.C.

**Student:** Keith K

**Date:** 8/5/2019

**Comment:** 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.

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**City:** Chicago

**Student:** Sheila L

**Date:** 8/5/2019

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

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**City:** Dallas

**Student:** Shay Paschall

**Date:** 8/5/2019

**Comment:** 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.

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**City:** Hudson Valley

**Student:** Barbara F

**Date:** 7/30/2019

**Comment:** 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

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**City:** San Francisco

**Student:** Steven V

**Date:** 7/30/2019

**Comment:** 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.

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**City:** Hudson Valley

**Student:** Ricky R

**Date:** 7/30/2019

**Comment:** 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.

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**City:** San Francisco

**Student:** Marjorie Morgenstern

**Date:** 7/30/2019

**Comment:** 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.

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**City:** New York

**Student:** Collen Q

**Date:** 7/30/2019

**Comment:** 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.

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**City:** New Jersey

**Student:** Vin B

**Date:** 7/30/2019

**Comment:** Here is a pic.



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**City:** New Jersey

**Student:** Vin B

**Date:** 7/30/2019

**Comment:** Hi Ann - it was a good experience, would try it again.

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**City:** Toronto

**Student:** Hannah Raguine

**Date:** 7/30/2019

**Comment:** 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!

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**City:** Hudson Valley

**Student:** Lani Bass

**Date:** 7/30/2019



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

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**City:** Orlando

**Student:** Flavio Cruz

**Date:** 7/23/2019

**Comment:** Thanks for the class! I had an amazing time with you guys!



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**City:** Minneapolis

**Student:** Kelsey Vyvyan

**Date:** 7/23/2019

**Comment:** 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!

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**City:** Orlando

**Student:** Leonardo Carrion

**Date:** 7/21/2019

**Comment:** Here are a couple images I took during our time.



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**City:** Orlando

**Student:** Leonardo Carrion

**Date:** 7/21/2019

**Comment:** 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.

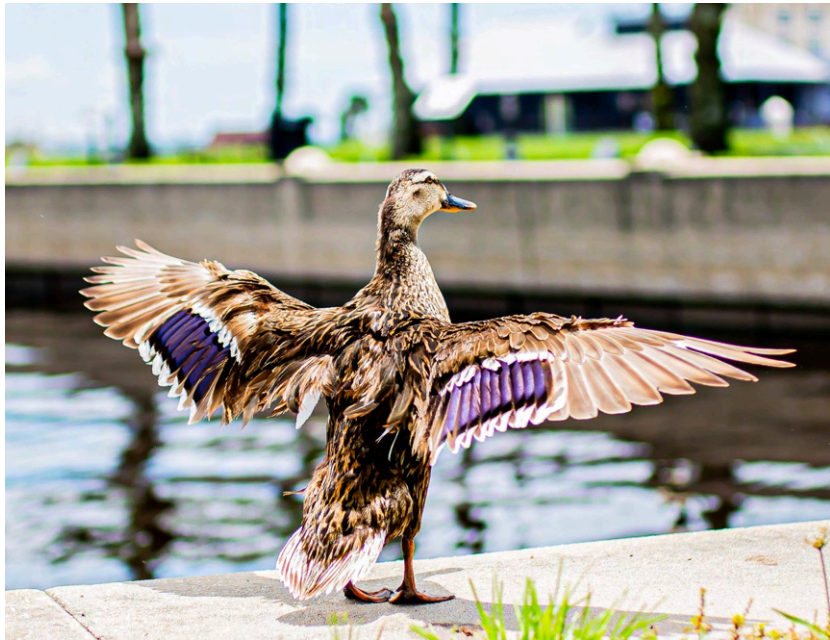
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**City:** Orlando

**Student:** Levis Irizarry

**Date:** 7/21/2019

**Comment:** Yes very good class, Thank u!! 🙏



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**City:** Minneapolis

**Student:** Jeff Wilwerding

**Date:** 7/21/2019

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



**City:** Los Angeles

**Student:** Erika Schlick

**Date:** 7/16/2019

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

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**City:** Washington, D.C.

**Student:** Wendy Simmons

**Date:** 7/10/2019

**Comment:** 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!!!!

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**City:** Boston

**Student:** Norma Perea

**Date:** 7/9/2019

**Comment:** Hi Michael

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



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**City:** Washington, D.C.

**Student:** CaSaundra Smith

**Date:** 7/9/2019

**Comment:** 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.

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**City:** Dallas

**Student:** Patricia J

**Date:** 7/9/2019

**Comment:** 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.

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**City:** Boston

**Student:** Vivek Karmara

**Date:** 7/9/2019

**Comment:** 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.



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**City:** Hudson Valley

**Student:** Glenn M

**Date:** 7/5/2019

**Comment:** 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.

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**City:** New York

**Student:** Zaid Malack

**Date:** 7/1/2019

**Comment:** 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.

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**City:** New York

**Student:** Angel Peralta

**Date:** 7/1/2019

**Comment:** 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.

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**City:** Philadelphia

**Student:** Richelle Gist

**Date:** 7/1/2019

**Comment:** 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!

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**City:** New York

**Student:** Arshad Wani

**Date:** 6/28/2019

**Comment:** 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.

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**City:** New York

**Student:** Kathy Nicholson

**Date:** 6/28/2019

**Comment:** Steven - thanks again for a great class! Was a great day - and new tips to play with 🍷

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**City:** Orlando

**Student:** Kennedy G

**Date:** 6/28/2019

**Comment:** 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!

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**City:** Minneapolis

**Student:** Loren M

**Date:** 6/18/2019



**Comment:** I learned a lot from Rick

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**City:** New York

**Student:** Angel P

**Date:** 6/17/2019

**Comment:** 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.

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**City:** New York

**Student:** Kamilah

**Date:** 6/16/2019

**Comment:** 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.

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**City:** Miami

**Student:** Kristel Kouly

**Date:** 6/10/2019

**Comment:** 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!



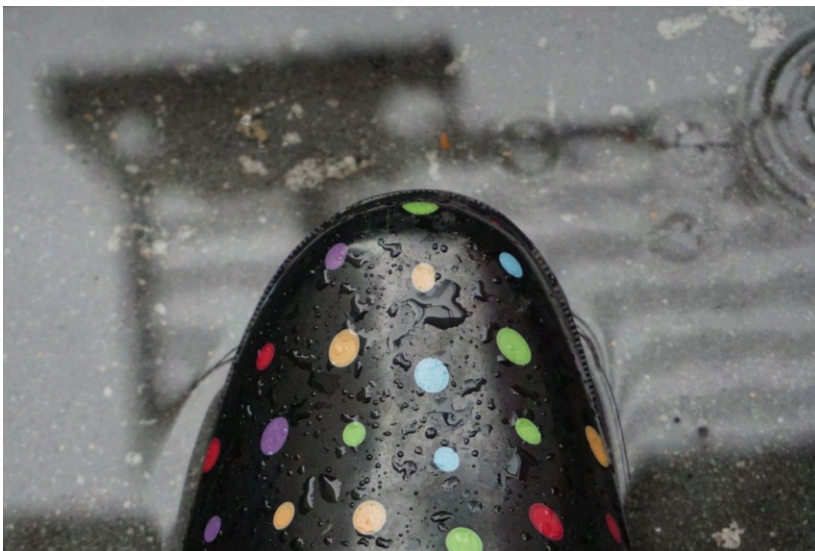
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**City:** Atlanta

**Student:** Brittany Wyatt

**Date:** 6/10/2019

**Comment:** 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!



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**City:** Atlanta

**Student:** Brittany Wyatt

**Date:** 6/9/2019

**Comment:** 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!



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**City:** Los Angeles

**Student:** Patricia S

**Date:** 5/28/2019

**Comment:** 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 :)

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**City:** Hudson Valley

**Student:** WINSTON H

**Date:** 5/28/2019

**Comment:** 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.

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**City:** New York

**Student:** Dhruv Patel

**Date:** 5/7/2019

**Comment:** 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

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**City:** Tampa

**Student:** Todd J

**Date:** 5/3/2019

**Comment:** 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.

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**City:** Detroit

**Student:** Jeani H

**Date:** 5/3/2019

**Comment:** I really enjoyed the Composition 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.

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**City:** San Francisco

**Student:** Ariel K

**Date:** 5/3/2019

**Comment:** 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

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**City:** Hudson Valley

**Student:** Judy R

**Date:** 5/3/2019

**Comment:** 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 inspire than ever! I look forward to future classes.

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**City:** Cleveland

**Student:** Timothy M

**Date:** 5/3/2019

**Comment:** 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!

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**City:** Toronto

**Student:** Stephanie F

**Date:** 5/3/2019

**Comment:** This class was amazing! It was everything I wanted and more. It was super informative and fun. I could not recommend it more!!!!

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**City:** New York

**Student:** Matt K

**Date:** 5/2/2019

**Comment:** 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!

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**City:** Washington, D.C.

**Student:** Shantris F

**Date:** 5/2/2019

**Comment:** Bob was knowledgeable and fun. He explained concepts very simply. The class was perfect for beginners, I'm looking forward to taking another.

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**City:** New York  
**Student:** Linde I  
**Date:** 5/2/2019

**Comment:** 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!

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**City:** New York  
**Student:** Delfina I  
**Date:** 5/2/2019

**Comment:** A very complete day learning photography to my measure ! Alyssa Meadows was wonderful to me.

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**City:** New York  
**Student:** Clare W  
**Date:** 5/2/2019

**Comment:** Great introduction to digital photography with a wonderful instructor. Can't wait to practice what I have learnt!

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**City:** Chicago  
**Student:** Anonymous  
**Date:** 5/2/2019

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

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**City:** Los Angeles  
**Student:** Anonymous  
**Date:** 5/2/2019

**Comment:** 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!

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**City:** New York  
**Student:** Anonymous  
**Date:** 5/2/2019

**Comment:** The class was excellent. The teacher was punctual, patient and professional. I feel I received the information promised in the course description.

