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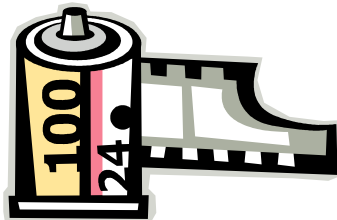
Editor's Comments

School is out and summer is here. This means the temperature is getting hotter and we need to be careful with the camera and film. You do not want your prize winning photo to be ruined because the film or camera was left in the sun or hot area. A car can get very hot so it would be a really good idea to store your camera and/or film in an ice chest with a cold pack (not ice). Unless you have a water proof camera, be careful around the pool, lake or water fights. Water is not good for a camera or film!

With the safety tips in mind, I hope you will go outside and capture some of the summer activities and beauty. When it gets too hot, rainy, or you are bored and want something different to try, maybe you could work on still life photos. This would be a great opportunity to learn what your camera can do. Set up a shot and take a picture of it using all different kinds of settings on the camera, flash and lighting. Take notes on what you did so if the picture turns out great, you can replicate it. If you have a digital camera, the properties of the photo tell you what you did.

Until the next newsletter, keep clicking away!

Teresa



Suggestions

There are so many things to take pictures of that it's hard to narrow the list. Here are a few suggestions you might try:

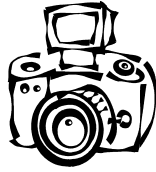
- Family reunion activities
- Camp activities
- Plants with ants or small creatures on them
- Flags
- Father's Day activities
- Feeding animals
- Harvest or field work
- 4th of July activities
- Carnival rides
- County or state fair activities
- Canning or freezing activities
- Car shows
- Baseball/softball games

Any one of the suggestions would make a good story group as well.



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Shooting Tips

I came across an article from the Porter's Photography newsletter that gave some information about photographing at night and the moon, stars, and other celestial bodies so I thought I would share some of the information with you.

First, the camera you are using needs to be able to take time exposures. Your camera may have a "B" shutter which allows for the time exposures. A locking cable release and a sturdy tripod are best to steady the camera. Because the shutter is open for such a long period, the camera must not move if you want to get a comet, falling star, or star trail.

A 300mm or longer telephoto lens works well to photograph sunsets or the moon. A wide angle lens is best for astrophotography when you want to show a large section of the sky or include a building or tree.

Some cameras can be mounted on telescopes or a T-mount adapter can be attached to the camera if you want to take close up photos of planets or the moon. My daughter used a small Canon PowerShot A540 and just held it close to a telescope lens to take this picture of the moon and Saturn.



The moon



Saturn

If you use film, it is suggested that you take a daylight or flash picture of something for the first picture on the roll and then finish with your night photos. This will give the developing lab a reference point for cutting the film.

The best conditions for night sky photos is when there is crisp clear weather, a moonless sky, and away from city lights.

If you would like to know about this subject, check out Porters.com or e-mail me at photoks4h@hotmail.com and I'll forward you the article. It never hurts to try something new!

Resources

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

At www.porters.com under the message board, there is a Back to Basics for Photographers class. It is for both film and digital cameras. It has different lessons to go through and you can also receive feedback. I subscribe to their newsletter and have found it to be informative. You might take a minute and browse the website.

Check out www.countrywomanmagazine.com there are some great tips on taking flower photos.

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

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Events/Contests

www.parade.com/celebrate has a contest that ends September 9, 2007. You must be 13 to enter the contest. There are also tips on taking good photos.

www.njha.org under "projects" has a contest for those over 12. This contest ends September 15, 2007. If you are interested in horticulture, there is a lot of information and activities at this site. (National Junior Horticulture Association)

www.porters.com has a monthly calendar contest. Check to see what the next theme is.

Town Square magazine is looking for photos and stories about happenings in small towns. Check out www.townsquaremagazine.com for information on how to submit your photo or story.

The AppleJack Photography Contest has released its information. Check out www.nebraskacity.com for more information. Entries are due September 1, 2007. They are also awarding cash prizes this year! Anyone can enter, even adults.



Test Your Knowledge

1. What allows a camera to capture correct colors?
 - A. Depth of field
 - B. Correctiveness
 - C. Cymk
 - D. White balance
2. The f/stop range is usually from 2.8 to what?
 - A. 64
 - B. 5.6
 - C. 16
 - D. 2.9
3. If fewer pixels are stored for an image, what amount of memory is required?
 - A. More
 - B. Less
 - C. The same
4. Which shutter speed gives the subject a feeling of motion?
 - A. Fast shutter speed
 - B. Slow shutter speed
5. If you want to have the background out of focus, which depth of field do you use?
 - A. Shallow depth of field
 - B. Great depth of field
6. A large aperture means a....
 - A. Large f/stop
 - B. small f/stop

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Just For Fun

Try unscrambling these photo words:

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mnotu _ _ _ _ _

amt abdor _ _ _ _ _

aegintv _ _ _ _ _

abeirtttu _ _ _ _ _

aefooprtrtv _ _ _ _ _

eilnoorstu _ _ _ _ _

eilpx _ _ _ _ _

abckooprs _ _ _ _ _

efilrt _ _ _ _ _

Answers to Apr/May Test Your Knowledge.

1.A, 2.D, 3.C, 4.B, 5.C, 6.C, 7.C, 8.A, 9.A,
10.D, 11.A

Contest Updates



This photo was chosen for a "People's Choice Award". The judges also thought it was a good picture because of the bright brilliant colors and good focus. One judge thought it would be better to show more sky, but others liked the fact that the balloon filled the frame.

Special Thanks

Thank you Phyllis and Trina for letting us know about other photography contests and information!!

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 for instructions on how to get published in my newsletter, submit a suggestion, or for answers to your questions.

