

Meeting Minutes

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The assignment for this month was High Speed Photo. We went through those first. Thanks to those who shared.

Heather Reinhart's presentation as Featured Photographer and photos from her July Alaska trip have been postponed until September. She was unable to attend tonight's meeting.

The topic for this month was Flower Photography and was done by Anthony Hall and Steve Fowler.

Anthony started the presentation by sharing a video, "Create Dreamy Photography with a MACRO Lens | Tips & Tricks" - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hi94T7GVRxI>. In it, the video said that cloudy/overcast days are ideal for photographing flowers. You want to shoot with a low ISO, F2 aperture. You want the ISO to be low but high enough so the shutter speed will result in sharp image. You want the background free of distractions. Focus on either the center of the flower or the petal closest to you.

Anthony said you can give your images a different look by putting Vaseline on a clear lens (filter preferably). You can also use a white umbrella to diffuse light on the flower. He showed a variety of diffusers. These links are only examples of diffusers he showed us and not the actual products he was using. They are only meant as samples and not specific recommendations.

- **Pocket Reflector** - https://www.amazon.com/PhotoTrust-in-1-Pocket-Reflector-Portable/dp/B017S99QAK/ref=sr_1_4?crd=TGRM2GT2JLAY&dchild=1&keywords=diffuser+photography+white&qid=1630125588&sprefix=diffusers+photography%2Caps%2C181&sr=8-4
- **Folding photography Flash Lens Diffuser** - https://www.amazon.com/Universal-Photography-Diffuser-Reflector-Accessories/dp/B07VFVD9DR/ref=sr_1_19?crd=TGRM2GT2JLAY&dchild=1&keywords=diffuser+photography+white&qid=1630125690&sprefix=diffusers+photography%2Caps%2C181&sr=8-19
- **White Soft Umbrella** - https://www.amazon.com/Photography-Studio-Lighting-Translucent-Umbrella/dp/B01MQNN9HX/ref=sr_1_19?crd=TGRM2GT2JLAY&dchild=1&keywords=diffuser+photography+white&qid=1630125690&sprefix=diffusers+photography%2Caps%2C181&sr=8-19

Anthony also showed us his Lensbaby Composer lens he uses to adjust the focus on shots (example only - https://www.amazon.com/Lensbaby-Composer-Sweet-Optic-Canon/dp/B01J4NBAXE/ref=sr_1_4?crd=XF5FHNGOGZ67&dchild=1&keywords=lensbaby+composer&qid=1630125998&s=electronics&sprefix=composer+by+lensbaby%2Celectronics%2C194&sr=1-4).

Anthony also mentioned a great flower photographer named Mike Moats and his website Tiny Landscapes (<https://www.tinylandscapes.com/flowers>). Another photographer he mentioned is Kathleen Clemons who takes great flower photos (<https://www.kathleenclemonsphotography.com>).

Next up was Steve Fowler. He stressed simplicity, lighting, juxtaposition of colors. Shared that light painting can be done leaving the background blackened out. He had one photo that was multiple exposures of flowers. Normally you use a shallow depth of field. He mentioned photographer Kathy Beal who does contemporary art some of which is based on flower photography (<https://www.kathybeal.com>). To achieve some similar effects, use negative clarity to give a glow to the

image. Also mentioned importance of the background, diffusers, lighting and when it is windy you should find something to stabilize your subject. Anthony had brought in a triangle shape of plexiglass that you can put around the flower to take the photo of it and he also had another piece of plexiglass he would put over the top to keep the breeze out. Also said that Live View on your camera will show you a better idea of the results you will get.

For kneeling to take photos of flowers both mentioned using knee protection like:

- **foam sleds for snow** (examples only - https://www.amazon.com/SportStuff-Yeti-Person-Foam-Sled/dp/B08BGCK5DB/ref=sr_1_8?crid=4LVZG27SCTCU&dchild=1&keywords=foam+sleds+for+snow&qid=1630126944&sprefix=foam+sleds%2Caps%2C189&sr=8-8)
- **dog bedding** (https://www.amazon.com/AmazonBasics-Pet-Bed-23-Inch-Swirl/dp/B07DZJR1P7/ref=sr_1_17_sspa?crid=1RGXDZRL8LWPI&dchild=1&keywords=dog+bed&qid=1630127086&sprefix=dog+bed%2Caps%2C200&sr=8-17-spons&psc=1&spLa=ZW5jcnlwdGVkUXVhbGlmaWVyPUFIVzIzWkdVUEVQOEMmZW5jcnlwdGVkSWQ9QTA3OTkzNjI2NjRMTU5NTTgxTU8mZW5jcnlwdGVkQWRJZD1BMDAzMjY4MDFOUVJWQk5XMkZaSDAmd2lkZ2V0TmFtZT1zcF9tdGYmYWVW0aW9uPWNsaWNrUmVkaXJlY3QmZG9Ob3Rmb2dDbGljaz10cnVl)
- **gardeners foam pads** (https://www.amazon.com/Kneeling-Gardening-Cleaning-Exercise-18x11x1-5/dp/B07G2TSSV6/ref=sr_1_6?crid=9YICE7POTQRA&dchild=1&keywords=gardener+kneeling+pad&qid=1630127040&sprefix=gardener+knee%2Caps%2C186&sr=8-6).

Thanks to Anthony and Steve for a great presentation.

Some ideas for future meetings were: October Halloween Photos – Night images – spooky
Please let us know what other ideas you have for topics for the rest of this year.

Assignments and Topics for the remainder of the year.

August 18

Assignment: High-Speed photo

Topic: Shooting Flowers (Presented by Anthony Hall and Steve Fowler)

September 15

Assignment: sunflower or flower photos

Topic: Voyagers National Park - Jeff Lavigne (tentative)

Featured Photographer: Heather Reinhart sharing her Alaska Photos and experiences

October 20

Assignment: Photos from National or State Parks (or just parks)

Topic:

November 17

Assignment:

Topic:

December 15

Assignment: Top photos of 2021

Topic: Holiday party, open discussion