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**City:** Houston  
**Student:** Anonymous  
**Date:** 5/2/2019

**Comment:** 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!

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**City:** Atlanta  
**Student:** Anonymous  
**Date:** 5/2/2019

**Comment:** The instructors are top-notch!

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**City:** Chicago



**Student:** Anonymous

**Date:** 5/2/2019

**Comment:** 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!

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**City:** Chicago

**Student:** Chris Larson

**Date:** 4/30/2019

**Comment:** 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

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**City:** New York

**Student:** Ed

**Date:** 4/22/2019

**Comment:** Grand Central Terminal



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**City:** New York

**Student:** Ed

**Date:** 4/22/2019

**Comment:** 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!

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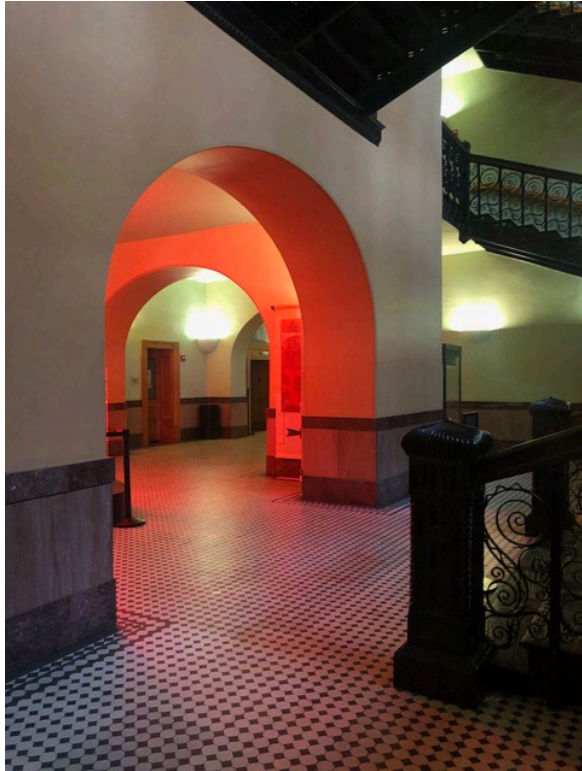
**City:** Dallas

**Student:** Yael Avneri

**Date:** 3/4/2019

**Comment:** "Hi!!! It was a fun day ,thank you"

-Yael



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**City:** Phoenix

**Student:** Ted Swanson

**Date:** 2/13/2019

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Los Angeles

**Student:** Rochelle Baum

**Date:** 2/13/2019

**Comment:** 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



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**City:** Chicago

**Student:** Steve. B

**Date:** 1/25/2019

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Los Angeles

**Student:** Rob. L

**Date:** 1/25/2019

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Miami

**Student:** Noreen Conroy

**Date:** 1/25/2019

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

-Noreen

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**City:** Atlanta

**Student:** Alicia

**Date:** 1/25/2019

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Orlando

**Student:** Liz Fenix

**Date:** 1/25/2019

**Comment:** "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



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**City:** Miami

**Student:** Norene

**Date:** 1/17/2019

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Miami

**Student:** Steve

**Date:** 1/11/2019

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

-Steve

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**City:** Miami  
**Student:** Vincent  
**Date:** 1/11/2019

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

-Vincent

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**City:** Miami  
**Student:** Kim  
**Date:** 1/11/2019

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** New York  
**Student:** Michelle A.  
**Date:** 1/7/2019

**Comment:** "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.

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**City:** Chicago  
**Student:** Anonymous  
**Date:** 1/7/2019

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** New York  
**Student:** Louis V.  
**Date:** 1/7/2019

**Comment:** "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.

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**City:** Chicago  
**Student:** Anonymous  
**Date:** 1/7/2019

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

-Anonymous

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**City:** New York  
**Student:** Andrea C.  
**Date:** 1/7/2019

**Comment:** "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.

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**City:** New York

**Student:** Ronald I.

**Date:** 1/7/2019

**Comment:** "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.

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**City:** San Francisco

**Student:** Anonymous

**Date:** 1/7/2019

**Comment:** "I was able to tailor the class to be exactly what I needed to learn. Jerry is great to work with."

-Anonymous

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**City:** New York

**Student:** Anonymous

**Date:** 1/7/2019

**Comment:** "Very informative and helpful. The instructor, Steven, really helped me learn features of my camera that were beneficial to my needs."

-Anonymous

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**City:** San Francisco

**Student:** Isabella S.

**Date:** 1/7/2019

**Comment:** "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.

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**City:** Denver

**Student:** Anonymous

**Date:** 1/7/2019

**Comment:** "Great experience with Dan, he knows his stuff!"

-Anonymous

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**City:** New York

**Student:** Siddarth P

**Date:** 1/7/2019

**Comment:** "Steven was great! A lot of information and very easy going."

-Siddarth P.

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**City:** New York

**Student:** Kathy Nicholson

**Date:** 12/29/2018

**Comment:** "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



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**City:** Detroit

**Student:** Tom Witek

**Date:** 12/13/2018

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

-Tom Witek

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**City:** Denver  
**Student:** Amber  
**Date:** 12/13/2018

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Phoenix  
**Student:** Jim Paire  
**Date:** 12/13/2018

**Comment:** "I really like Christine's photography instruction and also SHE is a life saver."

-Jim Paire

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**City:** Boston  
**Student:** Anne Ceurvels  
**Date:** 11/10/2018

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

-Anne Ceurvels



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**City:** Tampa  
**Student:** Melia Healy  
**Date:** 11/10/2018

**Comment:** "Had a great time. Tim was great!"

-Melia Healy

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**City:** Boston  
**Student:** Jeff Zajac  
**Date:** 10/12/2018

**Comment:** "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



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**City:** Boston

**Student:** Jill Chakour

**Date:** 10/12/2018

**Comment:** "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



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**City:** Los Angeles

**Student:** Janet

**Date:** 10/3/2018

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** New York

**Student:** Cris

**Date:** 10/3/2018

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** New York

**Student:** Jay

**Date:** 10/3/2018

**Comment:** "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



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**City:** Los Angeles

**Student:** Leslie

**Date:** 10/3/2018

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Hudson Valley  
**Student:** Bill Schultz  
**Date:** 8/17/2018

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

-Bill



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**City:** Hudson Valley  
**Student:** Andy Mueller  
**Date:** 8/17/2018

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

-Andy



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**City:** San Francisco

**Student:** Crystal A

**Date:** 8/6/2018

**Comment:** "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.

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**City:** Atlanta

**Student:** Karen Brennan

**Date:** 8/6/2018

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

-Karen Brennan

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**City:** Detroit

**Student:** Lisa Kern

**Date:** 8/2/2018

**Comment:** "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



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**City:** Washington, D.C.

**Student:** Jessica Wilkerson

**Date:** 8/2/2018

**Comment:** "The class was great! Looking forward to my second one on august 25th!"

Jessica Wilkerson

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**City:** Tampa  
**Student:** Amber Loring  
**Date:** 8/1/2018

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** San Francisco  
**Student:** Yining Liu  
**Date:** 8/1/2018

**Comment:** "The class was awesome. I loved it."

-Yining Liu

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**City:** Tampa  
**Student:** Rodney Anderson  
**Date:** 8/1/2018

**Comment:** "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



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**City:** Miami

**Student:** Sarkis Anac

**Date:** 8/1/2018

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Toronto

**Student:** Raymond Li

**Date:** 7/23/2018

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** San Diego

**Student:** Mayra Silva

**Date:** 7/23/2018

**Comment:** "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 where incredible and such a great price. I look forward to taking more classes when Martin is teaching again!"

-Mayra

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**City:** Boston

**Student:** Kendra Jacomo

**Date:** 7/18/2018

**Comment:** "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



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**City:** Toronto

**Student:** Maria

**Date:** 7/10/2018

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Toronto

**Student:** Cyrillene

**Date:** 7/10/2018

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Chicago

**Student:** John Kelly

**Date:** 7/10/2018

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Houston

**Student:** Soledad

**Date:** 7/9/2018

**Comment:** "It was a fun class and I learned a lot!"

-Soledad

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**City:** Tampa

**Student:** Bethany

**Date:** 7/9/2018

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Los Angeles

**Student:** Lisa

**Date:** 7/9/2018

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Tampa

**Student:** Donna

**Date:** 7/9/2018

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** San Francisco

**Student:** Ken

**Date:** 7/9/2018

**Comment:** "The meeting place and the subject of the Golden bridge made for an outstanding experience."

-Ken

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**City:** San Francisco

**Student:** Andreas

**Date:** 7/9/2018

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Hudson Valley

**Student:** Andrew

**Date:** 7/9/2018

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Hudson Valley

**Student:** Judy

**Date:** 7/9/2018

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Hudson Valley

**Student:** Tim

**Date:** 7/9/2018

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** San Francisco

**Student:** Karen

**Date:** 7/9/2018

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Miami

**Student:** Omar

**Date:** 7/9/2018

**Comment:** "Excellent experience. Excellent instructor."

-Omar

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**City:** Orlando

**Student:** Robert

**Date:** 7/9/2018

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Seattle

**Student:** Gerard

**Date:** 7/9/2018

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Miami

**Student:** Anne

**Date:** 7/9/2018

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Denver  
**Student:** Catherine  
**Date:** 7/9/2018

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

-Catherine

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**City:** Chicago  
**Student:** Anonymous  
**Date:** 7/9/2018

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Hudson Valley  
**Student:** Amanda  
**Date:** 7/9/2018

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Hudson Valley

**Student:** Nina

**Date:** 7/9/2018

**Comment:** 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

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**City:** Seattle

**Student:** Stefan

**Date:** 7/9/2018

**Comment:** "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 then we expected. Our instructor did a fabulous job and we look forward to participating in more workshops in the future!"

-Stefan

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**City:** Toronto

**Student:** Farhana

**Date:** 7/9/2018

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Miami

**Student:** Katherine

**Date:** 7/9/2018

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Minneapolis

**Student:** Laura

**Date:** 7/9/2018

**Comment:** "The class allowed for exploration and creativity. Just what I was looking

for!"

-Laura

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**City:** Minneapolis

**Student:** Curtis

**Date:** 7/9/2018

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Tucson

**Student:** Natalie

**Date:** 7/9/2018

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** San Francisco

**Student:** Nora

**Date:** 7/9/2018

**Comment:** "I learned a lot and will no longer rely on my automatic settings. Thanks to Jerry and Richard for being awesome!"

-Nora

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**City:** Orlando  
**Student:** Angela  
**Date:** 7/9/2018

**Comment:** "What a great way to learn my camera and get some great pictures of Orlando!!!"

-Angela

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**City:** San Francisco  
**Student:** Crystal An  
**Date:** 7/5/2018

