

I'm Harold
Burnley

- Judy and I live on Dataw Drive
- A Fine Art Landscape and Nature Photographer ...more about this in a moment
- An Exhibiting Artist

My Plan For This Afternoon

- To get a feel where everyone is with their photography
- To get a feel for what type of activities would be of interest
- Some information about Fine Art Photography ... as a lead-in to potential activities.
- To establish a short-term direction for the club

Where is the
group with
their
photography?

How many shoot primarily with DSLRs or mirrorless cameras?

How many primarily shoot with iPhones?

How many do some level of post processing?

How many primarily use Lightroom?

How many are familiar with Photoshop?

How many primarily shoot landscapes or nature?

How many primarily shoot people?

What
activities
would you
participate
in?

Solo photo shoots with a predetermined subject and show “N” tell at the next meeting

Group field trips with in-meeting follow-up? Share your image and receive feedback

Basic editing with Lightroom ...progressing to Photoshop, ...possibly

Learning more about seeing things differently and what makes a good photograph ...aka composition

Peer feedback of your work

What is Fine Art Photography?

- It's a very imprecise category – I don't think you'll find an official definition.
- It is an art form.
- It's about capturing what the ARTIST sees with all their senses and emotion, not necessarily what the camera sees ...It usually goes beyond what the camera sees.

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- It expresses the feeling and vision of the photographer/artist.
- It's usually judged for its beauty and meaningfulness.
- The artist will typically use all the tools available to them including cameras, lenses, composition, computer software ...to express what their mind's eye sees, and their emotions feel.

What it is not!

- Photojournalism
- Not about just digitally recording a subject
- Not necessarily about capturing a realistic rendition of the subject

- So, in this way it's different than other genres, although the artist uses the skill set common to other forms of photography

Does it
change how
you take
photos or
present the
results, or
both?

- Absolutely to both
- I do mostly landscape and nature photography
 - I'm always looking for an epic view
 - I scout the site looking for the best composition
 - I try to make it interesting ...without that you have nothing
 - Clutter is my enemy; I always look for ways to eliminate or reduce it in the field
 - For landscapes, I'm always looking for awesome skies
 - For animals, I try to focus on the eyes
 - I keep in mind what I can change in post processing to achieve my vision for the image
 - I'm always thinking about composition and leading the viewers eyes

Why did I start doing fine art photography?

- I was in a photo group associated with an Art Center
- Very few photographers participated in monthly themed exhibits. It was difficult to compete with more traditional artists. So, if you can't beat um join um. ...in fact, I became the art center president.
- And, most importantly, I like everything about it. It's expressive, creative, uses great technology and satisfying to me.

As they say,
A picture is
worth a
thousand
words

So let me show you what I mean
pictorially ...





















Possible near-tern activity

- Photo shoot of Hunting Island's boneyard beach

Boneyard Beach









Other Possible Photo Shoots

- 11th Street Docks
- Port Royal Cypress Wetland and Rookery
- Chapel of Ease
- Old Sheldon Church
- Magnolia Gardens – spring
- The Point and antebellum homes, Beaufort
- Philips Island
- Sands Beach
- Monkey Island

Possible near-term activity

- Photo shoot of Hunting Island's boneyard beach
- Basic editing in Lightroom class
- A three-part tutorial about:
 - What makes an outstanding photograph ...aka seeing things differently, and composition
 - Using the camera creatively to make outstanding pictures
 - Using post processing creatively to make outstanding pictures

NEXT STEPS

- Thumbs up or down to the suggested near-term plan I suggested
- Other suggestions?
- Meeting frequency?
- ...then I'll publish a near term plan incorporating your suggestions
 - ...call or email me with additional thoughts



Great Meeting You