



Photo of the Year by Jack Flint

Speakers - Dianne Blankenbaker

Newsletter June 2014



Dianne Blankenbaker's Bio

I came to photography, as is true of many things in my life, backwards. I started modeling for a local photographer in my hometown (it didn't matter what I looked like--he was most interested in the scars on my elbows!) and gained an appreciation for photography as a creative medium.

The leap to standing on the other side of the lens happened when my husband needed help with product photography around the birth of ebay. I was among the early consumers who owned a digital camera--it didn't do much and it only had 1.2 megapixels, but it certainly forced a lot of creativity in getting usable product images!

In seeking resources to improve my product images, I gained my first photography mentor and I also gained a new view of the world. That's when photography became a portal for ex-

periencing life with new eyes for me and that's what continues to inspire me today.

In 2012, shortly after moving to Chattanooga, as a bird lover with no social life, I began volunteering for Wings to Soar, a non-profit environmental education organization who uses un-releasable birds of prey (raptors) in educational programs. Given that I am at heart and by education a teacher, it was only a matter of time before the "Raptography" workshop was "hatched" (sorry for the pun). This unique workshop has generated requests for other workshops and I am now teaching workshops for beginners (sans birds) as well. I am always working on my own growth as a photographer and it's this process of continual growth that I most love about photography.

Club meeting
6:45 PM Tuesday
June 17, 2014
Social at 6 PM
Guests welcome
First meeting free.

Club Website
www.nashvillephotographyclub.com

Quote
"There are no rules for good photographs, there are only good photographs."
Ansel Adams

Beginner Tips Basics Photography

Beginner Photography

Blur the Background

[Video is 3 min 31 sec](#)



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Photo of the Month



Theme: Orange

Winner: Bob Ellis

Rules for Photo of the Month Contest -

1. You **MUST** be a member and dues paid up to date.
2. Photograph must pertain to the Monthly Theme (i.e. November is FOLIAGE).
3. Image size limits: Minimum 4 x 6 to Maximum 12" (long side).
4. Place ONE photo in the Marked Folder on the center table.
5. Photograph needs to be taken within the past 3 months.

Note: Be sure and put your name on the back of your image.



NASHVILLE PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB Schedule of Speakers

