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## Editor's Comments

School is out and summer is underway. If you are a student, why not spend some of your extra time experimenting with some different settings on your camera or a different subject. If you haven't tried much action photography, visit a local ball field and think about doing a story for a local newspaper (photojournalism). Maybe you have an extra minute to sit outside and enjoy the day. Take some photos of things including animals that are within your camera lens range. Maybe you haven't tried plant photography; lie down on the ground and get a plant part (leaf, stem, fruit) from an interesting angle. Farmers are busy in the fields or with the farm animals and make great photo story subjects.

County fairs are also coming up soon. Start getting your exhibits enlarged and mounted. While you're at it, think about entering a photo or two in open class at another county fair.

There are so many things that you can do with your camera. Everyone loves a good photo. See if your local newspaper publishes the "Photo of the Week". If not, see if they might be interested in offering this feature.

I know this column has turned into an idea segment but I am always trying to think of different things to take photographs of and sometimes reading about an idea sparks an idea better than a list of ideas. I just want to encourage you to dust off your camera and get shooting!

Until next time,

*Teresa*

## Suggestions

- ✗ Photo journalism photo
  - Natural disaster
  - Sporting event
- ✗ Family event (wedding, reunion, vacation)
- ✗ Parts of a plant (different angles)
- ✗ Close up of faces (people or animal)
- ✗ Items beginning with the letter "J"
- ✗ An item or items representing the number 6 or 7
- ✗ Different sunrises/sunsets
- ✗ Celebration of Flag Day, Father's Day or 4<sup>th</sup> of July
- ✗ Fireworks
- ✗ Unique photo of a book or instrument

## Shooting Tips

I subscribe to a newsletter from Double Exposure ([www.doubleexposure.com](http://www.doubleexposure.com)) and they have some really great tips on a variety of subjects. Because June and July seem to be the traditional wedding months, I thought I would share with you some ideas Double Exposure had for shooting a wedding. You can read about these ideas in more detail at

[http://www.doubleexposure.com/ExtraIncome\\_Sammon.shtml](http://www.doubleexposure.com/ExtraIncome_Sammon.shtml)

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### Shooting Tips continued

Steps to making great wedding photos:

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Place the subject off center
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Try to get studio lighting results
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Watch where/how the subject's hands are placed
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Get in close
- 5<sup>th</sup> – Expose for highlights
- 6<sup>th</sup> – Think about what you want to achieve as an end result
- 7<sup>th</sup> – Make your photo, don't just take it
- 8<sup>th</sup> – Watch for noise and watch the ISO settings
- 9<sup>th</sup> – Try the disequilibrium effect (tip the camera down and to the left or right)
- 10<sup>th</sup> – Watch for reflections of you or other objects/people in the photo

### Resources

[www.4-HPphotography.org](http://www.4-HPphotography.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.

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.

Kathy, a fellow photographer, has taken free online photo classes from the HP website. The classes change every few weeks and are mostly geared to PCs. If you're interested check out the website

[http://h30240.www3.hp.com/index.jsp?hhop\\_session.id=5405f38db7584a93a698f4dccb5f](http://h30240.www3.hp.com/index.jsp?hhop_session.id=5405f38db7584a93a698f4dccb5f)

In the last newsletter I mentioned that I found a company back east to do my sports printing; in response, Sarah wrote and said she uses [www.MPix.com](http://www.MPix.com) for her printing. She has found them to be very reasonably priced, a fast turnaround, and located in Kansas.

Thanks Kathy and Sarah!

### Events/Contests

A photography contest is going to be held in conjunction with the Columbus Day celebration again this October. Visit [www.fullspectrumimaging.org](http://www.fullspectrumimaging.org) for entry form and details.



### Test Your Knowledge

Let's continue from last time and see how much you know about how colors affect photos.

1. What are pastels mostly made of?
  - A. Crème
  - B. Off White
  - C. White
2. When referring to colors, what is value?
  - A. How dark or light a color is
  - B. How important a color is
  - C. How much of a color needs to be used

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3. When referring to colors, what is hue?
  - A. A color that is over used in a photo
  - B. The name of a color
  - C. How big a photo is
  
4. What is saturation?
  - A. How pure a color is
  - B. An abundance of one color in a photo
  - C. Not enough of a color in a photo
  
5. Which of the following does not affect our mood?
  - A. Agreement
  - B. Discordance
  - C. Harmony
  - D. Hue
  - E. Saturation
  - F. Value
  - G. All the above
  - H. None of the above
  
6. Which is not a warm color?
  - A. Blue
  - B. Orange
  - C. Red
  - D. Yellow
  
7. Which is not a cool color?
  - A. Blue
  - B. Green
  - C. Red
  - D. Violet
  
8. In what direction do the colors on the color wheel go?
  - A. Across
  - B. Circular
  - C. Diagonal
  
9. What happens when complimentary colors are placed next to each other?
  - A. Each makes the other seem brighter
  - B. Each makes the other seem duller
  - C. Nothing happens

10. Does lighting affect color?
  - A. No
  - B. Yes

### Just For Fun

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

bright	dull	value
complimentary	harmony	warm
cool	lighting	wheel
discordance	saturation	

### Answers to April/May Test Your Knowledge.

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

### Answers to April/May Just For Fun.

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