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Editor's Comments

The holiday season is winding down. I hope you had a great Thanksgiving and took some fall photographs. The Christmas season allows for many photo opportunities as well such as lights, presents, family, snow and parades.

A disposable camera and small photo album can make a great stocking stuffer and encourage someone else to try photography.

If you want to try something new and expand your photography skills, maybe you could add to your wish list and include an upgraded camera, a different lens, more film or a tripod. (Just a couple of suggestions)

I wish you the best this holiday season and many photographic memories.

Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!

Teresa

P.S. Maybe a New Year's resolution could be...to enter a photograph in a contest out of state or try black and white photography.



Suggestions

The following is a short list of ideas for you to photograph during the next couple of months before the next newsletter comes out.

➤ **Photographs**

- Christmas Tree
- A single Christmas bulb or light
- Parade activities
- Snow on trees or bushes
- Snow falling
- Icicles
- Frost

➤ **Video Taping**

- Caroling
- Christmas program
- Christmas parade
- Opening presents or other family activity
- New Year's celebration

➤ **Story Ideas**

- Baking cookies or candy
- Wrapping a present
- Decorating the house or tree

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Shooting Tips

Often times a tripod is left at home because of its bulkiness or because it is thought of for only indoor shots; a tripod is a must for any photographer.

Tripods can be 5 inches tall or 6 feet tall and will fit just about any hand held camera or video recorder. If you want to get a crisp clear picture, the tripod will help you achieve your goal. The adjustable legs and pivoting head will offer a short person the chance to photograph over a wall or above a car and give both vertical and horizontal views.

If your camera has the cable release adapter, this will help to avoid even the smallest of shakes to get the clean shot.

You do not have to buy the most expensive tripod. Allow your budget to dictate how much is spent on one.

After some practice, you may discover that action shots are best taken using a tripod. You can pick your destination and have the camera set and ready to go so when the deer or runner goes passed, you are ready for them. Action shots often pick up every little blur so a tripod and/or cable release helps to diminish the unnecessary blurs.

Tripods are really great when trying to do trick photography or still life. Tripods allow you to set the shot and make adjustments.

Maybe you can make learning to use a tripod one of your goals or resolutions for the new year.



Resources

www.nationalgeographic.com is a website that has some great tips on how to take photographs.

www.photographyreview.com is a website that has reviews on photography equipment so if you are thinking of upgrading or buying something new, this site might be helpful.

www.photographycorner.com is a website that has lots of information; equipment, newsletters, tips and contests to name a few.

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

Events/Contests

If you are a 4-H'er and would like to enter a contest, check out www.4-hmall.org and look for information about the 2009 calendar contest. The deadline for this contest is March 1, 2007.

You might watch your local newspapers for photography events held in your area. There are many photographers who travel and conduct workshops for all ages. Your local film-developing store may even know of an event close to you.

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6. When considering the composition of a photograph, remember less is more.

True

False

Test Your Knowledge

1. When photographing in low light, a digital camera will bring out colors better than a film camera.

True

False

2. The ability to change the ISO allows the photographer flexibility to select shutter speed and aperture combinations.

True

False

3. Because the sensor in most digital SLR cameras is smaller than the sensors in 35mm cameras, an image is magnified by 1.5 times and therefore taking close up shots is hard to do.

True

False

4. Polarizers help eliminate reflections from nonmetallic surfaces.

True

False

5. A prime lens is also known as a single focus length lens.

True

False

Just For Fun

Match the definition with the correct word.

- | | |
|-------------------|---------------|
| A. Ball head | B. Elements |
| C. Extender | D. Filter |
| E. Gear | F. Lens cap |
| G. Monochrome | H. Proof |
| I. Remote release | J. Stabilizer |
| K. Teleconverter | |

_____ Another word for black and white.

_____ Parts of a photograph.

_____ Protects the lens.

_____ Top part of a tripod which allows for vertical or horizontal shots.

_____ Used to keep out certain colors and protects the lens.

_____ Similar to a cable release but is not attached to the camera.

_____ Lengthens the lens.

_____ The beginning photo before any adjustments are made.

_____ Helps to control camera shake.

_____ This increases a lens' focal length.

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Answers to Oct/Nov Test Your Knowledge.

1.T, 2.T, 3.F, Definition is the clarity of detail perceived by one viewing a photo 4.F, Sharp is the opposite of blurred or soft 5.F, Underexposure is when too little light reaches the film 6.T, 7.T, 8.T, 9.F, Auto-wind automatically winds the film

Answers to Oct/Nov Just For Fun

- 1a. Camera
- 2a. Leading line
- 3a. Strap
- 4d. Tripod
- 5d. Film
- 6d. Curve
- 7d. Flash

Special Thanks

A special thank you goes out to a couple of our readers who contacted me with information and ideas for this newsletter.

Thank You Connie and Erin!

Contest Updates

Three of our readers entered the AppleJack Photography Contest in Nebraska. This contest is held annually and you do not have to be present to enter. The organizers of this contest are even thinking about adding an award category for those whose photograph has come the farthest, such as from California or Maine. This contest is held annually and offers great feedback.

Congratulations go out to Devin, Erin and Jeremy! Devin received an extra award as one of his photographs received the People's Choice Award. Keep up the good work!

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. E-mail me at photoks4h@hotmail.com for instructions on how to get published in my newsletter.

Don't forget that if you have any questions or suggestions, you can e-mail me at the same address.