**Comment:** 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





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**City:** Philadelphia

**Student:** John DeWilde

**Date:** 6/26/2018

**Comment:** "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



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**City:** Hudson Valley

**Student:** Andy Mueller

**Date:** 6/12/2018

**Comment:** 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.



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**City:** Los Angeles

**Student:** Gilbert Magno

**Date:** 5/7/2018

**Comment:** Jennifer was very informative and patient! Had a great time!

Gilbert Magno



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**City:** Detroit

**Student:** Beth Rockford

**Date:** 5/7/2018

**Comment:** 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



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**City:** Los Angeles

**Student:** Lysa Takacs

**Date:** 5/7/2018

**Comment:** 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



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**City:** Los Angeles

**Student:** Ellen Kornblum

**Date:** 5/7/2018

**Comment:** 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





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**City:** Orlando

**Student:** Erick Comellas

**Date:** 5/7/2018

**Comment:** 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.



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**City:** Tampa

**Student:** Donna McDonald

**Date:** 5/7/2018

**Comment:** 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



**City:** Minneapolis

**Student:** Thomas Mady

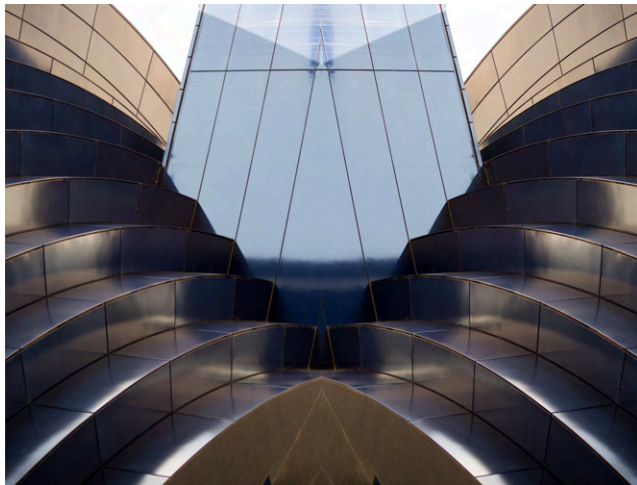
**Date:** 5/7/2018

**Comment:** 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



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**City:** Orlando

**Student:** Maureen Walstrum

**Date:** 5/7/2018

**Comment:** 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!

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**City:** Seattle

**Student:** ddeleon15

**Date:** 5/7/2018

**Comment:** 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

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**City:** Los Angeles

**Student:** Gail Hamilton

**Date:** 5/7/2018

**Comment:** 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



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**City:** San Francisco

**Student:** Peter Lee

**Date:** 5/7/2018

**Comment:** It went well.

-Peter Lee

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**City:** Denver

**Student:** Jessica Blackie

**Date:** 5/7/2018

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

Jessica

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**City:** Denver

**Student:** Donna Feldman

**Date:** 5/7/2018

**Comment:** The class was great. I learned a lot.

-Donna

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**City:** Boston

**Student:** Sam Crisco

**Date:** 4/30/2018

**Comment:** This course was great! Thanks Frank.

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**City:** Dallas

**Student:** Bill Tober

**Date:** 3/25/2018

**Comment:** 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

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**City:** Tucson

**Student:** kckolba@msn.com

**Date:** 3/14/2018

**Comment:** "Great! Will take another class with Martha!"

Kim Kolba

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**City:** Orlando

**Student:** Patfenell

**Date:** 3/14/2018

**Comment:** 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

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**City:** Seattle

**Student:** Liz Grandaw

**Date:** 1/21/2018

**Comment:** 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!

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**City:** Hudson Valley

**Student:** Troy Wesselius

**Date:** 12/14/2017

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Dallas

**Student:** George Williams

**Date:** 12/5/2017

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Chicago

**Student:** Nicole Haley

**Date:** 12/5/2017

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Seattle

**Student:** Susan Marineau

**Date:** 11/30/2017

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Washington, D.C.

**Student:** Maxine Robinson

**Date:** 11/28/2017

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** San Diego

**Student:** Gisela Mayworm

**Date:** 11/21/2017

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Orlando

**Student:** Robert Ballentine

**Date:** 11/21/2017

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Dallas

**Student:** Liz Dubuis

**Date:** 11/21/2017

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Miami

**Student:** Fred Taubman

**Date:** 11/21/2017

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Miami

**Student:** Alan Wiener

**Date:** 11/21/2017

**Comment:** "Michelle

Thanks for a wonderful day at Vizcaya.

You asked to see some of my images, so, here they are

Thanks"

-Alan Wiener

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**City:** San Diego

**Student:** Patricia Bean

**Date:** 11/6/2017

**Comment:** Let's see some of your favorite African images.

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**City:** San Diego

**Student:** Patricia

**Date:** 11/6/2017

**Comment:** 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.

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**City:** San Diego

**Student:** Patricia

**Date:** 11/6/2017

**Comment:** Now you are "seeing" like an artist. Love it. Keep up the good work.

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**City:** San Diego

**Student:** Patricia Bean

**Date:** 11/6/2017

**Comment:** 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.

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**City:** Toronto

**Student:** Nam Hoang

**Date:** 10/30/2017

**Comment:** "Hey guys, thought I'd share some captures from Saturday.

Thanks again Taku for your patience with us beginners, and some below beginners :)"

-Nam

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**City:** San Diego  
**Student:** Emily P.  
**Date:** 10/30/2017

**Comment:** "Thanks Patty for all your help and guidance! "

-Emily

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**City:** San Diego  
**Student:** Parish Jefferson  
**Date:** 10/30/2017

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** San Diego  
**Student:** Lola B.  
**Date:** 10/30/2017

**Comment:** "Hi all , great day out with everyone , these are a few pics of mine that I'd like to share .  
Best,"

-Lola B

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**City:** Miami  
**Student:** AJ Dunlap

**Date:** 10/26/2017

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Hudson Valley

**Student:** Don Adams

**Date:** 10/24/2017

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** New York

**Student:** Ena Garay

**Date:** 10/23/2017

**Comment:** "Thank you Steven.

I appreciate your knowledge, patience and professionalism."

-Ena

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**City:** Boston  
**Student:** Erin Deshler  
**Date:** 10/23/2017

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Hudson Valley  
**Student:** Stephanie Uszenski  
**Date:** 10/18/2017

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

-Stephanie

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**City:** Minneapolis  
**Student:** Suzy St. Clair  
**Date:** 10/18/2017

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Miami

**Student:** Cheryl Mulet

**Date:** 10/18/2017

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

-cheryl

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**City:** Hudson Valley

**Student:** Nick Jaramillo

**Date:** 10/17/2017

**Comment:** "Hi Richard,

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

Here are a few of my shots."

-Nick Jaramillo

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**City:** Minneapolis

**Student:** Rachel McGee

**Date:** 10/16/2017

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Hudson Valley  
**Student:** Kerman Dukandar  
**Date:** 10/16/2017

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Orlando  
**Student:** Paula Barnett  
**Date:** 10/5/2017

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Washington, D.C.

**Student:** Brenda Pomar

**Date:** 9/28/2017

**Comment:** "Walt was great! Very nice workshop."

-Brenda

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**City:** Washington, D.C.

**Student:** Ransom Jackson

**Date:** 9/28/2017

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** New York

**Student:** Carolyn Vegliante

**Date:** 9/28/2017

**Comment:** "Steven was amazing it was a great day!  
Thank you for your help,"

-Michelle and Carolyn

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**City:** Toronto

**Student:** Anya Handa

**Date:** 9/26/2017

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Toronto

**Student:** Evan Delaney

**Date:** 9/26/2017

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Los Angeles

**Student:** Kristin Johnson

**Date:** 9/21/2017

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

Sincerely,"

-Kristin Johnson

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**City:** Los Angeles

**Student:** Emilie Woodhead

**Date:** 9/19/2017

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Seattle

**Student:** Fiona

**Date:** 8/29/2017

**Comment:** "Here are my top pics from the class. Thanks again! Loved it."

-Fiona

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**City:** Toronto

**Student:** Sharon Carty

**Date:** 8/29/2017

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Toronto

**Student:** Michelle

**Date:** 8/29/2017

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Toronto  
**Student:** Kathleen  
**Date:** 8/29/2017

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Hudson Valley  
**Student:** Mari Parker  
**Date:** 8/24/2017

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** San Francisco  
**Student:** Shani Davis  
**Date:** 8/14/2017

**Comment:** "Hi Richard,

I hope this finds you well! Dad and I had a wonderful time during our session with Jerry.

Thanks!"

-Shani

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**City:** Chicago  
**Student:** Carrie Jameson  
**Date:** 8/14/2017

**Comment:** "Thanks Don - great class with excellent instruction as usual! :) "

-Carrie

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**City:** Tampa  
**Student:** David Basanta  
**Date:** 8/8/2017

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Atlanta

**Student:** Shawn A.

**Date:** 8/3/2017

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Atlanta

**Student:** Harmony Sockman

**Date:** 8/3/2017

**Comment:** "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)

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**City:** San Diego

**Student:** Jennifer Thompson

**Date:** 7/25/2017

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** San Diego

**Student:** Suzanne Brendis

**Date:** 7/25/2017

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** New Jersey

**Student:** Janet

**Date:** 7/20/2017

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Miami

**Student:** Madeline Shapiro

**Date:** 7/18/2017

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Boston

**Student:** Jacky Nyamwanda

**Date:** 7/13/2017

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Hudson Valley

**Student:** Maria Zarzuela

**Date:** 7/13/2017

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Cleveland

**Student:** Cheryl Neal

**Date:** 7/13/2017

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** San Diego

**Student:** Jackie Durward

**Date:** 7/13/2017

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** San Francisco

**Student:** Frances Vista

**Date:** 7/13/2017

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Orlando

**Student:** John Blackwood

**Date:** 7/13/2017

**Comment:** "Don

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

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**City:** Tampa

**Student:** Yvette Cowdrey

**Date:** 6/8/2017

**Comment:** " 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

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**City:** Toronto

**Student:** Michael Martin

**Date:** 5/31/2017

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Houston

**Student:** Jill Lefforge

**Date:** 4/13/2017

**Comment:** 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.

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**City:** Toronto

**Student:** Linda Du

**Date:** 3/28/2017

**Comment:** "The class was good. learned a lot. i just need practice now. "

-Linda

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**City:** Toronto

**Student:** Sara Bowker

**Date:** 3/28/2017

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** San Francisco

**Student:** Debra Aron

**Date:** 3/20/2017



**Comment:** "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")

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**City:** Boston

**Student:** Al Andersen

**Date:** 3/20/2017

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Boston

**Student:** Karen Glowacki

**Date:** 3/20/2017

**Comment:** 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

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**City:** Toronto  
**Student:** Katia Marten  
**Date:** 3/7/2017

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Boston  
**Student:** Jenn Newman  
**Date:** 3/7/2017

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Boston  
**Student:** Jenn Newman  
**Date:** 3/5/2017

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

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**City:** New York  
**Student:** Ron DiLaurenzio  
**Date:** 2/24/2017

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** New York  
**Student:** C. Garcia-Paris  
**Date:** 2/21/2017

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Los Angeles  
**Student:** Martin Petersen  
**Date:** 2/15/2017

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

-Martin Petersen

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**City:** Atlanta

**Student:** Michael Dolinger

**Date:** 2/15/2017

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Tampa

**Student:** Yassmine

**Date:** 2/15/2017

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Boston

**Student:** Shivani Janani

**Date:** 2/15/2017

**Comment:** "Hi Richard and Sylvia,

Thanks so much for an awesome class!"

-Shivani

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**City:** Los Angeles

**Student:** Lori Berman

**Date:** 2/10/2017

**Comment:** "Hi Richard,

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

-Lori

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**City:** Boston

**Student:** Tim Daley

**Date:** 2/10/2017

**Comment:** 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

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**City:** Hudson Valley

**Student:** Raj Bisesar

**Date:** 2/9/2017

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Philadelphia

**Student:** Ulla Vinkman

**Date:** 2/7/2017

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

Thank you again,"

-Ulla

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**City:** San Francisco

**Student:** Cheryl Strong

**Date:** 2/7/2017

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Tampa

**Student:** Amber Mercer

**Date:** 2/7/2017

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Toronto

**Student:** Allan Rowe

**Date:** 2/7/2017

**Comment:** " 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.

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**City:** Tampa

**Student:** Allen Pryde

**Date:** 1/31/2017

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Atlanta

**Student:** Cindy Spicer

**Date:** 1/31/2017

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Houston

**Student:** Sydney Floyd

**Date:** 1/24/2017

**Comment:** 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

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**City:** Tampa

**Student:** Haley Bockius

**Date:** 1/24/2017

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Tampa

**Student:** Haley Bockius

**Date:** 1/19/2017

**Comment:** 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.

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**City:** Tampa

**Student:** Andrea Roshaven

**Date:** 1/15/2017

**Comment:** 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.

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**City:** Dallas

**Student:** Lee ostermann

**Date:** 1/12/2017

**Comment:** 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

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**City:** New Jersey

**Student:** Rosann

**Date:** 12/29/2016

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

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**City:** Tucson

**Student:** Sherry Van Camp

**Date:** 12/22/2016

**Comment:** "Each class I've been to has been helpful, so keep up the good work. "

-Sherry Van Camp

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**City:** Los Angeles

**Student:** Cynthia Nunez

**Date:** 12/22/2016

**Comment:** "Thank you for everything today. I learned a lot :) "

-Cynthia Nunez

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**City:** Seattle

**Student:** Tonya Christoffersen

**Date:** 12/12/2016

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Orlando

**Student:** Solomon Longsworth

**Date:** 12/12/2016

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Atlanta

**Student:** Bob Anderson

**Date:** 12/12/2016

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Los Angeles  
**Student:** Toya Bailey  
**Date:** 12/12/2016

