

# FLASH E-MAIL

SHUTTER-BUDS MEMBERS

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Hello to all my Shutter-Buddies!

My, how life can change in a matter of weeks. Today we find ourselves in an unfathomable and surreal Twilight Zone-esque world. Who would have thought three weeks ago that we would see people wearing face masks in public, would be confined to our homes, and fearing going to a grocery store. We can't say enough about the service people of this country, especially the nurses and doctors, who are risking their lives to treat the sick.

In these times we must keep informed and remain vigilant, careful -- even over-cautious -- against an invisible enemy. Let's also think of others who might need some assistance or a friendly phone call to make them feel less alone. Couples need creative strategies to cope with being cooped up. Individuals need plans to ward off loneliness. Each day we hear stories about how the American spirit is soaring with respect to generosity and acts of kindness. Companies are making big donations of supplies or re-purposing their manufacturing to produce what's desperately needed. Researchers are hard at work to find treatments and a vaccine. Our fortitude will continue to be tested for some weeks or months, but America will beat this. For the near future, the clicks of our cameras have been silenced. Look toward the future when we will be back out in the woods, fields, beaches and mountain tops all across New England and across the world in exotic places, doing what we love to do.

May this message find you and your loved ones protected and safe. Meetup was founded to get people together, but we, obviously, can't do that at this time. All efforts will be made to keep our Shutter-Buds community active, thriving and focused on finding creative photo ops and other ways to continue our journeys in photography.



## ALL PUBLISHED PUBLIC & GROUP EVENTS ARE CANCELED OR POSTPONED

As per our crisis policy instituted three weeks ago, all on-location events, unfortunately are off; the visit to the Good Shepherd church, the Spring Babies at the Hancock Shaker Village, etc. I have contacted the NY Botanical Garden about refunds for the June 6 Kusama-Plein Air-Rose Weekend event and will let you know what I learn.

## SUPER FULL MOON - TUESDAY NIGHT, APRIL 7, 10:35!

Here is a way to get out of the house! Check out this event description on the website. It contains a link to the Photographer's Ephemeris to find the exact location of the moonrise. That information will help you determine where you can go in your area to photograph it.

## STEVE NIEMCZYK'S TRAVEL PHOTOS – DATE CHANGE

Steve had to postpone his presentation. He will be presenting it for us on Wednesday, April 22. It will be presented online. There will be a limit of 40 participants (include Steve and Sue) so there are actually 38 spots remaining. You will receive instructions on how to join the event online later.

## CREATIVE ONLINE CHALLENGES SERIES

This series now has its first four creative online challenges: M&M's, Favorites of 2020, Fun Phone Photos, and Billboards. More will be added in the days and weeks to follow. The first M&M's photos have been posted, and they are SUPER!! Thank you, June Mita and Alan Kendzior, for starting us off!

Please take advantage of them to get your creative juices flowing and your camera skills growing!!! It's always enjoyable to see what other clever members do with these challenges.

## SHUTTER-BUDS ADAPTS

If we can't get together for on-location photo shoots, we will use our time learning more, exposing ourselves to new things, sharing with each other, getting to know each other better, and via some entertainment.

Here is a list of some general formats we could use. The possibilities for ideas to use with each of them are endless. Some ideas will turn into online challenges and events. YOUR INPUT is appreciated!

### 1) Individual Photo Shoots

- a) around the house & yard (some challenges)
- b) destinations where you can go and practice self-distancing  
Ex. the Super Moon Shoot on April 7.



### 2) Online Meetups

- a) members' slide presentations
- b) meeting to get members' ideas on ways to use the online meeting concept and Facebook during this time
- c) networking meetings with idea sharing on any aspects of photography
- d) group watching of a video (tutorial) or film about a photographer
- e) online PHOTOGRAPHERS' HAPPY HOUR??

