

DECEMBER 2023

365
*Picture
Today*



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AULD LANG SYNE

*Should auld acquaintance be forgot
And never brought to mind?*

Wow! We have already reached the month of December thus almost completing a whole year of daily prompts and responses. We have all gotten to know each other just a little bit better, weathered each other's ups and downs, joys and sorrows, and at the same time learned the photography styles and our fellow 365'ers. We have learned from one another and that is certainly something to be proud of and to celebrate.

Perhaps you posted every single day. Maybe you posted as often as possible. Some of you may have followed the prompts to the "T" while others might have wandered off in a direction that best suited you. No matter what direction you took, you are a rock star and appreciated and loved.

We are a unique group here at 365 Picture Today and each and every one of you is a valuable and loved member.

May your Christmas and New Year be a time of joy and celebration.

*For auld lang sang, my dear
For auld lang sang.
We'll drink a cup of kindness yet
For sake of auld lang sang.*

Amy, Diane, Garnett, Kris, Lee Leslie and Lysle

EXPLAINING THE PROMPTS

DECEMBER 1
COMPLIMENT
Landscape

*Picture*STYLE

Each month is broken into 4 weekly themes: Picture Life, Picture Basic, Picture Color and Picture Style. These are meant to fuel your imagination, keep you engaged, and challenge your creativity. They give you the opportunity to see the same things in different ways.

PICTURE LIFE

Picture Life is where you will be challenged to chronicle your life. Each Picture Life week will have a theme which will give us a glimpse into your day to day life. This is where we all will have the opportunity to get to know one another a little more. We encourage you to show us all aspects of your life, including your beautiful self! In Picture Life week there will be a Where I Stand prompt coupled with a time of day prompt. Here we encourage you once a month to show us what you are doing at a certain time of the day by showing us where you are standing.

PICTURE BASIC

Let's get technical! This will challenge your creativity with a technical agenda. In these weeks of your year you will look at leading lines, flat lays, lights and shadows, (to name a few!). Don't be shy to ask for clarification, camera settings or any tips and tricks. We aren't magicians here, we share our secrets!

PICTURE COLOR

We will focus on a specific color chosen by the Creative Team for these weeks. This year our colour choices will be a little beyond just the basics. You can include a little of the color, go completely monochrome or anything in between. You will likely find that this is one of your favourite weeks.

PICTURE STYLE

Lifestyle, architecture, landscape, sports, golden hour, are just some of the styles you will be encouraged to play around with to try out something new. Some of these might be a little out of your comfort zone. Our hope is that by the end of the week you may have discovered something you love. You might find style in your original photo or add some style in post-processing.

EXTRA CHALLENGES

Along the way you'll notice a few added monthly challenges sprinkled in to give you extra inspiration.

Macro Monday - For this prompt we encourage you to get in close. Grab your macro lens, macro filters or just crop your photo in post-processing. This is where we can focus on the little details.

Scavenger Hunt - A quarterly challenge where instead of one prompt, you have 4 . Take the 4 photos and make a collage. Make it work for you and your day.

Picture My World - This is a quarterly challenge. We are hoping you can return to the same spot 4 times on these days to document the changing seasons in your world or in your life.

Extra Seasonal Challenge

We are introducing something new this year... Seasonal challenges. Seasonal challenges are extra technical challenges to help you learn or practice technical skills. The challenge is separate from daily prompts and is there to give you that extra boost if you want to take it on. The extra challenge will occur 4 times a year and will come with technical instruction. Once the challenge is offered, you will have a week to think about it, practice, and then take and post your image.



Normally when I want to take a "landscape" photo, I am that person that will wait until there are no people in the frame. This photo is a rare exception. I thought the bagpiper enhanced the landscape here. I complimented him on both that and his playing.

Can you find a landscape today that you feel is enhanced by a person?

Kris

DECEMBER 2
BRIGHTEN
Landscape

PictureSTYLE



Nothing brightens up the landscape more than the early winter sun.

I hid the sun behind the tree, so just a bit was poking out, otherwise the sun would totally blow out the image. If you want a photo like this then you need to set your camera to manual. A good starting point to get a sun flare is ISO 100 f/11 1/125 sec - but it all depends on your conditions. Try one shot and then adjust the speed accordingly.

This photo was shot at ISO 200 f/11 1/200 secs.

Have a go at taking a shot with the sun in front of you. No sun? Well, I am sure you will find something to brighten your day.

Lee

DECEMBER 3
CORDIAL
Vintage - Picture Me



It's vintage week. We are going to have so much fun! Start searching your drawers and cupboards for your vintage items to showcase. The fun thing about Vintage week is that we can also use all of our editing skills to really up our game!

To be cordial means to show warmth or hearty friendliness. It is also a term used to describe a drink mix! You choose!

I chose to go with the ubiquitous green drink mix and I served it up in my Mother's vintage pinwheel crystal stemware. I liked the vintage feel the glasses have. I also tried to make my photograph look like a vintage advertisement for a liquor product.

