

PSOC PROJECT PHOTOGRAPHY

Have you ever wanted to sharpen your photography skills? Most will answer “Yes” to that question. Project Photography is one avenue we have created to do just that. Many of our Members already use projects to focus on a specific form of photography. Examples that we see are those that specialize in photographing birds, flowers, surfing, or street photography. But did you ever think of photographing every species of bird that nests in California for instance – that would be a “Project” for sure. Or, capturing the Milky Way in different phases of its transit across the night sky. As another example - Matt Brown, a good friend and critiquer for PSOC, has a “project” to photograph every living survivor of the holocaust in America!!

For those Members in Good Standing who want to delve a little deeper into Project photography, here are a few tips on how to get started:

- Research ideas for a project – find an area that interests you
- Write down what you want to accomplish, why and when
- Put your commitments on your calendar and follow through with action
- Execute – and critique your own work against your objectives
- Share with others via a PSOC Project Photography Smugmug Gallery

If you would like some additional inspiration, there are lots of ideas on the Internet for projects. Here are a few links to sites you might want to check out:

<https://digital-photography-school.com/tips-for-creating-a-personal-photography-project/>

<https://www.shutterfly.com/ideas/photography-projects/>

<https://www.techradar.com/how-to/52-photography-projects-a-great-technique-to-try-every-week-of-the-year>

<http://www.carlinfelder.com/photography-series-themes/>

<https://photographyicon.com/photography-themes/>

So, now you are engaged in a Project and have captured some pretty nice shots that you would like to share with others – how can you do that? PSOC would like to offer one opportunity for you to do just that by sharing your Project images with fellow Members. We have expanded our Smug Mug site to provide you a Gallery to which you can have the Digital Team post Project images you would like to share. There are, however, a few rules, as follows:

- The Gallery images need to be of a Project in nature, with a theme or particular technique (rather than just vacation shots).
- With your proposed images, submit a short description of your Project for the Gallery so viewers can better appreciate your efforts – there is a 1000 character limit so as not to affect image display.

- Each Gallery can include up to 30 images, but multiple Galleries are permitted.
- Gallery images need to be sized using the same requirements for submitting digital files for our monthly critiques – 1200 pixels on the long side.
- Watermarking your images is permitted.
- Submit your images and Project description by emailing them to the usual Digital Team address: psocphoto@gmail.com.
- When submitting, include in the Subject line whether the images are to be added to a new Gallery or to an existing Gallery and if so whether any images are to be replaced.
- Galleries which include; offensive images and/or language, copyrighted material, political messages, and others at the sole discretion of The Board, are not permitted.
- PSOC reserves the right to refuse work that it deems unsuitable for a general audience or inconsistent with the above rules.
- The PSOC Special Project Review Board will review each submittal to ensure that we stay on track with the intent of our use of Smug Mug Project Galleries.

Just a note, Project Photography does not alter, or affect in any way, shooting or submitting for, PSOC's Field Trips or Monthly Assignments.

HAVE FUN AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOUR PROJECT!

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