### 3) Facebook

Shutter-Buds "Real Time" Communication

- a) Simultaneous Event (We did one already: post a photo of what you see at 5:00 pm on the specific day.) People post a photo at a scheduled date and time.
- b) Sharing by various themes (Ex places we love to visit but can't right now, either personal pics or credited ones for inspiration)
- c) More photo humor (jokes, cartoons, etc.)
- d) Interesting photo news, sharing funny stories, etc.
- e) photo games
- f) a Facebook Watch event - it would be announced and anyone in the group could access and watch it together and then discuss it.

### 4) "Discussion" Feature on Meetup

Currently this is used only by me for occasional announcements. I will open the feature to members for this purpose: to share information about a special photography event (class, tutorial, travel log, etc.) being presented online by a photo website or accomplished photographer.)

YOU MAY BEGIN TO USE IT NOW! It is an option under the HOME page group photo.

Ex. Ian Plant webinar on improving landscape photography, October 9, 7:00 pm.

(Link) Philip Photog (Your credit)

## 5) Creative Online Series

Despite the "lock down," let's keep the photos coming!

These is a series of challenges to inspire us to create our own photo ops. We will share our results in albums on our website. The four that have been published were mentioned above. There will be many more, based on many facets of photography.

### **WHAT WILL ONLINE MEETUPS LOOK LIKE?**

Participants need a webcam (built-into the computer or external,) speakers (built-in or external,) and a microphone to participate. There are very inexpensive headsets with microphones attached available.

A host sets us a meeting and has a list of format options: he or she may be seen in person, show only his or her computer screen, use a white board, etc. With the display screen option, a host can open a slide presentation of photos, open files, show a video tutorial, open editing software for a demonstration, etc. Only a host needs an app account; those who attend do NOT need an account. When a meeting is set up, members will receive a link with a meeting number and a password. They will join the meeting and either will see the host or the host's computer screen. Those are the basics! The logistics are being fine-tuned.

### **ONLINE MEETUP HOSTS/PRESENTATIONS WANTED**

How would you like to share your photos from a trip or a project? You could host a screen display type meeting to show a slide presentation. You don't even have to be on camera to do that. We would just hear your narration. If you want to teach us a lesson, you can let us see you. **VOLUNTEERS WANTED!** It would be awesome to set up two online events per month if possible.

### **THINGS TO DO WHILE COOPED UP AT HOME**

#### 1. TAKE PHOTOS

- a) Participate in the Shutter-Buds creative challenges.
- b) Photograph spring awakening in your yard.
- c) Venture to local crowd-free destinations when you can.
- d) Look at objects around the house as potential subjects. Take photos of them with some originality. Create still-life set-ups in your home. Create abstracts. Photograph scarves blowing in the wind. Do macro shots of things in various rooms. Water flowing is a cool subject. There are photos everywhere!

2. DELETE: Get rid of unwanted photos (duplicates, out of focus, ones, etc.) and free up space on your hard drive.

#### 3. FAVORITES:

Re-visit your file system. Make sure that you have your most precious and valuable favorite photos in one place and not on 3 hard drives.

#### 4. PHONE CAMERA:

Take some time to learn more about your phone's camera features. Try some new apps for affects and editing. Explore Snapseed and other new apps to add to your phone.

#### 5. CAMERA FEATURES

Take some time to dig into your camera menu and manual to familiarize yourself with options you had no idea you had. This is a chance to really become intimate with your camera.

#### 6. LEARNING CURVE

Watch tutorials to improve skills as well as photo editing - ones you've wanted to investigate but never had time to.

##### Camera Skills and Techniques:

AdoramaTV

Tony and Chelsea Northrop

Thomas Heaton (outdoor adventures)      Gavin Hoey

Eric Kim (master of street photography)      Matt Granger

CreativeLive



(24/7 one free photography class per day will repeat all day and night)  
Click on CLASSES at the very top for "On Air" and schedule. See this week's topics below.

