

Photography - Flowers & Plants

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WHAT MAKES IT MEANINGFUL

Exploring the world through your camera's viewfinder and framing your subject in many different ways can be an exciting way to document your ways of seeing and your own visual language.

Always keep in mind the foreground, middle and background in each of your shots.

Remember to take your time, listen for the beep for focus and shoot, stay steady for a few seconds before moving.

You can create themes around the series of photographs you take- landscape, flowers, vegetables and plants, farmer's markets, texture, architecture, etc. Whatever interests you.

TIME

Using the flower setting (Macro) on the dial of your camera and head outside and explore. The amount of time spent is up to the photographer. Always keeping an eye out for interesting photographs by the time of day for light and weather can add to the mood of your photograph.

People may choose to use the camera on their phones.

When you focus your camera on a subject of interest, wait for the beep that the image is focused, press the button and do not move for 3 seconds to make sure the photo is not blurry. Focusing is very important while taking close up shots of flowers or plants. Focus on the image

MATERIALS

-Point and shoot camera (\$100.00 plus)

-Some individuals may decide to use the phone cameras for photography and chose not to buy a point and shoot camera.

-Notebook and pen to write down ideas (\$3.00- Dollarama)

-shooting locations. Bus fare may be needed if not on foot. (\$6.50 return fare)

-Water and snacks

-Dress according to weather and areas you will be taking pictures- If you are going to a forest, what you wear is different than walking in your neighbourhood.



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INSTRUCTIONS

- Plan a day and time to go out and shoot some photographs. Your trip could be to a beach, out on a hike or a specific location that you've seen.
- Prepare for your activity by planning where, transportation, camera equipment gathered and camera battery charged.
- Prepare for weather by wearing the right clothing for temperature or nature location conditions- hat, coat, rain coat, running shoes or hiking boots.
- Sunscreen, bug spray, water and snacks as needed.
- A pen and small notebook is helpful to write down thoughts, areas of photography shots taken And ideas for the future.

RESOURCES

- care and maintenance of digital cameras
- making files for your photographs
- books on flowers and plants for ideas- Look at the composition and layout of each photo.
- constantly scouting out new locations for photographs.
- follow 'rule-of-thirds' – look at books that discuss placement within the frame of the photograph.
- carry your camera with you for those unexpected shots.

SUPPORTS NEEDED

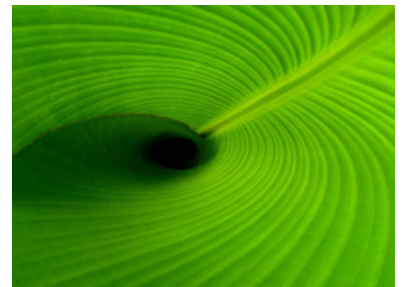
This activity can be done alone, with friends or family, or as a group activity.

OTHER THINGS TO NOTE:

- always tell people where you are going and for how long.

1. Get the light right- Setting the mood of a photograph can change with the right light at the right time of day.

2. Angles, Angles, Angles- Moving around the subject from different angles and different heights.



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OTHER THINGS TO NOTE:

3. Don't be afraid of shadows- Shadows can add drama and mystery to your photograph.



4. Think overall composition- Look at the overall balance to your photo, following the 'rule of thirds' - In photography, the rule of thirds is a type of composition in which an image is divided evenly into thirds, both horizontally and vertically, and the subject of the image is placed at the intersection of those dividing lines, or along one of the lines itself.



5. Personalize- Interesting photos have interesting things in them.



6. Be creative- Find a point of interest and zoom in or zoom out as much as needed to capture. Move around the scenery taking shots from different angles and focal points.



7.- Take multiple shots- Take many photos of the point of interest and from different angles and heights.



Have fun and explore the beauty of nature and your ways of seeing it. Inspiration is all around you!!!