**Comment:** "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 ☺

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**City:** Los Angeles  
**Student:** Brian Becker  
**Date:** 12/12/2016

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Dallas

**Student:** Cesar Reyna

**Date:** 11/14/2016

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Hudson Valley

**Student:** Mathur Per

**Date:** 10/21/2016

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

-Murali

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**City:** Hudson Valley

**Student:** Colin Fredericson

**Date:** 10/21/2016

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Boston

**Student:** Robert Gittens

**Date:** 10/21/2016

**Comment:** "Thanks very much Steve,

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

Best,"

-Bob

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**City:** Hudson Valley

**Student:** Illana

**Date:** 10/18/2016

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Hudson Valley

**Student:** Illana

**Date:** 10/18/2016

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Chicago

**Student:** Jill DeJong

**Date:** 10/14/2016

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Denver

**Student:** Alexis Smith

**Date:** 9/30/2016

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

-Alexis

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**City:** Denver

**Student:** Steven Martin

**Date:** 9/23/2016

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

Thanks,  
-Steve

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**City:** Tucson  
**Student:** Carl Kominsky  
**Date:** 9/23/2016

**Comment:** "By the way, it was a great class, really valued spending time with Martha. She was an excellent communicator and talented pro!"

-Carl

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**City:** San Francisco  
**Student:** Nargis Rabimova  
**Date:** 9/8/2016

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Denver  
**Student:** Brenda  
**Date:** 9/8/2016

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Seattle

**Student:** Sara Batten

**Date:** 9/8/2016

**Comment:** "Thanks Richard, we had a great time."

-Sara

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**City:** Hudson Valley

**Student:** Aditi Mehta

**Date:** 9/8/2016

**Comment:** "Thanks Richard, Jill and Mark for yesterday - was quite an experience  
Have a great weekend,  
Best,"

- Aditi

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**City:** Hudson Valley

**Student:** Sheldon Katz

**Date:** 9/8/2016

**Comment:** "Mark,

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

Thanks,"

-Sheldon Katz

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**City:** Hudson Valley

**Student:** Henry Cohen

**Date:** 9/8/2016

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Hudson Valley

**Student:** Sudeep Jesani

**Date:** 9/6/2016

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Hudson Valley

**Student:** Karen Robilotta

**Date:** 8/23/2016

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

-Karen

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**City:** Hudson Valley

**Student:** Maria Baptiste

**Date:** 8/23/2016

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Denver

**Student:** David Ouimette

**Date:** 8/5/2016

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Los Angeles

**Student:** Anna

**Date:** 8/5/2016

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

-Anna

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**City:** Atlanta  
**Student:** Michelle  
**Date:** 8/5/2016

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** New York  
**Student:** Estelle Vaysburd  
**Date:** 8/5/2016

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Atlanta  
**Student:** Rebecca Bozarth  
**Date:** 7/30/2016

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Denver

**Student:** Brenda

**Date:** 7/22/2016

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Denver

**Student:** Jenna Mahney

**Date:** 7/22/2016

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** New York

**Student:** Molly Black

**Date:** 7/19/2016

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Hudson Valley

**Student:** Danielle Lowe

**Date:** 7/19/2016

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

-Danielle

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**City:** Hudson Valley

**Student:** Chris Carrasco

**Date:** 7/19/2016

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Hudson Valley

**Student:** Thom Buckley

**Date:** 7/15/2016

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

-Thom

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**City:** Hudson Valley

**Student:** Nana Greller

**Date:** 7/15/2016

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Boston

**Student:** Beth DeBor

**Date:** 7/8/2016

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Boston

**Student:** Thomas Kwei

**Date:** 7/5/2016

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Boston

**Student:** Sergey Sevastyanov

**Date:** 7/1/2016

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Orlando

**Student:** Tim Brown

**Date:** 7/1/2016



**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Chicago

**Student:** Laurel Crown

**Date:** 7/1/2016

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Chicago

**Student:** Daniel Schmanski

**Date:** 7/1/2016

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Hudson Valley

**Student:** michael

**Date:** 6/21/2016

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Hudson Valley

**Student:** Dawn-Marie Bacon

**Date:** 6/20/2016

**Comment:** "Good Morning Greetings, Richard,

Thank you for yesterday's experience. We learned a lot from Greg!! "

-Dawn-Marie Bacon

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**City:** Hudson Valley

**Student:** Nana Greller

**Date:** 6/20/2016

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Detroit

**Student:** Tom Krueger

**Date:** 6/20/2016

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Los Angeles

**Student:** Tracie

**Date:** 6/15/2016

**Comment:** "Thanks Jeromy,

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

-Tracie

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**City:** Boston

**Student:** Jo

**Date:** 6/15/2016

**Comment:** " 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

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**City:** Minneapolis

**Student:** Beth Bitney

**Date:** 6/13/2016

**Comment:** "Bill was terrific by the way! "

-Beth

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**City:** Washington, D.C.

**Student:** Tariq

**Date:** 6/6/2016

**Comment:** " 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

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**City:** Hudson Valley

**Student:** Thierry Rakotobe-Joel

**Date:** 6/5/2016

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** San Francisco  
**Student:** Geolocation Software  
**Date:** 6/1/2016

**Comment:** 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

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**City:** Minneapolis  
**Student:** Suzy St. Clair  
**Date:** 5/26/2016

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Hudson Valley  
**Student:** Carole de Beer  
**Date:** 5/18/2016

**Comment:** " Thanks again for a great day at Letchworth..got home about 6:30 pm to a

few drops of rain."

- Carole

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**City:** Philadelphia

**Student:** Gina Fiorilli

**Date:** 5/18/2016

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Hudson Valley

**Student:** Jeffrey Ben Berman

**Date:** 5/18/2016

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** San Diego

**Student:** Chris Keogh

**Date:** 4/25/2016

**Comment:** "Just thought I would let you know that it was a great class and yes I did post some."

-Chris Keogh

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**City:** Hudson Valley

**Student:** Ron DiLaurenzio

**Date:** 4/18/2016

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Hudson Valley

**Student:** Harriet Yustein

**Date:** 4/18/2016

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

-Harriet

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**City:** Seattle

**Student:** Diane Milligan

**Date:** 4/14/2016

**Comment:** "Just attached a few pictures. It was a fun day and enjoyed the workshop."

-Diane

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**City:** Chicago

**Student:** Peter Bukowski

**Date:** 4/1/2016

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

-Peter Bukowski

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**City:** Hudson Valley

**Student:** Arlene Novich

**Date:** 4/1/2016

**Comment:** "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



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**City:** Hudson Valley  
**Student:** Spencer Layman  
**Date:** 3/30/2016

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

-Spencer Layman

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**City:** New York  
**Student:** Bas Debbink  
**Date:** 3/30/2016

**Comment:** "Much fun was had by all. Nice to meet everyone!"

-Bas

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**City:** Hudson Valley  
**Student:** Arlene Novich  
**Date:** 3/29/2016

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Boston

**Student:** June Carson

**Date:** 3/24/2016

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** New York

**Student:** June Carson

**Date:** 3/23/2016

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** New Jersey

**Student:** Elizabeth Collett

**Date:** 3/22/2016

**Comment:** "Some of my favorites from today.

Rick and Jim were fantastic. Thank you for an amazing experience. "

-Elizabeth

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**City:** Hudson Valley

**Student:** Karen

**Date:** 3/21/2016

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

-Karen

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**City:** Hudson Valley

**Student:** Marcy Chan

**Date:** 3/21/2016

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

-Marcy Chan

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**City:** Hudson Valley

**Student:** Sharon Grandstaff

**Date:** 3/14/2016

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Boston

**Student:** June Carson

**Date:** 3/14/2016

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Boston

**Student:** Stephen Carson

**Date:** 2/29/2016

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

-Steve & June Carson

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**City:** Hudson Valley

**Student:** Deborah Millan

**Date:** 2/29/2016

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Hudson Valley

**Student:** Karen Heusel

**Date:** 2/29/2016

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Hudson Valley

**Student:** Steve

**Date:** 2/9/2016

**Comment:** 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

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**City:** Hudson Valley

**Student:** Maryann Peterson

**Date:** 2/8/2016

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Tucson

**Student:** Joyce

**Date:** 2/8/2016

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Los Angeles

**Student:** Lori

**Date:** 2/4/2016

**Comment:** "Thanks Mike,  
Was fun! "

-Lori

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**City:** Hudson Valley

**Student:** Myra

**Date:** 2/4/2016

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Hudson Valley

**Student:** Tak Inaba

**Date:** 2/4/2016

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Orlando

**Student:** Otto

**Date:** 2/2/2016

**Comment:** "Hi John, Last night was very helpful ,hope see you again. Thank you."

-Otto

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**City:** Hudson Valley  
**Student:** Fred Moody  
**Date:** 2/2/2016

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Hudson Valley  
**Student:** Jayne  
**Date:** 2/2/2016

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Chicago  
**Student:** Carina Yepez  
**Date:** 2/2/2016



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

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**City:** Phoenix  
**Student:** Chris  
**Date:** 1/27/2016

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Los Angeles  
**Student:** Setsuko  
**Date:** 1/27/2016

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Los Angeles  
**Student:** Marcus  
**Date:** 1/27/2016

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Orlando

**Student:** Adrian Thomas

**Date:** 1/27/2016

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** New York

**Student:** John Williams

**Date:** 1/19/2016

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** New York

**Student:** Keisha Townsend

**Date:** 1/19/2016

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Chicago  
**Student:** Melinda  
**Date:** 1/19/2016

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

-Melinda

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**City:** Boston  
**Student:** Keith  
**Date:** 1/19/2016

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** New York  
**Student:** Scott Webber  
**Date:** 12/3/2015

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Dallas

**Student:** Bridget Wiss

**Date:** 11/18/2015

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Boston

**Student:** Bruce Gorsky

**Date:** 11/11/2015

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

-Bruce Gorsky

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**City:** New York

**Student:** Dan Komoda

**Date:** 11/11/2015

**Comment:** "We all had a great time yesterday.  
Thank you,"

-Dan

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**City:** Orlando

**Student:** Mirta Martinez

**Date:** 11/10/2015

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Orlando

**Student:** Kenée Ramirez

**Date:** 11/10/2015

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Phoenix  
**Student:** Geneva  
**Date:** 11/10/2015

**Comment:** Hello, where is the workshop on the 14th going to be held in Phoenix?

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**City:** Boston  
**Student:** Betty Lorensen  
**Date:** 11/6/2015

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

-Betty

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**City:** New York  
**Student:** Sarah Corbin  
**Date:** 11/5/2015

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** New York  
**Student:** Josephina LaFauci  
**Date:** 10/26/2015

**Comment:** "Thank you for the professionals you assembled for the class. Well done!"

-Josephina LaFauci

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**City:** New York

**Student:** Aura Danesh

**Date:** 10/26/2015

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** San Francisco

**Student:** Adrienne Fisher

**Date:** 10/26/2015

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** San Francisco

**Student:** Janet Sim

**Date:** 10/20/2015

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** New York  
**Student:** Mimi Torchin  
**Date:** 10/9/2015

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** New York  
**Student:** Ilene Finberg  
**Date:** 9/29/2015

**Comment:** "It was wonderful. It was run beautifully. I learned so much. Thanks Richard!!"

-Ilene Finberg

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**City:** New York  
**Student:** Francesca Panetta McPhillips



**Date:** 9/29/2015

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** New York

**Student:** Angel Batist

**Date:** 9/29/2015

**Comment:** "Hey everyone great class. "

-Angel Batist

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**City:** New York

**Student:** Marcia Chan

**Date:** 9/29/2015

**Comment:** "Great workshop. Richard you rock. Reed Hoffmann your workshop on mylio was excellent. We need a part 2 to this workshop."