My very cordial friend Garnett helped me with my edit as I just could not get it right! So, together we managed to use Cordial cordially! Let's see what you can come up with! Don't forget to include yourself or a part of you as is Picture Me day as well.

Lysle

DECEMBER 4
LASTING
Vintage - Where I Stand - 12 O'Clock



*One, two, three o'clock, four o'clock, rock
Five, six, seven o'clock, eight o'clock, rock
Nine, ten, eleven o'clock, twelve o'clock, rock
We're gonna rock around the clock tonight*

Seemed like the perfect accompaniment for our last Where I Stand and Time of Day combo photo! You get to pick... Noon or Midnight?

Amy

DECEMBER 5
DARLING
Vintage

PictureLIFE



I received these vintage hat pins from my local buy nothing group. Aren't they just darling?

I have found our Buy Nothing group to be a great resource for photography props. It's surprising what folks are willing to give away for free. As they say, "one man's junk is another man's treasure".

What vintage find can you photograph today? I bet it's just darling!

Diane

DECEMBER 6
ADAPTABLE
Vintage

PictureLIFE



A dear friend gave me this plate a few years ago. I love foxes and everyone knows it! I believe that the plate has a vintage look. It is adaptable in how I use it. It can be displayed all Winter, but in December I like to make it holiday-themed.

Do you have any vintage pieces that are adaptable through seasons or holidays?

Garnett

DECEMBER 7
CLASSIC
Vintage

PictureLIFE



I love collecting vintage.classic toys. This guy was given to mom when she was born in 1938. He was always the first thing I looked for when I visited my grandparents. He now lives with me. Every time I look at him, the past momentarily becomes the present.

Do you have any classic toys that remind you of days gone by? Take us for a trip down memory lane by photographing them today.

Kris

DECEMBER 8
CREATIVITY
Vintage

*Picture***LIFE**



I was in the charity shops looking for something to put my little poinsettias in and came across these beautiful little red vintage coffee cups. As I don't drink coffee, I was happy to buy them for my table decoration.

Do you have some vintage items that you can be creative with?

Lee

DECEMBER 9
REFLECT
Vintage - Picture My World

*Picture***LIFE**



Today we complete our "Picture My World" collage! Take some time to reflect on the changes that took place in that one special spot you chose. And while you're at it, reflect on any changes you've seen in yourself this year, especially in your photographic skills. I've gotten a little better at creating collages with the help of Canva! I'm sure you'll realize just how much you've accomplished and how much it will encourage you to keep going in 2024!

Leslie

DECEMBER 10
PRIZEWINNING
Patterns

*Picture***BASIC**



This week it is all about Patterns!

Patterns are repeating shades, colors, tones, or objects. They come in many forms from the simple to the intricate. They can stand alone as the main subject or add a bit of visual interest as a background. You can find them in your every day or get creative and make your own!

Here, I've used the tree lights to create a colorful and festive bokeh-patterned backdrop for my holiday gnomes!

Have fun incorporating patterns into your images this week!!

Amy

DECEMBER 11
CARE
Patterns

*Picture***BASIC**



There are lots of patterns in this photo. Each candy cane is patterned. I placed two face to face to create a heart pattern and then used the heart pattern to create a circle.

Santa, at the local mall, gives candy canes to the children who visit him. He does so to show he cares about each and every one of them. We always found a candy cane in our Christmas stocking when I was a child and receiving one assured me that Santa cared for me too.

What do you care about at this time of year? Is it patterned?

Diane

DECEMBER 12
CELEBRATION
Patterns

*Picture***BASIC**



I absolutely love the Holiday Season. I want to celebrate every day. I used my lens ball to make this image. It created a pattern within a pattern. That's something worth celebrating!

Celebrate patterns today! They can be the same or different. You choose!

Garnett

DECEMBER 13
DECADENCE
Patterns

*Picture***BASIC**



Many of the treats that we enjoy at this time of year scream decadence to our taste buds. If you have any will power and don't eat them all, their colors and patterns are also a treat for the eyes. Treat yourself to some pretty and decadent goodies. Remember to photograph them before you enjoy them! If you forget, packaging is also a good place to look for decadent patterns.

Kris

DECEMBER 14
CHEER
Patterns

PictureBASIC



I just love to be creative with the tree shapes at this time of year.

Here I have used all the elements to make a great potpourri into the shape of a tree. By placing all the items in a pattern, it balances out.

What brings you cheer at this time of year and shows a pattern?

Lee

DECEMBER 15
BELIEVE
Patterns

PictureBASIC



Patterns are everywhere if we keep our eyes open. One sure place is in fiber arts like quilts and yarn creations. I started crocheting this shawl in early 2020 before Covid-19 was declared a pandemic. A few weeks into it, I couldn't believe how ironic the pattern choice would be. It's called a Virus Shawl!

