

Digital SLR Essentials

Overview: Unlock the creative potential of your digital SLR or mirrorless system camera in this eight hour, hands-on class. A comprehensive class for beginners and those wanting to brush up, this course covers the essential topics for improving your SLR photography. Learn how to use your camera and discover the settings that make the biggest difference in your photos.

- **Who is it for?**
 - New owners of SLR cameras
 - New owners of mirrorless interchangeable lens cameras
 - Experienced 35mm SLR users who are new to digital photography
 - Anyone wanting to improve their SLR photography with a solid understanding of the basics
 - Note: This class is not recommended for users of compact automatic cameras or any non-interchangeable lens cameras.
- **What does it cover?**
 - Handling your camera, adjusting settings, modes, buttons and dials
 - ISO sensitivity, shutter, aperture, lenses
 - White balance, exposure, drive mode, quality, Raw VS. JPEG, flash basics
 - For more see the class outline
- **Who teaches it?**
 - This class is taught by Keith Starks of Imagery by Keith. Keith began teaching SLR photography in 1983 and his workshop topics over the years include film processing and darkroom printing, landscape, portrait, flash, macro and night photography. Keith and Don's Photo have been partners in photo instruction for the past 11 years and we are proud to have instructed more than 900 photographers in that time.
- **Where is it?**
 - The class is held at Don's Photo, 1902 8th St. East. (opposite Wendys, 8th St.)
 - The store is closed during classes so the door will be locked when you arrive. Please knock to be let in.
- **What should I bring?**
 - Bring your camera with a good charge level on the battery and have a memory card with enough room to take some photos.
 - Some class notes are provided but some paper and a pen are suggested.
 - The building is sometimes cool so a sweater may be a good idea.
 - Water, coffee and snacks are up to you. (All good ideas on Sunday classes)

Upcoming Dates:

1-Tuesdays and Wednesdays, April 18, 19, 25, 26 - 7-9pm

2-Mondays and Tuesdays May 29, 30, June 5, 6 - 7-9pm

3- Tuesdays and Wednesdays, July, 4, 5, 11, 12 - 7-9pm

4- Tuesdays and Wednesdays, Aug. 15, 16, 22, 23 - 7-9pm

Cost 240.00 + GST only = 252.00

Class Outline**Evening 1**

- Getting to know the SLR
 - What is an SLR? How do they work? How are they different from other cameras?
- Getting to know your camera
 - Care and handling- Do's & Don'ts, lens cleaning, changing lenses
 - Buttons, dials, modes, menus, viewfinder, lens etc.
 - Holding your camera, the half press, viewfinder info, shooting info,
 - Adjusting shutter, adjusting aperture, Sensitivity ISO
 - Viewing photos-shooting info, histogram basics, highlights warning, magnify
- Example Photos Slideshow
 - View and discuss photos
 - Shutter speeds and their effects
 - Aperture and depth of field

Evening 2

- Lens basics
- More camera settings
 - White Balance (WB)
 - Meter Area Mode
 - Exposure compensation
 - Drive Mode/Shooting Mode
- Shutter speed for hand-held cameras
- Composition
- Focus- Auto Focus modes, AF point selection

Evening 3

- Focus continued
 - Manual Focus
- Prime Lens Hands-On Demo
 - Compare results from a standard zoom lens and a prime lens
- Custom/manual/pre-set White Balance
- Picture Styles/Controls
- Quality Settings- JPEG, Quality/Compression, Image Size, Raw, editing software

Evening 4

- Manual Exposure
- Flash basics
- Digital Concerns- memory cards, back-up, formatting, firmware
- Accessories- tripods, monopods, remotes, flash, etc.

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