-Marcia Chan

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**City:** New York

**Student:** Purcell

**Date:** 9/29/2015

**Comment:** "This workshop was great. I hope in the near future that you make the winning prize a meet/training camp."

-Purcell

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**City:** New York

**Student:** Sandrine Mab

**Date:** 9/29/2015

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** New York

**Student:** Kenzo Steel

**Date:** 9/29/2015

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** New York

**Student:** Jane Russo

**Date:** 9/29/2015

**Comment:** "The day and the class was wonderful. Learned a lot and enjoyed! Would love more classes."

-Jane Russo

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**City:** New York

**Student:** Luisa Ballentine

**Date:** 9/29/2015

**Comment:** "I really enjoyed the workshop. Thank you very much! "

-Luisa Ballentine

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**City:** New York

**Student:** Helenita Salom

**Date:** 9/29/2015

**Comment:** "This workshop was awesome. learned A TON , thank you!"

-Helenita Salom

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**City:** Tucson

**Student:** David Smith

**Date:** 9/17/2015

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** New Jersey

**Student:** Aruna and Brian

**Date:** 9/7/2015

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Atlanta  
**Student:** Mitch Grimes  
**Date:** 7/27/2015

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** New Jersey  
**Student:** Stacy West  
**Date:** 7/21/2015

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Tampa

**Student:** Rodney Altamore

**Date:** 7/21/2015

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Toronto

**Student:** Anne Fleming

**Date:** 7/20/2015

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Boston

**Student:** Jeff Kaplan

**Date:** 7/20/2015

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Minneapolis

**Student:** Krista Stemper

**Date:** 7/13/2015

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Boston

**Student:** Barbra Sher

**Date:** 6/22/2015

**Comment:** 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

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**City:** Toronto

**Student:** Paul Quattrini

**Date:** 6/15/2015

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** New Jersey

**Student:** Charles Burok

**Date:** 6/9/2015

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Miami

**Student:** Jessenia Bovell

**Date:** 6/8/2015

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

Thanks!”

-Jessenia Bovell

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**City:** Dallas

**Student:** Earnisteen Austin

**Date:** 5/19/2015

**Comment:** "First off, please let me apologize for not responding sooner for not thanking your 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

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**City:** Chicago

**Student:** Carrie Jameson

**Date:** 5/18/2015

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Miami

**Student:** Cristina Ramirez

**Date:** 5/18/2015

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** New York

**Student:** Chad Woodford

**Date:** 5/18/2015

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** New York

**Student:** Abhisek

**Date:** 5/15/2015

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** New York

**Student:** Jocelyn Launer

**Date:** 4/29/2015

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Boston

**Student:** Bill Connolly

**Date:** 4/27/2015

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Dallas

**Student:** Kim Obryon

**Date:** 4/24/2015

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Toronto

**Student:** Gary Gibbs

**Date:** 4/17/2015

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** New York

**Student:** Michael Zulich

**Date:** 4/14/2015

**Comment:** " 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

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**City:** New York

**Student:** Renee Kohn

**Date:** 4/14/2015

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Chicago

**Student:** MariCarmen Saldivar

**Date:** 4/7/2015

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Toronto

**Student:** Amanda Gibbs

**Date:** 4/7/2015

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Washington, D.C.

**Student:** Carrington Smith

**Date:** 3/23/2015

**Comment:** 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 I pod, 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

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**City:** Boston

**Student:** Carrie Jenkins

**Date:** 2/23/2015

**Comment:** "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."

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<li>Carrie Jenkins</li>

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**City:** Chicago

**Student:** David Montague

**Date:** 2/18/2015

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Washington, D.C.

**Student:** Student Remark

**Date:** 2/4/2015

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Washington, D.C.

**Student:** Student Remark

**Date:** 2/4/2015

**Comment:** "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 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

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**City:** Washington, D.C.

**Student:** Student Remark

**Date:** 2/4/2015

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Washington, D.C.  
**Student:** James Anderson  
**Date:** 2/4/2015

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Washington, D.C.  
**Student:** Student Remark  
**Date:** 2/4/2015

**Comment:** “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.

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**City:** Washington, D.C.  
**Student:** Niraj Gupta  
**Date:** 2/4/2015

**Comment:** “I was in Georgetown, Wash DC with our instructor Walter Callahan. Great class....had lots of fun and learned a lot.”

– Niraj Gupta



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**City:** Washington, D.C.

**Student:** Glen Williams

**Date:** 2/4/2015

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Washington, D.C.

**Student:** Anthony Lambkin

**Date:** 2/4/2015

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Washington, D.C.

**Student:** Christopher McGuire

**Date:** 2/4/2015

**Comment:** “Thank you so much for your class! We really enjoyed it and hope to be back again.”

– Jill & Chris McGuire

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**City:** Washington, D.C.  
**Student:** Student Remark  
**Date:** 2/4/2015

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Washington, D.C.  
**Student:** John Peterson  
**Date:** 2/4/2015

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Washington, D.C.  
**Student:** John Peterson  
**Date:** 2/4/2015

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Washington, D.C.  
**Student:** Student Remark  
**Date:** 2/4/2015

**Comment:** “Great class, and we especially enjoyed the one-on-one time, which is when the real learning happened for me and Christy.”

– Lucian

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**City:** Washington, D.C.  
**Student:** Student Remark  
**Date:** 2/4/2015

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Washington, D.C.  
**Student:** Evan Franke  
**Date:** 2/4/2015

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Washington, D.C.

**Student:** Michael Saft

**Date:** 2/4/2015

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Washington, D.C.

**Student:** Student Remark

**Date:** 2/4/2015

**Comment:** " Great class today, my head is spinning with all sorts of info I need to try and remember/keep straight! "

-John Nullmeyer

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**City:** Washington, D.C.

**Student:** Pavit Gill

**Date:** 2/4/2015

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Washington, D.C.

**Student:** Student Remark

**Date:** 2/4/2015

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Washington, D.C.

**Student:** Kelly Chmielewski

**Date:** 2/4/2015

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Washington, D.C.

**Student:** Doug Rodgers

**Date:** 2/4/2015

**Comment:** “Excellent”

– Doug Rodgers

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**City:** Washington, D.C.

**Student:** Student Remark

**Date:** 2/4/2015

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Washington, D.C.

**Student:** Andor Czompo

**Date:** 2/4/2015

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Washington, D.C.  
**Student:** Brandon Hirsch  
**Date:** 2/4/2015

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Washington, D.C.  
**Student:** Student Remark  
**Date:** 2/4/2015

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Washington, D.C.  
**Student:** Student Remark  
**Date:** 2/4/2015

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Washington, D.C.  
**Student:** Student Remark

**Date:** 2/4/2015

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Washington, D.C.

**Student:** Student Remark

**Date:** 2/4/2015

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Washington, D.C.

**Student:** Student Remark

**Date:** 2/4/2015

**Comment:** “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



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**City:** Washington, D.C.  
**Student:** Robert L. Vitale  
**Date:** 2/4/2015

**Comment:** "Andre Williams does a super job down here in Washington DC."

-Robert L. Vitale

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**City:** Orlando  
**Student:** irisht53  
**Date:** 2/2/2015

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Miami

**Student:** cthome

**Date:** 1/26/2015

**Comment:** "The class was great! Bernardo was a wonderful teacher; very knowledgeable 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

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**City:** Boston

**Student:** Robert Gittens

**Date:** 1/21/2015

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Boston

**Student:** Linda Wilson

**Date:** 1/21/2015

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** New York

**Student:** tony.pillari@gmail.com

**Date:** 1/20/2015

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Boston

**Student:** Robert Gittens

**Date:** 1/20/2015

**Comment:** "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'm 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

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**City:** Boston

**Student:** Earton Robertson

**Date:** 1/19/2015

**Comment:** "Thanks for a most informative and enjoyable seminar."

-Earton Robertson

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**City:** New Jersey

**Student:** www.Tzfu.net

**Date:** 1/8/2015

**Comment:** 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 ;)

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**City:** Tucson  
**Student:** Debbie  
**Date:** 12/22/2014

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Tucson  
**Student:** Student Greg Goldman  
**Date:** 12/22/2014

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Tucson  
**Student:** Bonnie Rosenberg  
**Date:** 12/22/2014

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Tucson

**Student:** Inga Arnadottir

**Date:** 12/22/2014

**Comment:** "Dear David, I enjoyed your class very much and found it very helpful."

– Inga Arnadottir

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**City:** Tucson

**Student:** Brian Smith

**Date:** 12/22/2014

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Tucson

**Student:** Bruce Kushner

**Date:** 12/22/2014

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Tucson

**Student:** Matt George

**Date:** 12/22/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Tucson

**Student:** Amy Horn

**Date:** 12/22/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Tucson

**Student:** MARY BROWN

**Date:** 12/22/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Tucson

**Student:** David Seay

**Date:** 12/22/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Tucson

**Student:** Elizabeth Hershkowitz

**Date:** 12/22/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Tucson

**Student:** Doug Armstrong

**Date:** 12/19/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Toronto



**Student:** Kristina Solymos, OCT

**Date:** 12/19/2014

**Comment:** "Thank you very much for such a wonderful class on Saturday, I had a lot of fun."

Kind Regards,

-Kristina Solymos, OCT

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**City:** Toronto

**Student:** Diane Goudie

**Date:** 12/19/2014

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Toronto

**Student:** Joyce

**Date:** 12/19/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Toronto

**Student:** Kelly Muir

**Date:** 12/19/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Toronto

**Student:** Dale Crawford

**Date:** 12/19/2014

**Comment:** “Once again, thanks for your expertise and advice on our photo course last Sunday.”

– Dale Crawford

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**City:** Toronto

**Student:** JoAnn

**Date:** 12/19/2014

**Comment:** “Thanks for a great day – you have taught me to have people in my pictures as they do in fact tell a story”

– JoAnn

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**City:** Toronto

**Student:** zeeshan\_xt123123123@yahoo.com

**Date:** 12/19/2014

**Comment:** “Again, thanks for sharing your knowledge and the tips you emailed.”

– Zeeshan

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**City:** Tampa

**Student:** Jim Bear

**Date:** 12/19/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Tampa

**Student:** Tom Harrison

**Date:** 12/19/2014

**Comment:** “Thanks for the informative class. I found several aspects to be very worthwhile.”

– Tom Harrison

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**City:** Tampa  
**Student:** Tracy Stephens  
**Date:** 12/19/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Tampa  
**Student:** Student Courtney L. Clough  
**Date:** 12/19/2014

**Comment:** “I was in Peninsula, Ohio on 6/2/12 with Jeff and we had a great time.”

—Student Courtney L. Clough

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**City:** Tampa  
**Student:** Michelle Fox  
**Date:** 12/19/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Tampa

**Student:** Keith

**Date:** 12/19/2014

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Seattle

**Student:** Marcus Lima

**Date:** 12/19/2014

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Seattle

**Student:** rand stevick

**Date:** 12/19/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Seattle

**Student:** Joseph Barber

**Date:** 12/19/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Seattle

**Student:** Eve Simpson

**Date:** 12/19/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Seattle

**Student:** Tim Hunter

**Date:** 12/19/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Seattle

**Student:** Gary L. O’Rielly

**Date:** 12/19/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Seattle

**Student:** Lisa Anderson

**Date:** 12/19/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Seattle

**Student:** Loretta

**Date:** 12/19/2014

**Comment:** “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 understand 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

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**City:** Seattle

**Student:** Nicki McQuillen

**Date:** 12/19/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Seattle

**Student:** Anonymous Student

**Date:** 12/19/2014

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Seattle

**Student:** Don Secrist

**Date:** 12/19/2014

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Seattle

**Student:** Palash Biswas

**Date:** 12/19/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Seattle

**Student:** Andy

**Date:** 12/19/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Seattle

**Student:** Elizabeth McAninch

**Date:** 12/19/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Seattle

**Student:** David and Lisa Pitcher

**Date:** 12/19/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Seattle

**Student:** Adrian

**Date:** 12/19/2014

**Comment:** “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 definitively recommend his class and I am looking forward to taking more. Thanks Jeffrey!!”

