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SPRING PHOTOGRAPHY TIPS

"Don't Just Take a Picture, Make a Picture!"

Welcome to Spring. Here are some tips to consider when getting out there with your camera this Spring. However, the tips are applicable all year-round! And remember, the only way to become a great photographer is to make pictures and study them as well as those of other photographers!

- ***Spring Cleaning*** - Check your photo gear and prepare for the new photo year. Clean your camera, lenses and gear, check and recharge all your batteries.
- ***Notice the Lighting*** - Capture the beautiful light during the "Golden Hours" – early mornings and late afternoons.
- ***Try a Wide Angle*** - Yes, even for portraits to give fun, almost cartoonish feeling to the pictures!
- ***Get Low*** - Hold the camera close to the ground for a fun view nature.
- ***Look Up*** - Capture all the new flowers, but don't forget to look up – the trees are also blooming!
- ***Watch the Horizon Line*** - Remember, landscapes look best when the horizon is at the upper or lower third of the picture.
  And keep it straight!
- ***Migratory Birds*** - Use your longest lens to fill the frame. Use a fast shutter speed to prevent subject motion.
- ***Shoot Reflections*** - Spring brings puddles, pools of water, moisture on objects, and morning dew.
- ***Shoot the Sky*** - Storm clouds and cloudy sky scenes make interesting patterns.
- ***Remember the Rules to Making Great Photographs*** -
  1. ***A great photograph has a central theme or idea***
  2. ***A great photograph focuses attention to a single point of interest***
  3. ***A great photograph simplifies***
- ***GET OUT AND SHOOT!*** - Your best photograph may just be the one you missed because you didn't bring your camera along!

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