<https://www.creativelive.com/>

##### Youtube.com Photoshop Channels:

Blue Lightning TV

PHLEARN

tutvid (click on videos)

Photoshop Training Channel

Piximperfect

#### 7. AFTER THE CRISIS BUCKET LIST

Write a bucket list of photo adventures and other activities with destinations for when the time comes that we can venture out into the world again. Be ready to hit the ground running (and clicking!)

##### a) New Project(s)

Do the research and make plans for a new project or two you will do when you can get back out on the photo trail.

##### b) Make plans for a trip.

#### CLASSES AND THINGS TO EXPLORE

Ray Scott produces awesome videos on creating art with macro lenses. Here is an example.

Create Stunning Abstract Photos Using Crystal Glass

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9UEt7WeqRi8>

## **TED TALK SHARED BY CARL MEISEL**

Dewitt Jones: Celebrate What's Right With the World

<https://www.leadingauthorities.com/speakers/video/dewitt-jones-celebrate-whats-right-world>

## **GORGEOUS EGRETS FROM CARL MEISEL**

These are totally fabulous photos sure to inspire.

<http://carlmeisel.smugmug.com/Wildlife/Egrets-San-Miguel-De-Allende-2020>

## **CREATIVE LIVE – THIS WEEK**

[https://www.creativelive.com/onair?via=site-header\\_0](https://www.creativelive.com/onair?via=site-header_0)

Free Classes

"Every day on CreativeLive we broadcast six curated classes from our catalog throughout the day for free! These are streamed live, so you have to watch them in real time, but they do repeat at the end of the broadcast on a loop for 24 hours, from 9AM - 9AM Pacific Time.

NOTE: Classes are listed as starting at 9:00 AM, Pacific Time. So add 3 hours for EST.

April 7

Shooting and Editing for Mobile Photography (Elise Swopes)

April 8

9:00 AM Getting Started in Music Photography with Red Bull Photographer Todd Owyong

Food Photography (Penny De Los Santos)

April 10

Family Photography: Modern Story Telling (Kirsten Lewis)

April 11

Setting Up a Home Studio (John Cornicello)



## **SMILEY FACE IN THE SKY FROM ALAN KENDZIOR**

On May 16, Jupiter, Venus, and the Moon will create a smiley face in the sky at 12:20 AM. It's supposed to be visible in all parts of the world, provided the sky is clear. Some parts of the world will see it right-side up. Others will see it upside down! Let's see if some Buds can capture it!

[SMILEY FACE IN THE SKY](#)

## **MOVIES ABOUT PHOTOGRAPHY & DOCUMENTARIES ABOUT PHOTOGRAPHERS**

<http://resourcemagonline.com/2018/08/40-movies-about-photography/39702/>

Item #15 is where the excellent list of documentaries about 35 photographers begins.

## CONGRATULATIONS!!!

### 1. ALICJA KOSALKA'S NATIVE AMERICAN PHOTO

One of Alicja's photos entered in a ViewBug competition won the Native American category. Congratulations, Alicja!

2 ALAN KENDZIOR has a photo in the Milford Art Council's Virtual Gallery. His is the 2<sup>nd</sup> one. Congratulations, Alan! <https://milfordarts.org/gallery/fa548uv8nebt8j97u01m6um07z10fk>

## QUOTE

*You can look at a picture for a week and never think of it again.*

*You can also look at the picture for a second and think of it all your life.* Joan Miró

## HUMOROUS SIGNS

**Photographer at work. (Please don't arrest me.)**

**I'm not a tourist. I'm a photographer.**

**CAUTION: This vehicle makes sudden stops for cool shoot locations.**

**If you saw a man drowning and you could either save him or photograph the event, which f-stop would you use?**

**My other camera is in a catalog.**

**PhotograpHER**

**I came. I saw. I shot.**

**Be safe, everyone!**

Join us on Facebook for real time chat.



**"Pretend you don't notice him."**