– Adrian

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**City:** Seattle

**Student:** Dennis Day

**Date:** 12/19/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Seattle

**Student:** Gary

**Date:** 12/19/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Seattle

**Student:** Rachel Smolke

**Date:** 12/19/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Seattle

**Student:** Winter Amplayo

**Date:** 12/19/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Seattle

**Student:** Chuck Mell

**Date:** 12/19/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** San Francisco

**Student:** Mark L. Mosley

**Date:** 12/19/2014

**Comment:** “Robert Arnold was great!”

– Mark L. Mosley

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**City:** San Francisco

**Student:** Lisa

**Date:** 12/19/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** San Francisco

**Student:** Joseph Gambardella

**Date:** 12/19/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** San Francisco

**Student:** Noah Levy

**Date:** 12/19/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** San Diego

**Student:** Steve

**Date:** 12/19/2014

**Comment:** “I was in your Saturday afternoon class. You did a great job. I appreciate the

effort you put into the class.”

– Steve

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**City:** San Diego

**Student:** Miri Kim & Leo Linares

**Date:** 12/19/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** San Diego

**Student:** Kahleb

**Date:** 12/19/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** San Diego

**Student:** Bridget Palitz

**Date:** 12/19/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** San Diego

**Student:** Mark Zucker

**Date:** 12/19/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** San Diego

**Student:** Jessica & Jeffrey

**Date:** 12/19/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** San Diego

**Student:** Beth Vicker

**Date:** 12/19/2014

**Comment:** “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



– Beth Vicker

**Date:** 12/19/2014

-Heni Thoma

**Date:** 12/19/2014

-Hula Ramos

**Student:** stephanie fong

**Date:** 12/19/2014

**Comment:** “Just wanted to let you know that I enjoyed Chis’s advanced class this past weekend and will definitely be recommending the courses to other students.”

– Stephanie Fong

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**City:** San Diego

**Student:** Maile Geis

**Date:** 12/19/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Philadelphia

**Student:** michelle evans

**Date:** 12/19/2014

**Comment:** “Thanks again for the terrific class, Rick. I am thrilled with how much I learned 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

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**City:** Philadelphia

**Student:** Gregory Finch

**Date:** 12/19/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Philadelphia

**Student:** Bert Wolfe

**Date:** 12/19/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Philadelphia

**Student:** Donald Quinn

**Date:** 12/19/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Philadelphia

**Student:** Sally BARRON

**Date:** 12/19/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Minneapolis

**Student:** lpas2 review

**Date:** 12/18/2014

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

`<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YBAn3VJKrCA" rel="nofollow">lpas  
system</a>`

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**City:** Philadelphia

**Student:** Elena Ranieri :)

**Date:** 12/18/2014

**Comment:** “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 :)

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**City:** Philadelphia

**Student:** T. Drummond

**Date:** 12/18/2014

**Comment:** “I really enjoyed the class this past Sunday with Phil Kramer. I learned so much about my camera.”

– T. Drummond

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**City:** Philadelphia

**Student:** Praj

**Date:** 12/18/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Philadelphia

**Student:** Pat Guzewicz

**Date:** 12/18/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Philadelphia

**Student:** Melody Evans

**Date:** 12/18/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Philadelphia

**Student:** Kellie

**Date:** 12/18/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Philadelphia

**Student:** Dave Bock

**Date:** 12/18/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Philadelphia

**Student:** Glen & Colin

**Date:** 12/18/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Philadelphia

**Student:** Brenda Jacomy-Kitch

**Date:** 12/18/2014

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Philadelphia

**Student:** Pereta Rodriguez

**Date:** 12/18/2014

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Philadelphia

**Student:** Manasa Gangula

**Date:** 12/18/2014

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Philadelphia

**Student:** Jaye

**Date:** 12/18/2014

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Philadelphia

**Student:** Cathy Smith

**Date:** 12/18/2014

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Philadelphia

**Student:** Lindsey Warne

**Date:** 12/18/2014

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Philadelphia

**Student:** Natalie C.

**Date:** 12/18/2014

**Comment:** "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.

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**City:** Philadelphia

**Student:** Frank Sylvis.

**Date:** 12/18/2014

**Comment:** "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.

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**City:** Philadelphia

**Student:** Valeria

**Date:** 12/18/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Philadelphia

**Student:** Agnes and Fredy Irizarry

**Date:** 12/18/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Philadelphia

**Student:** Maria Rozario

**Date:** 12/18/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Philadelphia

**Student:** Mona

**Date:** 12/18/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Philadelphia

**Student:** Mary

**Date:** 12/18/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Philadelphia

**Student:** Mona

**Date:** 12/18/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Philadelphia

**Student:** Allison

**Date:** 12/18/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Philadelphia

**Student:** Art

**Date:** 12/18/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Philadelphia

**Student:** Jess

**Date:** 12/18/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Philadelphia

**Student:** Vera

**Date:** 12/18/2014

**Comment:** "Class was good and Bill really knows his stuff."

– Vera

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**City:** Philadelphia

**Student:** Judite

**Date:** 12/18/2014

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Philadelphia

**Student:** Ned

**Date:** 12/18/2014

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Philadelphia

**Student:** Bob B.

**Date:** 12/18/2014

**Comment:** “Thank you very much, Bill; really appreciated your low-key, practical, and de-mystifying approach.”

– Bob B.

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**City:** Philadelphia

**Student:** Graham

**Date:** 12/18/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Philadelphia

**Student:** John Mintz

**Date:** 12/18/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Philadelphia

**Student:** Graham

**Date:** 12/18/2014

**Comment:** “I enjoyed the Composition class on Sunday 1/27 and found it very useful. Bill Blanchard was a very good instructor.”

-Graham

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**City:** Philadelphia

**Student:** gobinathm@gmail.com

**Date:** 12/18/2014

**Comment:** “The training was a really good one, got to know more about the basics of photography.”

– Gobinath

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**City:** Philadelphia

**Student:** Julie

**Date:** 12/18/2014

**Comment:** “Great day! I actually turned the camera to “M” and shot for several hours!”

– Julie

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**City:** Philadelphia

**Student:** Dennis McCarthy

**Date:** 12/18/2014

**Comment:** “The workshop was terrific. Bill, thanks for a great workshop. You did a great job!”

– Dennis McCarthy

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**City:** Philadelphia

**Student:** Sharon

**Date:** 12/18/2014

**Comment:** “Thanks Bill. It was a great class and I look forward to taking composition in the field at a later date.”

– Sharon

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**City:** Philadelphia

**Student:** Carey and Graham

**Date:** 12/18/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Philadelphia

**Student:** Michael Nader

**Date:** 12/18/2014

**Comment:** “Thanks again. I really did enjoy the class and learned a great deal.”

– Michael Nader

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**City:** Philadelphia

**Student:** Leticia Medina

**Date:** 12/18/2014

**Comment:** “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



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**City:** Philadelphia

**Student:** Charles

**Date:** 12/18/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Philadelphia

**Student:** Eliot

**Date:** 12/18/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Philadelphia

**Student:** Sean Blinn

**Date:** 12/18/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Philadelphia

**Student:** Kim

**Date:** 12/18/2014

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Philadelphia

**Student:** Lin-Hung

**Date:** 12/18/2014

**Comment:** "It was a nice class yesterday and we took lots of good pictures."

– Lin-Hung

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**City:** Philadelphia

**Student:** Peter Kostik

**Date:** 12/18/2014

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

– Peter Kostik

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**City:** Philadelphia  
**Student:** Kristine M.  
**Date:** 12/18/2014

**Comment:** “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.

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**City:** Philadelphia  
**Student:** Cristina Coltro  
**Date:** 12/18/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Philadelphia  
**Student:** Peter Turai  
**Date:** 12/18/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Philadelphia

**Student:** Anthony Galasso

**Date:** 12/18/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Philadelphia

**Student:** Dave Rosenthal

**Date:** 12/18/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Philadelphia

**Student:** Ryan Kehoe

**Date:** 12/18/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Philadelphia

**Student:** Lynn

**Date:** 12/18/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Philadelphia

**Student:** Maureen Butler

**Date:** 12/18/2014

**Comment:** “Thank you for the class on Sunday. It was a fun class. I love the pictures you took.”

– Maureen Butler

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**City:** Philadelphia

**Student:** Zehra Travis

**Date:** 12/18/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Philadelphia

**Student:** Gregory Clarke

**Date:** 12/18/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Philadelphia

**Student:** Randy

**Date:** 12/18/2014

**Comment:** “I really enjoyed your class – thanks for all your feedback. I’ve edited and complied 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

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**City:** Philadelphia  
**Student:** Elaine Axelrod  
**Date:** 12/18/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Philadelphia  
**Student:** Bill Taylor  
**Date:** 12/18/2014

**Comment:** “I really enjoyed your class yesterday. I learned a lot about my camera and how to capture different scenes using the sunlight.

I look foreward to taking anotherf class with you in the future. I have attached my 3 pictures to this email.”

