

# SHUTTER TALK

## FREDERICKSBURG PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

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Website [www.fbgphotoclub.com](http://www.fbgphotoclub.com)

**Next Meeting, Tues, Nov 14, 6:30 – 8:30**

We will start with a brief presentation on the basics of composition. We will then move on to some more advanced topics and finish with a compositional review of images submitted by members. This will not be the usual critique but a review of how the images were composed. If the shooter is present they can discuss what they were thinking at the time the images were captured.

Please send your images to [jlaftrat@gmail.com](mailto:jlaftrat@gmail.com) by November 12.

**Congratulations to Andy Sentipal!**

**First Place Best Wildlife image in the 2023 Mid Atlantic Photo Visions contest. Wow!**



**Playing with Mom by  
Andy Sentipal**

**Club members frequently have photos exhibited around the city and other places.**

**Taylor Cullar, Penny Parrish, and Norma Woodward exhibit each month at Brush Strokes Gallery in Fredericksburg.**

**Norma Woodward has an exhibit at the Blacksburg Transit Center in Blacksburg VA.**

**Individual members have images in juried shows at FCCA on a regular basis.**

## **Comment from newsletter of photographer Eric Kim**

**“One of the great epiphanies that I had while in Kyoto was this notion of visual artist; that we photographers are not simply photographers, but we are visual artists. Which means that our approach and goal to things is not just photos or not just photos for the sake of photos, but instead... using photography and our camera as a tool to produce and create new visual artwork.”**

**From Digital Photography School website;**

**“15 Questions to Ask Photographer (to Improve Your Images”**

- 1. What is the one thing you wish you knew when you started taking photos?**
- 2. How did you get good at photography?**
- 3. What essential resources do you recommend?**
- 4. How do you get honest feedback on your work?**
- 5. What gear do you use?**
- 6. Which lens is your favorite and why?**
- 7. When you go out to shoot, do you take any essential items other than a camera and lens?**

- 8. Among the photography gear that you've purchased, is there something you wish you hadn't bought? Why?**
- 9. What are some common photography pitfalls?**
- 10. What are your favorite settings?**
- 11. What kind of tools do you use for post-processing? What's your workflow like?"?**
- 12. Out of all your photos, which one is your favorite? Why?**
- 13. How do you stay focused on your art?**
- 14. What do you think about social media for photographers?**
- 15. Whose work has influenced you most?**

**These are great questions that are frequently asked. Starting in January 2024, I will be periodically asking one of these questions in an email to all members and using answers in the newsletters**

**Answers can be sent anonymously or with your name attached.**

**Great way to share your expertise. And to learn from others.**

# November newsletter photos – KITCHEN

## Taylor Cullar

Oranges on Platter



Refrigerator Clutter

REFRIGERATOR CLUTTER

# November newsletter photos – KITCHEN

**Judy LaFratta**



**Breakfast Man**

**Holiday Cookie Traditions**



**2023 topics for newsletter photos. Use your own creativity to take photos that illustrate your interpretation.**

**December      Holiday Lights**

Don't forget the website and the member's gallery ... <https://www.fbgphotoclub.com/>

**I didn't choose photography;  
photography chose me!**

**- Gerado Suter**



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