

# FOCUS . . CLICK . . DEVELOP . .

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## Editor's Comments

2008 is coming to an end and I hope that you have successfully expanded your photography skills and have been successful in achieving the goals you set for yourself. If not, hopefully you have been encouraged to set new goals for 2009.

I know it is cold this time of year but when the snow falls, wonderful photo opportunities exist! You might try using a haze filter to help with the glare that sometimes comes off the snow and ice. I tried using colored filters last winter and it made the pictures very interesting. If you don't have a colored filter that fits your camera, you can use colored transparencies, colored plastic wrap, or colored material that isn't too dense. Use your imagination and see what you can come up with and share your ideas with me.

As always, have your camera ready...

*Teresa*



## Suggestions

See if any of these ideas get your creative juices flowing .....

Single Shot Ideas:

- 🌲 Winter
- 🌲 Early morning frost or ice – get the sparkles
- 🌲 Winter sport activities in action
- 🌲 Items starting with D or J
- 🌲 Just one photograph that represents the new year
- 🌲 What the holiday season means to you

Story Board Ideas:

- 🌲 Baking cookies
- 🌲 Decorating for the holidays
- 🌲 Opening presents
- 🌲 Community service
- 🌲 Christmas program

*(Remember that any one of these ideas could be made using video)*

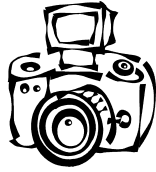
## Shooting Tips

Framing your photo while taking it adds so much;

- 1) Depth
- 2) Draws the viewers eye to the subject of interest
- 3) Gives a sense of organization
- 4) Context

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Framing can be done in several different ways:

- 1) Tree branches
- 2) Window
- 3) Bridge/Arch
- 4) Parts of a person
- 5) Land features



Do you see how the rocks draw the viewer's attention up the rocky mountain?



See how the doorway frames the window in the back and the window in turn frames the landscape.



Do you see how the top (blurry) leaf frames or draws your attention to the hole pattern in the bottom leaf?



Do you see how the front hills and back mountain frame the water?

### Resources

Every day it seems there is another book or magazine out that teaches photography. Check out your local library or book store.

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.

If you would like to visit [www.fullspectrumimaging.org](http://www.fullspectrumimaging.org), there may be something of interest for you.

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### Resources cont.

Here are a couple of websites that have free photo editing software available that you might want to try out:

[www.picnik.com](http://www.picnik.com)

[www.photobucket.com](http://www.photobucket.com)

[www.picasa.google.com](http://www.picasa.google.com)

Adobe Photoshop has several items available for sale or trial. [www.photoshoplementsuser.com](http://www.photoshoplementsuser.com) is a learning library packed with lots of interesting ideas.

### Events/Contests

The 2nd Columbus Day Photography Contest was a great success. I hope you will consider entering a photo next October. Watch for announcements or you can visit [www.fullspectrumimaging.org](http://www.fullspectrumimaging.org) and watch for updates and entry forms.



### Test Your Knowledge

1. JPEG is a “lossy” format.  
A. True  
B. False
2. What does lossy mean?

3. JPEG offers more data than RAW.  
A. True  
B. False
4. Noise decreases as ISO increases.  
A. True  
B. False
5. Flash range increases with higher ISO settings.  
A. True  
B. False
6. It is best to adjust the white balance with the computer.  
A. True  
B. False
7. In (P) or program mode, the camera sets the aperture but you set the shutter speed.  
A. True  
B. False
8. In Shutter-Priority mode (S or Tv), the camera sets both the shutter speed and aperture.  
A. True  
B. False
9. In aperture-priority mode (A or Av), you set the aperture and the camera sets the shutter speed.  
A. True  
B. False
10. A histogram keeps track of the photos taken.  
A. True  
B. False

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## Just For Fun

See if you can unscramble the following photographic words and solve the puzzle phrase.

a e n p r t t  
\_ [ ] \_ \_ [ ] \_ \_

a b e l l m r u  
\_ [ ] \_ [ ] [ ] [ ] \_ [ ]

e h o s  
[ ] \_ \_ [ ]

e i l n s  
\_ [ ] [ ] \_ [ ]

f o s t c f o s u  
\_ [ ] \_ \_ \_ [ ] \_ \_ \_

a h h r s  
[ ] \_ [ ] \_ \_

a b c k g h i l t  
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[ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] D [ ] Y [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]

## Answers to October/November Test Your Knowledge.

1. A, 2. A, 3. F, Lag time varies tremendously. 4. T, 5. F, Processing is expressed in frames per second (fps). 6. T, 7. T, 8. T, 9. F, TIFF is Tagged Image File Format, 10. F, TIFF is ideal for the computer but not for the camera because the files are large, the camera is slowed, and too much memory card space is used.

## Answers to October/November Just For Fun

A F B S U C O F T F O S P C D  
H I R G I F T S E T N O C E M  
J L E E K L N P R O R Q M S A  
U L S T E V S L A T I G I D N  
Y E O D W Z P X R Z B L U R I  
E F L E B O E A D E A C F A P  
J F U E R H I F S N I L K G U  
N E T P M T O O R P R E Y A L  
N C I S I S P U Q A F T U R A  
O T O R E X O V M I M A G E T  
I W N E E J E W L B Y E X Y E  
T A C T O B O L Z E R D F S G  
I I E T A D L H L L J E M S K  
S N O U A I R P O U Q S L O T  
O H H T R O T S I D U W L V  
P X S S T O R Y B O A R D G A

