



Smartphone Photography Webinar

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OBJECTIVES:

- Discuss why photography is a great hobby for Senior Citizens of any age or skill level.
- Discuss two of the most popular types of photography: Portraiture, and Landscape.
- Demonstrate the methods you can use to make your photos more *interesting*, tell a *story*, evoke an *emotion*, and capture your *memories*, for now and forever.
- Demonstrate adjusting/enhancing your most important photos with photo editing.

TYPES OF PHOTOGRAPHY:

- **Portraiture:** The beauty is in capturing a person's personality, mood, or expression, sometimes naturally, and other times by having them pose.
- Landscape: Photographing large expanses of lands, or of the world, these images are meant to capture the grand scale of nature while in the outdoors or traveling.

COMPOSITION:

- **Leading Lines:** Draws the viewer's attention into the photograph and creates depth (foreground to background).
- **Rule of Thirds:** A technique used to position the Subject/key elements in the frame to either side, such that the photo more balanced and interesting.

TECHNIQUES:

- Take Many Shots and Keep the 'keepers'.
- Get Closer!

PHOTO EDITING:

- Adjust/enhance a photo using 'native' Apps on your smartphone
- Adjust/enhance a photo using a free, third-party App named "Snapseed"





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Practicing Photography During the Covid-19 Pandemic

DO:

- Follow the CDC guidelines for keeping yourself and others safe.
- Stay at least 6 feet apart from others; Wear a mask; Wash your hands.

DON'T:

- Allow others to handle your smartphone! (instead, take selfies, or use your smartphone's timer and a tripod.)
- Remain in crowded indoor spaces for a long time, especially if not well ventilated.

DO:

TRY TAKING PHOTOS: EXPERIMENT, LEARN, EXPERIENCE, ENJOY!

Indoors: Take <u>Portraits</u> of *yourself* (in a mirror, or selfies), or of *others* who are living in your home.

Outdoors:

- o Take Portraits of others who are socially distanced.
- Take <u>Landscapes</u> at a park, the seashore, or around your neighborhood.
- TRY PHOTO EDITING: ADJUST / ENHANCE YOUR MOST IMPORTANT PHOTOS
 - While at home, sort through your photos and identify the important ones.
 - Practice adjusting/enhancing your photos using photo editing apps.





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Winter 2021 Schedule

(iPhone / Android Smartphones)

Lesson 1: Portraiture; Street; Candid March 4 10:00 AM-11:30 AM

- Best Practices: Subject Matter; Depth of Field; Rule of Thirds; Framing; Layering
- Tips and techniques: Focus on the Subject; Watch Distracting Backgrounds; Get Closer!
- Practicing what you learned: taking/discussing your photos in an optional Photo Workshop (to be scheduled)

<u>Lesson 2: Landscape; Nature/Wildlife; Architectural</u> <u>March 11</u> 10:00 AM-11:30 AM

- Best Practices: Light; Composition: Leading Lines; Reflections; Fill the Frame; Positioning
- Tips and techniques: Find the Light; Take Many Photos; Forget About Perfection
- Practicing what you learned: taking/discussing your photos in an optional Photo Workshop (to be scheduled)

Lesson 3: Photo Editing March 18 10:00 AM-11:30 AM

- Smartphone native app photo editing: Auto Adjust; Rotate / Crop; Photo Editor
- 'Snapseed' (a free third-party App) photo editing: Looks; Tools; Save / Export; Share
- Practicing what you learned by editing your photos in class