– Bill Taylor

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**City:** Philadelphia  
**Student:** Randy  
**Date:** 12/18/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Philadelphia

**Student:** Randy Weikel

**Date:** 12/18/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Philadelphia

**Student:** Solbi Choi

**Date:** 12/18/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Orlando

**Student:** Chris Bilbao

**Date:** 12/18/2014



**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Orlando

**Student:** Johnny Suriel

**Date:** 12/18/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Orlando

**Student:** Meghan

**Date:** 12/18/2014

**Comment:** “We met with Tim today as planned. He is spectacular! We had a great session”

– Meghan

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**City:** Orlando

**Student:** Isaura Gomez

**Date:** 12/18/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Orlando

**Student:** Jamie “Stix” DeAquair

**Date:** 12/18/2014

**Comment:** “I really enjoyed your class. You made me look at things a different way.”

– Jamie “Stix” DeAquair

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**City:** Orlando

**Student:** carole mitchell

**Date:** 12/18/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Orlando

**Student:** Andrew Li

**Date:** 12/18/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Orlando  
**Student:** Alice Shull  
**Date:** 12/18/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Orlando  
**Student:** Merle Harris  
**Date:** 12/18/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Orlando  
**Student:** Jeff Janssen  
**Date:** 12/17/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Orlando

**Student:** Mina Reale

**Date:** 12/17/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Orlando

**Student:** Gina Pelligra

**Date:** 12/17/2014

**Comment:** 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

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**City:** Orlando

**Student:** Lois Fredricks

**Date:** 12/17/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Orlando

**Student:** Michael Felish

**Date:** 12/17/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Orlando

**Student:** Donna Armstrong

**Date:** 12/17/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Orlando

**Student:** ashokit@yahoo.com

**Date:** 12/17/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Orlando

**Student:** Linda L.

**Date:** 12/17/2014

**Comment:** “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.

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**City:** Orlando

**Student:** Tricia

**Date:** 12/17/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Orlando

**Student:** Ruth Lamour

**Date:** 12/17/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** New York

**Student:** Doug Dietiker

**Date:** 12/17/2014

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** New York

**Student:** Kristen

**Date:** 12/17/2014

**Comment:** "Thank you! I really enjoyed the class. "

-Kristen

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**City:** New York

**Student:** Terri

**Date:** 12/17/2014

**Comment:** 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

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**City:** New York

**Student:** Bill Indursky

**Date:** 12/17/2014

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** New York

**Student:** Silvia Rivera

**Date:** 12/17/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** New York

**Student:** Julia

**Date:** 12/17/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** New York

**Student:** Marilena Eatman

**Date:** 12/17/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** New York  
**Student:** Joe  
**Date:** 12/17/2014

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** New York  
**Student:** Kristen  
**Date:** 12/17/2014

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** New York  
**Student:** Annie Graziani  
**Date:** 12/17/2014

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** New York  
**Student:** Merle  
**Date:** 12/17/2014

**Comment:** “And Thank YOU for an informative and easy class on my camera!”  
-Merle

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**City:** New York  
**Student:** Mike  
**Date:** 12/17/2014

**Comment:** “Enjoyed the class. Very informative. Can’t wait to get out and try some new things with my camera.

Thanks.”

–Mike

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**City:** New York  
**Student:** Jamie  
**Date:** 12/17/2014

**Comment:** “I took the Intro to DSLR class yesterday with Steven Greaves. I had to let you know that this class was excellent and was certainly worth giving DPA a try. Steven was great – I am a beginner and the other student was 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. 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 class. I feel like I got a lot out of it and will be looking into additional classes.

Thanks."

-Jamie

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**City:** New York

**Student:** Lisa

**Date:** 12/17/2014

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** New York

**Student:** Student Patrick

**Date:** 12/17/2014

**Comment:** "Thank you for your tips you proved at the workshop. I've been using them they are helping a lot. Thank you"

-Student Patrick

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**City:** New York

**Student:** Student Trudi

**Date:** 12/17/2014

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** New York

**Student:** Ganesan Pajanissamy

**Date:** 12/17/2014

**Comment:** "Thanks Rafael for the wonderful class on Saturday afternoon at Brooklyn Botanical Garden."

-Pajani

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**City:** New York

**Student:** Chris Cass

**Date:** 12/17/2014

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** New York

**Student:** Carolina Garcia-Paris

**Date:** 12/17/2014

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** New York

**Student:** Loretta O’Connell

**Date:** 12/17/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** New York

**Student:** Eleri.dixon@fmr.com

**Date:** 12/17/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** New York

**Student:** Adrienne

**Date:** 12/17/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** New York

**Student:** David Lee

**Date:** 12/17/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** New York

**Student:** Elena Cintron

**Date:** 12/17/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Boston



**Student:** Darlene Solari

**Date:** 12/17/2014

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** New York

**Student:** Juan Zapata

**Date:** 12/16/2014

**Comment:** "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.

Marla 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 no 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

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**City:** New York

**Student:** Marjorie Levine

**Date:** 12/16/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** New York

**Student:** Vinod Chauhan

**Date:** 12/16/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** New York

**Student:** Matthew

**Date:** 12/16/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** New York

**Student:** John

**Date:** 12/16/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** New York

**Student:** Erik Teng

**Date:** 12/16/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** New York

**Student:** Dr. Steven Goldman

**Date:** 12/16/2014

**Comment:** “Had a great time with John Milano at Liberty State Park on 5/20/12.”

– Dr. Steven Goldman

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**City:** New York

**Student:** Susan Parish

**Date:** 12/16/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** New York

**Student:** Robert Yaccarino

**Date:** 12/16/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** New York

**Student:** Saravana

**Date:** 12/16/2014

**Comment:** “Thanks a lot for prompt feedback. Though i had only one session, it was really useful. Thanks a lot. Have a good day.”

-Saravana

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**City:** New York

**Student:** Ram Ramachandran.

**Date:** 12/16/2014

**Comment:** “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.

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**City:** New York

**Student:** Charlie Burok

**Date:** 12/16/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** New York

**Student:** Sharon Downey

**Date:** 12/16/2014

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** New York

**Student:** Yolanda Rodriguez

**Date:** 12/16/2014

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** New York  
**Student:** Theresa Spitzer  
**Date:** 12/16/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** New York  
**Student:** Chuck Pegler  
**Date:** 12/16/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** New York  
**Student:** Michael Whitman  
**Date:** 12/16/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** New York

**Student:** Gregory Laub

**Date:** 12/16/2014

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** New York

**Student:** Gerold Wunderlick

**Date:** 12/16/2014

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** New York

**Student:** Laura La Gassa

**Date:** 12/16/2014

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** New York

**Student:** David Mullin

**Date:** 12/16/2014

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** New York

**Student:** Susan Parish

**Date:** 12/16/2014

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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

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**City:** New York

**Student:** douglas peterson

**Date:** 12/16/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** New York

**Student:** Naomi Turcotte

**Date:** 12/16/2014

**Comment:** “Adam is very knowledgeable and answered all questions.”

-Naomi Turcotte

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**City:** New York

**Student:** Waleed Said

**Date:** 12/16/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Minneapolis

**Student:** Robert Smith

**Date:** 12/15/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Minneapolis

**Student:** Amanda Mason

**Date:** 12/15/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Minneapolis

**Student:** Tim Schue

**Date:** 12/15/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Miami

**Student:** Blake Roberts

**Date:** 12/15/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Miami

**Student:** Matthew Trask

**Date:** 12/15/2014

**Comment:** “Matt Trask recently joined Michael Thoennes and other Advanced students in Miami for a great sunrise shoot.”

– Matthew Trask

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**City:** Miami

**Student:** Matt Winer

**Date:** 12/15/2014

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Miami

**Student:** Christina Voswinckel

**Date:** 12/15/2014

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Miami

**Student:** Yvonne Debesa

**Date:** 12/15/2014

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Miami

**Student:** Jo

**Date:** 12/15/2014

**Comment:** "I really enjoyed your class on Sunday."

– Jo

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**City:** Miami

**Student:** Lilia

**Date:** 12/15/2014

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Los Angeles

**Student:** Dallen Stanford

**Date:** 12/15/2014

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

-Dallen Stanford

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**City:** Los Angeles

**Student:** Peri

**Date:** 12/15/2014

**Comment:** "Loved the class..!!

Mr Talley has wonderful passion for photography!

Thank you !!

peace+love”  
-Peri

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**City:** Los Angeles  
**Student:** Erle Collins  
**Date:** 12/15/2014

**Comment:** “Ron was informative and knowledgeable 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

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**City:** Los Angeles  
**Student:** Linda  
**Date:** 12/15/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Los Angeles  
**Student:** Student Laura

**Date:** 12/15/2014

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Los Angeles

**Student:** Student Vicki Kane

**Date:** 12/15/2014

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Los Angeles

**Student:** Armen K.

**Date:** 12/15/2014

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

– Armen K.

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**City:** Los Angeles



**Student:** Shanna

**Date:** 12/15/2014

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Los Angeles

**Student:** Elisa M.

**Date:** 12/15/2014

**Comment:** "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.

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**City:** Los Angeles

**Student:** Alina Kelly

**Date:** 12/15/2014

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Los Angeles

**Student:** David

**Date:** 12/15/2014

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

-David

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**City:** Los Angeles

**Student:** David Langston

**Date:** 12/15/2014

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

– David Langston

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**City:** Los Angeles

**Student:** Ashley Staudenmeir

**Date:** 12/15/2014

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Los Angeles

**Student:** Tony Mataras

**Date:** 12/15/2014

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Los Angeles

**Student:** Luz Elena

**Date:** 12/15/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Los Angeles

**Student:** Andy Waldbaum

**Date:** 12/15/2014

**Comment:** “We had a fantastic experience and a fantastic time with our instructor Hans Gutknecht”

– Andy Waldbaum

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**City:** Los Angeles

**Student:** Lill Gaimari

**Date:** 12/15/2014

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Houston

**Student:** Penny Mayes-Gregg

**Date:** 12/15/2014

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Houston

**Student:** Sylvia Garcia-Smith

**Date:** 12/15/2014

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Houston

**Student:** Tushar Ghosh

**Date:** 12/15/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Houston

**Student:** Linda Voges

**Date:** 12/15/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Houston

**Student:** Monika Lee

**Date:** 12/15/2014

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Houston

**Student:** Pamela Elam

**Date:** 12/15/2014

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Houston

**Student:** Robert Calloway

**Date:** 12/15/2014

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Houston

**Student:** Debbie Chapman

**Date:** 12/15/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Houston

**Student:** 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!!!!”

**Date:** 12/15/2014

**Comment:** “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!!!!”

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**City:** Houston

**Student:** Jerry

**Date:** 12/15/2014

**Comment:** “You were great! You looked and sounded very comfortable under the lights.”

– Jerry

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**City:** Houston

**Student:** Michael

**Date:** 12/15/2014

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Houston

**Student:** Brie

**Date:** 12/15/2014

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Houston

**Student:** Reagan

**Date:** 12/15/2014

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

– Reagan



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**City:** Houston

**Student:** Carol Montalbano

**Date:** 12/15/2014

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Detroit

**Student:** John

**Date:** 12/15/2014

**Comment:** 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

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**City:** Detroit

**Student:** Dolli Kettron

**Date:** 12/15/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Detroit

**Student:** Sophie and Marc

**Date:** 12/15/2014

**Comment:** “It was a great CLASS!! Thanks for all the pointers and ideas!”

– Sophie and Marc

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**City:** Detroit

**Student:** Charlie Morgan

**Date:** 12/15/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Detroit  
**Student:** Elisa  
**Date:** 12/15/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Denver  
**Student:** Sheba Wheeler  
**Date:** 12/15/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Denver

