

TPCUC Spotlight – Digital Imaging SIG

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Greetings everyone! As the SIG leader for the Digital Imaging SIG, I would like to invite all TPCUC members to come to our next meeting, Wednesday, August 20th, at 7:00 p.m. I plan to lead a photo shoot at Lake Shawnee. We will meet on the west side of the lake near 37th and West Edge Road. The Yacht Club is nearby so there should be plenty of parking, as well as the Ensley Botanical Center, the Arboretum, Gazebo 1, the Pergola, and the Garden House (there is a map attached). There should be plenty of photo opportunities, including a sunset if the weather cooperates. Since it is getting darker earlier, this will probably be one of the few chances that the SIG will be able to get together for this sort of expedition. I encourage you to bring your camera, your tripod/monopod if you want to practice with it, and your questions. Also bring a big bottle of water as it will probably be hot – it is August, you know! Now is your chance to experiment with those settings that you'd like some help with but just never seem to get around to practicing. If the weather does not cooperate that evening, I do NOT plan an alternative meeting site unless people request it.

As you may or may not know, the Digital Imaging SIG no longer meets at Washburn since there is a charge for meeting room space. I have reserved a room at Jostens, 4000 SE Adams (North Entrance), where we will meet beginning in September. It is a secure facility, but the security guard knows about the monthly meetings and will let you in if you mention you are there for the SIG and I am not at the entrance.

The dates for the SIG meetings for 2008-2009 are 8/20, 9/17, 10/15, 11/19, 1/21, 2/18, 3/18, 4/15, and 5/20. There are no meetings in December or June.

For our upcoming meeting on September 17th, I would like to invite all of you to bring and share the images from our August expedition. (You can bring your laptop or the Club's computer will be there to load images from your memory card.) If you like, other members can give you suggestions on how to change your camera settings to make the image "better" – such a relative term!

Upcoming topics that members have requested are "Painting with Light" and "Focusing Rail and Depth of Field". I am certainly open to additional subjects that the group would like to discuss. I plan to demonstrate photo retouching with Photoshop Elements 6 at some point as well as "Creating a Photo Collage", also with Photoshop Elements 6. Feel free to bring your laptop to the meetings if you need help with a photo project or want to follow along.

I encourage everyone to join us at Lake Shawnee on the August 20th and meet with us at Jostens throughout the rest of the year!