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## *Editor's Comments*

I absolutely love this time of year! I like watching the rain and seeing nature come alive. I am also able to get outside more and "play" in the dirt by planting flowers and a garden. I often have my camera with me when I go on walks. The new buds on the trees and the dew on the flowers are so pretty in the morning.

I am hoping to try taking photographs of rain storms this year. When lightning strikes and so I do not end up with a "fuzzy" photo, I will be putting my camera on a tripod. Depending on how fast the lightning is flashing, I may use a timer because I do not have a remote.

How do you take storm photos? If you have some ideas of how to best take storm photos, let me know. I would love to try it and pass the information on to others.

Have fun experimenting with your camera!

*Teresa*



## *Suggestions*

Try one of these ideas for a photograph:

- ◇ Photos of a person making different faces (frown, smile, goofy, etc.)
- ◇ Photos of what your pet does during the day (eating, napping, bathing, playing, etc.)
- ◇ Important things in your life
- ◇ Shadows
- ◇ Take a color photo of something and then a black and white photo of the same thing
- ◇ Create a still life scene (baseball related items, cooking items, jars)
- ◇ Take a photo showing lines
- ◇ Take a photo showing texture
- ◇ Take a photo showing patterns

Try one of these ideas for a story board:

- ◇ Flowers starting to grow and the stages to blooming
- ◇ Planting flowers or a garden
- ◇ Activities on Memorial Day
- ◇ End of school activities
- ◇ Baseball game (umpire, player, coach, team, outs, runs, hits)



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## Shooting Tips

Want to try something new with your photographs? How about filters or reflectors? If you would like to try a relatively inexpensive way to experiment with filters and reflectors, read on...

The silver warming blanket that you can find in the camping section works great to bounce light. A plain white piece of cardboard is great to use to bounce light so shadows are less evident on your subject, especially faces. If the pop up flash on your camera is too much, you can tape or hold a piece of white cardboard in front of the flash and the light will be softer. You can also put a nylon stocking over the flash to make softer light.

For an inexpensive way to make a filter, use colored Saran wrap in front of the lens or flash. If you can find colored transparency or hard colored plastic, they work well too.

If you use lights, you can also put the colored material over or in front of the light. Just be careful not to start a fire!

These are a few ideas you can try. If you have found something that works for you, please let me know so we can share it with others. Send your email to [photoks4h@hotmail.com](mailto:photoks4h@hotmail.com).

Have fun experimenting!



## Resources

Do not forget to check out your local library and county extension office for more information on how to take better photographs.

[www.4-HPhotography.org](http://www.4-HPhotography.org) has new photography books available for purchase. There are three different books and they cover several different topics from beginning to more advanced photography tips.

Every day it seems there is another book or magazine out that teaches photography. Check out your local library or book store. The book *Kodak The New Pocket Guide to Digital Photography* has many helpful tips for beginning photographers as well as experienced ones.

[www.fullspectrumimaging.org](http://www.fullspectrumimaging.org) is the website to watch for more tips, contests, emails, past newsletters, etc. Check it often.

[www.porters.com](http://www.porters.com) has a class for students only. Check it out. They are all about photography!

There are also several blogs on the internet which have helpful information. Many of the photography magazines also have websites and helpful information there as well.

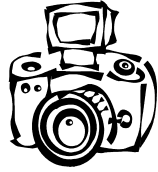
## Events/Contests

[www.porters.com](http://www.porters.com) has a monthly calendar contest. Check to see what the next theme is.

[www.picture.com](http://www.picture.com) has a photo contest. If your photo is chosen, you could win money or gift certificates and even be published. There is also a photo puzzle contest.

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[www.freewebs.com/photoks4h](http://www.freewebs.com/photoks4h) or  
[www.fullspectrumimaging.org](http://www.fullspectrumimaging.org) has  
information about the upcoming photography  
contest being held in conjunction with the  
Route 66 celebration in Riverton, Kansas June  
12-14, 2008. Entry deadline is May 31, 2008.

[www.poppphoto.com](http://www.poppphoto.com) has several  
different contest categories available.



### Test Your Knowledge

1. Photography or other imagery of common landmarks, concepts, and events that can be used and revised for commercial design purposes.

- A. Macrophotography
- B. Stock photography
- C. Microphotography

2. The part of the picture that is the main subject.

- A. Middle ground
- B. Positive space
- C. Focal point

3. The part of the picture that is not the main subject.

- A. Background
- B. Positive space
- C. Negative space

4. The main point of interest.

- A. Positive space
- B. Focal point
- C. Middle ground

5. A legal form by which someone in a photo consents to the use of his or her image by the photographer.

- A. Application
- B. Personal guarantee
- C. Model release

6. Design principle that helps improve composition.

- A. Golden rectangle
- B. Golden triangle
- C. Both A and B

7. A glass lens filter that reduces the amount of light that gets to the image sensor in your digital camera without having any effect on color.

- A. UV filter
- B. Neutral density filter
- C. Polarizing filter

8. A filter that absorbs ultraviolet radiation used to improve clarity in landscapes, especially for mountains and ocean scenes; often used to protect lenses from dirt and scratches.

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9. A colorless filter able to absorb certain kinds of light used for intensifying the blue of skies and reducing reflections in water and glass.

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10. A pattern to be used as a guide when working with artwork.

- A. Ruler
- B. Mat
- C. Template

5.T, 6.T, 7.T, 8.F, Warm and cool colors affect us differently. 9.T

### Just For Fun

Unscramble the words and solve the puzzle.

A A B C E L N                                 

I N P R T                     

I N T T                     

E N O T                           

D E I L S                           

A E F M R                           

C L O O R                           

B E L L O S W                                 

E F I L R T                                 

A C N O R S T T                                       

What is a necessary piece of equipment needed to take photos?

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### Answers to Feb/Mar Test Your Knowledge.

1.F, Formal portraits have controlled lighting, background, and clothing. 2.F, Informal portraits are spontaneous, casual and candid. 3.T, 4.F, Color is an important element in art.

### Answers to Feb/Mar Just For Fun.

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|------------------|----------------|
| 1. Still life    | 7. Format      |
| 2. White balance | 8. Tripod      |
| 3. Composition   | 9. Frame       |
| 4. Digital       | 10. Flash card |
| 5. Mount         | 11. Hot spot   |
| 6. Reflection    |                |

### P.S.

If one of your photographs or an article you have written is published in a newspaper or magazine or wins a top award in a contest, let me know and I'll publish it in the next newsletter.

If you have an idea for a photograph or a technique that has worked for you, let me know so we can share it with others.

Don't forget that if you have any questions or suggestions, you can e-mail me at [photoks4h@hotmail.com](mailto:photoks4h@hotmail.com) for instructions on how to get published in my newsletter, submit a suggestion, or for answers to your questions.

### Change is Coming

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