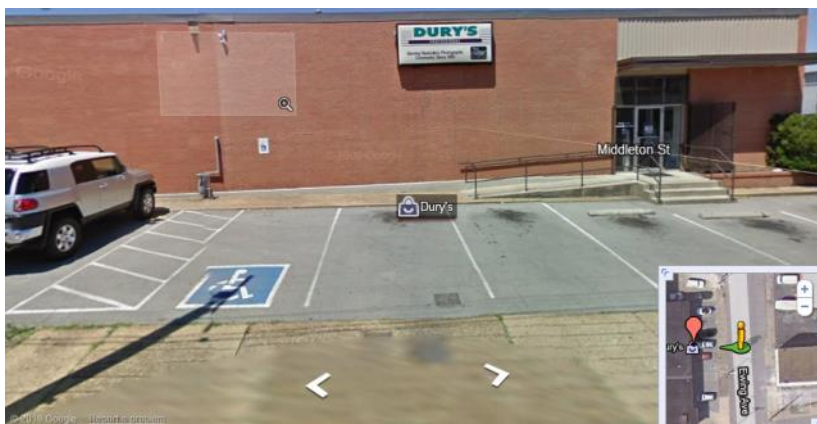
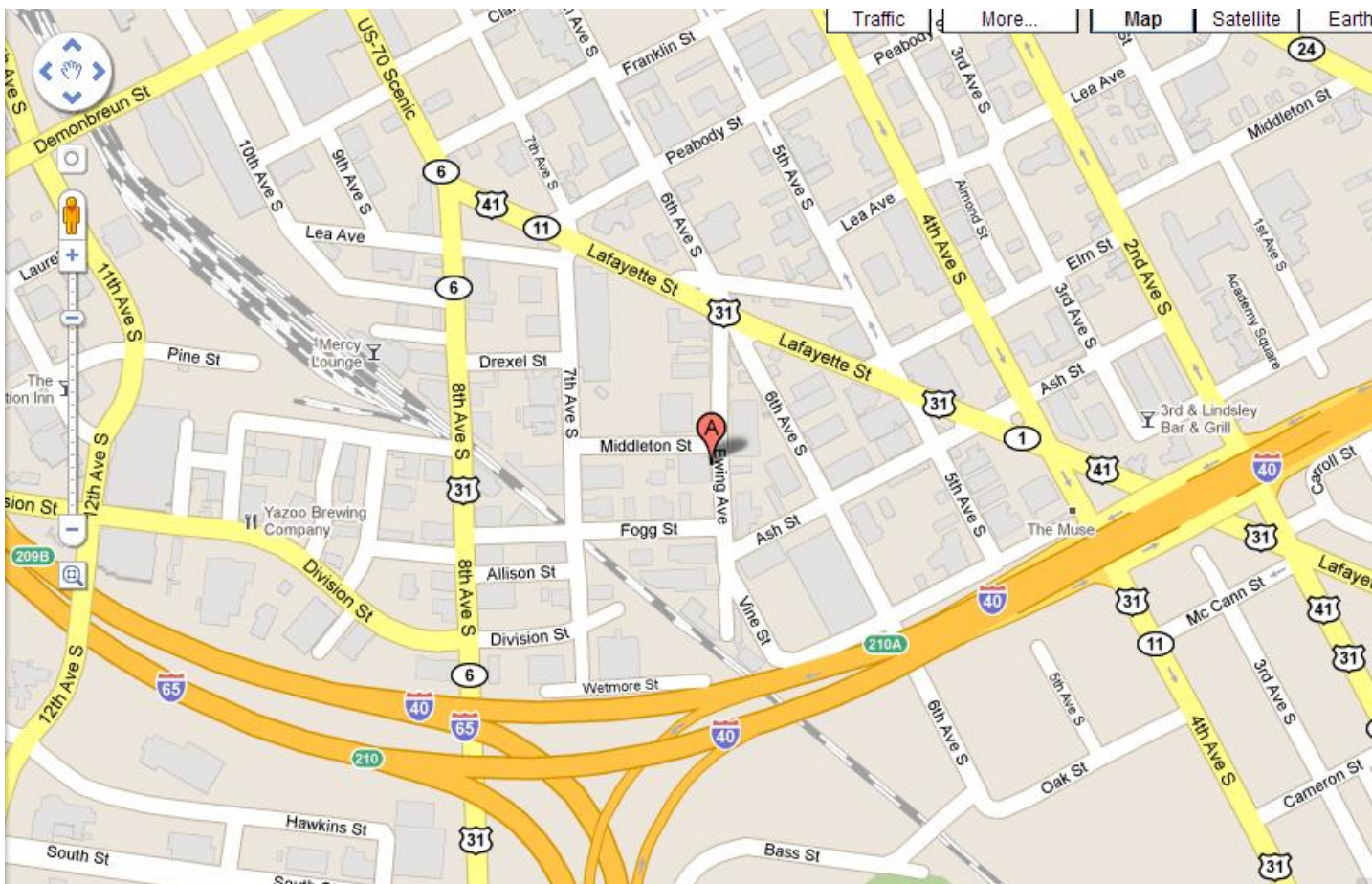
<i>Meeting Date</i>	<i>Speaker</i>	<i>Topic</i>	<i>Photo Theme</i>
June	Dianne Blankenbaker	Birds of Prey	
July	Members Slides	Members show their work	
Aug	Piper Rastello	Fashion/Music	
Sept	Gary Giles	Black&White	
Oct	Mary Elizabeth Long	Fashion/Fantasy	
Nov	Caroline Rutland	Fashion/Fantasy	
Dec	Holiday Party	_____	

There are slots open for Member Spotlights for the rest of 2014. The Member Spotlight was designed to allow club members to share their work and learn more about each other. So far we have seen some amazing and wonderful work plus heard several entertaining and informative bio's.



Meeting at Dury's 3rd Tuesday of the month.

Dury's is located at 701 Ewing Ave, Nashville, TN
(They are a long time sponsor of our club and we appreciate their contribution)



6 Photography Life Hacks



[Video 2 min15 sec](#)



Steady your light stands EASILY and FAST



[Video 2.5 minutes](#)



Pick the Best Aperture, Shutter Speed and ISO Settings
In manual mode.

Freeze motion



[Video 4 minutes 48 seconds](#)

Think Before you Click: Distracting Elements



[3 Minutes 13 Seconds](#)



Member Slide show for July Club Meeting

I hope to see lots of participation this year in the slideshow. Our member slideshow will take place at the July meeting. To participate please follow these rules:

1. Pick 10 of your photos (there is not a time limit of when you took them)
2. Please resize your photos to 1200 pixels in width and make them a jpg file
3. Please name your photos with your name-sequence number. Example: DanaBarrett-1.jpg
4. Please send your photos to dswiegodaphotography@yahoo.com with the subject line saying: NPC Slideshow (you can use any of the free transfer programs if your email says they are too large)
5. We need your submissions by July 6, 2014 to be included

Thank you a bunch for participating and thank you Dotty Swiegoda for putting together our slideshow this year!



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Events and Outings

June 17, Tuesday 6:45 pm - Club Meeting

June 24, Tuesday 6:00 pm - Digital Focus Group

**June 28-29, Cumberland Mountain State Park Adventure
Outing/Trip**

July 4, Photographing Nashville fireworks from Baptist Hospital parking garage Adventure Outing

July 15, Tuesday 6:45 pm - Club Meeting

July 22, Tuesday 6:00 pm - Digital Focus Group

If you have comments good or bad about the newsletter or things you think should be added please let me know at rodshean@bellsouth.net