**Student:** Kristal Kraft

**Date:** 12/15/2014

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Denver

**Student:** Tim Visser

**Date:** 12/15/2014

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Denver

**Student:** Tim Visser

**Date:** 12/15/2014

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Denver

**Student:** Tom Tenenbaum

**Date:** 12/15/2014

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Denver

**Student:** Jim Wolfe

**Date:** 12/15/2014

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Denver

**Student:** Chuck Riggs

**Date:** 12/15/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Denver

**Student:** Don Tolin

**Date:** 12/15/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Denver

**Student:** Fred Stearns

**Date:** 12/15/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Denver

**Student:** Grover Wrenn

**Date:** 12/15/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Denver

**Student:** Peter Hendry

**Date:** 12/15/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Denver

**Student:** Nona Biddison

**Date:** 12/15/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Denver

**Student:** Carianne Kanda

**Date:** 12/15/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Denver

**Student:** aldona.vaitekunas@centurylink.com

**Date:** 12/15/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Denver

**Student:** Anne Johnstone

**Date:** 12/15/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Denver

**Student:** Dan

**Date:** 12/15/2014

**Comment:** “Just wanted to let you know that Ellen is a very nice woman and the class was fun.”

– Dan

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**City:** Dallas

**Student:** Philip Kernohan

**Date:** 12/15/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Dallas

**Student:** Michelle Sigle

**Date:** 12/15/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Dallas

**Student:** David Leaser

**Date:** 12/15/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Cleveland

**Student:** Soumen Bhattacharya

**Date:** 12/15/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Cleveland

**Student:** Ernie Piscioti

**Date:** 12/15/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Cleveland

**Student:** Mike Murray

**Date:** 12/15/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Cleveland

**Student:** SunnyDay

**Date:** 12/15/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Cleveland

**Student:** Ashley Frasher

**Date:** 12/15/2014

**Comment:** ” 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

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**City:** Cleveland

**Student:** Lindsey Marrero

**Date:** 12/15/2014

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

-Lindsey Marrero

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**City:** Cleveland

**Student:** Mary Carol

**Date:** 12/15/2014

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

-Mary Carol

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**City:** Cleveland

**Student:** George

**Date:** 12/15/2014

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

-George

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**City:** Cleveland

**Student:** Michelle Fox

**Date:** 12/15/2014

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Cleveland

**Student:** Matt Knott

**Date:** 12/15/2014

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

– Matt Knott

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**City:** Cleveland

**Student:** Debbie

**Date:** 12/15/2014

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Cleveland

**Student:** Bryan Szucs

**Date:** 12/15/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Cleveland

**Student:** Ken Teitlebaum

**Date:** 12/15/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Cleveland

**Student:** David Sinclair

**Date:** 12/15/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Cleveland

**Student:** Erin Pierce

**Date:** 12/15/2014

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Cleveland

**Student:** Pat Cornelius

**Date:** 12/12/2014

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Cleveland

**Student:** Harold Kaiman

**Date:** 12/12/2014

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Cleveland

**Student:** Dick Beery

**Date:** 12/12/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Cleveland

**Student:** Mark Hardyman

**Date:** 12/12/2014

**Comment:** “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 Hardyman

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**City:** Cleveland



**Student:** Amanda Clancy

**Date:** 12/12/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Chicago

**Student:** Lauren

**Date:** 12/12/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Chicago

**Student:** Ayana

**Date:** 12/12/2014

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

– Ayana

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**City:** Chicago

**Student:** Claudia Vanderpool

**Date:** 12/12/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Chicago

**Student:** Ulrich Gollwitzer

**Date:** 12/12/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Chicago

**Student:** Bassel

**Date:** 12/12/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Chicago

**Student:** Forrest Barnes III

**Date:** 12/12/2014

**Comment:** “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 learn 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

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**City:** Chicago

**Student:** Jeff Marcowitz

**Date:** 12/12/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Chicago

**Student:** Annika Jaspers

**Date:** 12/12/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Chicago

**Student:** T J Minogue

**Date:** 12/12/2014

**Comment:** “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 greatful.

Thanks again for everything.”

– T J Minogue

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**City:** Chicago

**Student:** Rudy Tardin

**Date:** 12/12/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Chicago  
**Student:** Vijay Kumar  
**Date:** 12/12/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Chicago  
**Student:** Scott Oblander  
**Date:** 12/12/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Chicago  
**Student:** Gayle Hannan  
**Date:** 12/12/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Chicago

**Student:** Keith Raaum

**Date:** 12/12/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Chicago

**Student:** Jamie Clute

**Date:** 12/12/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Chicago

**Student:** Amy Kerkela

**Date:** 12/12/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Chicago

**Student:** Kay

**Date:** 12/12/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Chicago

**Student:** Elizabeth Hollow

**Date:** 12/12/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Chicago

**Student:** Katie Helwink

**Date:** 12/12/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Chicago

**Student:** Sharon Hicks – Bartlett

**Date:** 12/12/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Chicago

**Student:** Melissa Semp

**Date:** 12/12/2014



**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Chicago  
**Student:** Steve  
**Date:** 12/12/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Boston  
**Student:** Jeffery Long  
**Date:** 12/12/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Boston

**Student:** Carl Cascella

**Date:** 12/12/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Boston

**Student:** Prabhat K. Srestha

**Date:** 12/12/2014

**Comment:** 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

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**City:** Boston

**Student:** Bob Bass

**Date:** 12/12/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Boston

**Student:** Lucie Wicker

**Date:** 12/12/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Boston

**Student:** Heather

**Date:** 12/12/2014

**Comment:** 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

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**City:** Boston

**Student:** Stephen Shapiro

**Date:** 12/12/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Boston

**Student:** Hannah Diozzi

**Date:** 12/12/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Boston

**Student:** Mary Sullivan

**Date:** 12/12/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Boston

**Student:** Erin

**Date:** 12/12/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Boston

**Student:** Doug Schaejbe

**Date:** 12/12/2014

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

-Doug Schaejbe

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**City:** Boston

**Student:** Yana

**Date:** 12/12/2014

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

-Yana

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**City:** Boston

**Student:** Adrienne

**Date:** 12/12/2014

**Comment:** "I really enjoyed the class!"

-Adrienne

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**City:** Boston

**Student:** Sheri Martin

**Date:** 12/12/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Boston

**Student:** Dick

**Date:** 12/12/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Boston

**Student:** Donna DeSimone

**Date:** 12/12/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Boston

**Student:** John & Nancy Forcucci

**Date:** 12/12/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Boston

**Student:** Deborah Shapiro

**Date:** 12/12/2014

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Boston

**Student:** Alsya Affandi

**Date:** 12/12/2014

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

– Alsya Affandi

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**City:** Boston

**Student:** Darlene Dykas

**Date:** 12/12/2014

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Boston  
**Student:** Tara Golden  
**Date:** 12/12/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Boston  
**Student:** Mary Beth Griscom  
**Date:** 12/12/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Boston  
**Student:** Gary Fournier  
**Date:** 12/12/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Boston

**Student:** Dotty Tribeman

**Date:** 12/12/2014

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Boston

**Student:** Cathy Curtin

**Date:** 12/12/2014

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Boston

**Student:** Diane Cooke

**Date:** 12/12/2014

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Boston

**Student:** Chris

**Date:** 12/12/2014

**Comment:** “Thanks again for a great class Frank. I got a couple of okay pictures out of it, time to buy a tripod!”

– Chris

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**City:** Boston

**Student:** Beth

**Date:** 12/12/2014

**Comment:** “Thank you for a great class.”

– Beth

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**City:** Boston

**Student:** Colleen Kochman

**Date:** 12/12/2014

**Comment:** “I enjoyed our photo composition class at the Copley Library on Saturday!”

– Colleen Kochman

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**City:** Boston

**Student:** Parvez Bukhari

**Date:** 12/12/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Boston

**Student:** Michel Marie Rose

**Date:** 12/12/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Boston

**Student:** John R Reali, Jr

**Date:** 12/12/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Boston

**Student:** David Valle

**Date:** 12/12/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Boston

**Student:** Peter Bixby

**Date:** 12/12/2014

**Comment:** “Thank you, I really enjoyed the workshop. I learned a lot and it was a good group of people.”

– Peter Bixby

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**City:** Boston

**Student:** Sally Reed

**Date:** 12/12/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Boston

**Student:** Coreen Powderly

**Date:** 12/12/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Boston

**Student:** Edith Clifford

**Date:** 12/12/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Boston

**Student:** Gary Fournier

**Date:** 12/12/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Boston

**Student:** Ravinder Shan

**Date:** 12/12/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Boston  
**Student:** Bill Connolly  
**Date:** 12/12/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Atlanta  
**Student:** Renee  
**Date:** 12/12/2014

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

– Renee

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**City:** Atlanta  
**Student:** Deborah Grayflowers  
**Date:** 12/12/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Atlanta  
**Student:** Greg McFarland  
**Date:** 12/12/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Atlanta

**Student:** Bhaskar Nagendr

**Date:** 12/12/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Atlanta

**Student:** Ken Masters

**Date:** 12/12/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Atlanta

**Student:** J. Gary

**Date:** 12/12/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Atlanta

**Student:** Josalin

**Date:** 12/12/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Atlanta

**Student:** Leigh

**Date:** 12/12/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Atlanta

**Student:** John

**Date:** 12/12/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Atlanta

**Student:** Bridget Edwards

**Date:** 12/12/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Atlanta

**Student:** Erika

**Date:** 12/12/2014

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Atlanta

**Student:** Don Jackson

**Date:** 12/12/2014

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Atlanta

**Student:** Joan

**Date:** 12/12/2014

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

-Joan

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**City:** Atlanta

**Student:** Gary

**Date:** 12/12/2014

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Atlanta

**Student:** Rita

**Date:** 12/12/2014

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Atlanta

**Student:** Lela

**Date:** 12/12/2014

**Comment:** "Thanks for the great class, Jenn!"

– Lela

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**City:** Atlanta  
**Student:** Jeff Rose  
**Date:** 12/12/2014

**Comment:** “It was a fun informative day and luckily I got a couple of good shots”

– Jeff Rose

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**City:** Atlanta  
**Student:** Lee McDermott  
**Date:** 12/12/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** Atlanta  
**Student:** Amanda  
**Date:** 12/12/2014

**Comment:** “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

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**City:** New Jersey

**Student:** kelly

**Date:** 11/30/2014

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

Thank you,  
Kelly

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**City:** New Jersey

**Student:** JAMES NICOLETTI

**Date:** 11/7/2014

**Comment:** 07NOV2014

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.

Thanjs  
James

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**City:** Boston

**Student:** Mary Beth Griscom

**Date:** 1/9/2014

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Boston

**Student:** Tara Golden

**Date:** 1/9/2014

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Boston

**Student:** Darlene Dykas

**Date:** 1/9/2014

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Boston

**Student:** Donna DeSimone

**Date:** 1/9/2014

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Boston

**Student:** Deborah Shapiro

**Date:** 1/9/2014

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Boston

**Student:** Alsyia Affandi

**Date:** 1/9/2014

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

-Alsyia Affandi

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**City:** Boston

**Student:** John & Nancy

**Date:** 1/9/2014

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Boston  
**Student:** Harvey  
**Date:** 1/9/2014

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Atlanta  
**Student:** Lisa  
**Date:** 1/9/2014

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

-Lisa

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**City:** Atlanta  
**Student:** Josalin Hunter-Jones  
**Date:** 1/9/2014

**Comment:** "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;)"



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-Josalin Hunter-Jones

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**City:** Atlanta

**Student:** Jill Delvalle

**Date:** 1/9/2014

**Comment:** "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

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**City:** Atlanta

**Student:** Teresa Knight

**Date:** 1/9/2014

**Comment:** "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