



WELCOME LETTER

For the Love of Photography
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Hi Everyone,

I'm so excited to welcome you back to The Ghost Ranch. I know how much I've missed being here and can only imagine how much you have missed it as well. As I said before...Welcome Back, Welcome Home.

This photo class will be great fun. "FOR THE LOVE OF PHOTOGRAPHY" workshop means just that. We are all here together because we love making/creating wonderful images. I am here to help facilitate you're achieving that goal.

The first day will be a review of the basics of photography. You may already have a good grasp of these things, but it never hurts to go over them again just to refresh ourselves. We will determine where you are and where you want to go, and then, we will go there.

Materials List :

The first day of class each student should have the following: -A notebook or paper and pen or pencil to take notes

-A manual film camera or digital camera that has some manual choices (if you bring a film camera be sure to have at least one roll of tri-X or plus-X film)

-VERY IMPORTANT...The instruction booklet or manual for said camera.

-Some kind of secure strap so the camera will not slip out of your hand and fall to the ground.

-A lens cleaning cloth or tissue and liquid

-Make sure your camera battery is charged and ready to go

Connection cords from camera to computer

Be sure to bring your battery charger for your camera when you come to the Ranch.

IMPORTANT: If you have a laptop computer please bring it and be sure you have all your power cords and camera connection cords.

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-Both men and women must have something to tie their hair back away from their face and/or a ball cap or hat

-If at all possible but not absolutely necessary, a shutter release cable for said camera.

-If at all possible, have a Circular Polarizing Filter for your lens.

-A tripod, if at all possible.

(note: if you do not already own a tripod, do not purchase one before you speak with the instructor)

-If you carry your camera in a camera case, it's always a good idea to have a small dry, clean cloth/towel in the case.

Good work habits are the most important thing you can develop as a photographer.

*Always keep your camera clean.

*Always keep your tripod and all other equipment clean, dry and safe. If you are using a shutter release cable, BE SURE the cable is put away carefully and not crumpled up. The wires inside a cable are very thin and break easily.

*Always keep your cleaning cloth – CLEAN - trying to clean your lens with a dirty cloth will not only not get it clean but will scratch the lens.

*Always keep your hands as clean and dry as possible when handling your camera.

*Once you get home after a day of shooting, be sure to check your camera, make sure it's turned off, take the battery out and re-charge it, even if you've only used it a little.

Download the images, even if you've only taken a few photos. Clean and re-format your memory. Be ready for your next use.

Do not leave your camera laying around, put it back in its case and keep it there whenever it's not in use.

If you have any questions at all regarding anything I have said or anything on your materials list, please do not hesitate to contact me as soon as possible. I will be more than happy to help with anything.

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