Maybe you're creating or buying something with a pattern for a special someone today. Take a photo of it to remember the love. I believe you'll be glad you did.

Leslie

DECEMBER 16
ANTICIPATE
Patterns

GuestPROMPT



I am a game player and the first pattern that came to mind was a checkerboard. I do not own one but, as good neighbours do, they lend you theirs!

I shot the chessboard at a low angle to capture enough of the pattern in the board as well as the anticipation of the next move. Which piece will it be?

What pattern do you see today that might cause you to wonder what's next?

Have fun!

Trish Pimentel

DECEMBER 17
ALIVE
Silver

PictureCOLOR



Today begins colour week and we are looking for silver!

This lighting structure is in my living room. It casts such amazing shadows on the walls. It almost looks alive to me, especially when the lamp is bumped or moved. The light just seems to dance around the room. What's even better is it's silver!

What inanimate object can you find today that seems alive to you? Does it have any silver in it? Or, will you come across something actually alive that you can photograph today?

Diane

DECEMBER 18
DAZZLE
Silver

PictureCOLOR



We are in silver week, which is one of my favorite Christmas colors! I have a non-traditional Wreath on my front door. A very talented friend made it for me just as I had envisioned. I find it dazzling as you walk up on the porch. I used a macro lens to get in close to capture the details.

Dazzle us today!

Garnett

DECEMBER 19
BOOST
Silver

PictureCOLOR



These guys are a little more and a little less than an inch tall. They sit atop a jar on our coffee bar. Though they are small, they give a big boost to one's mood when heading for a cup of coffee, especially when the light catches them such that they have a glimmer in their eyes.

Can you find a small bit of silver that lights up your world and boosts your mood?

Kris

DECEMBER 20
JINGLE
Silver

*Picture***COLOR**



I was so happy to have actually baked, decorated, and photographed the cake in time for Christmas.

Doing a still life of my cake, with a few other bits that are relevant, gives me joy. This makes me sing a little jingle!

I am sure that somewhere you will have a silver bell to make a jingling sound, or go with the happiness you can make by showing us a little of what you have accomplished today.

Lee

DECEMBER 21
CIRCLES
Silver

*Picture***COLOR**



Do you ever look up for your inspiration? If I hadn't, I would have missed this imaginative display of coffee cups. Isn't its circle-on-circle design arresting?

Try looking up for your circular subject today. If it's down low, you might have to crawl underneath it to get that point of view! Just don't let it send you in circles!!

Leslie

DECEMBER 22
REGAL
Silver

*Picture***COLOR**



During Silver Week, is there anything more regal than a silver service set? I inherited mine from my mother and she inherited it from hers, and she inherited it from hers so it has a long history. I am quite certain that I am the only one who abuses it with neglect! However, at Christmas time I am always committed to shining it up and making it part of my Christmas decor and table setting...more often as not as vases.

Do you have a regal silver service or silver flatware you bring out for the holiday season? Show us your silver today!

Lysle

DECEMBER 23
SPARKLE
Silver

*Picture***COLOR**



"Sprinkle a little sparkle wherever you go." -Unknown

Last color week of the year so look for the silver that shimmers brighter than all the rest! I found some sparkly tinsel garland - what will you find?

Amy

DECEMBER 24
MEANINGFUL
Indoor

*Picture***STYLE**



For our Picture Style this week, we will be shooting indoors. When you take photos inside, it can be tricky. You need to have a lot of light. You can use a flash, Christmas lights, light coming through windows or other sources. You may have to use a longer exposure which may make camera shake a factor.

As you experiment this week, try adding different light sources and see what you prefer. It can also be helpful to use a tripod to steady your camera.

The ornament pictured in my example photo is meaningful because my son made it in preschool. My Christmas tree is standing next to several windows which gives me very good natural light for my photography.

Garnett

DECEMBER 25
DREAMY
Indoor

*Picture***STYLE**

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Today is a blank canvas for which all of the other prompts have prepared you.

Keep your eyes open and have fun!

Prompt Free

DECEMBER 26
GLAD
Indoor

PictureSTYLE



I am basically the happiest when my kids are here for Christmas!

Do you have something that makes you glad today?

Lee

DECEMBER 27
SURPRISE
Indoor

PictureSTYLE



"Merry Force Be With You!"

I thought I'd seen everything turned into Christmas decor. I even have a potato chip bag ornament. (Don't ask!) But in our local Christmas shop, I was still surprised by these Star Wars figures in Santa costumes!

If you're in a store, ask permission to shoot merchandise and to reposition the items a little. Shopkeepers are usually flattered that you take such an interest in their products. Handle with care and always put everything back! You might even make a small purchase. :-). Now you have another excuse to go shopping!

Leslie

DECEMBER 28
SHARE
Indoor

PictureSTYLE



"Happiness is the only thing that multiplies when you share it."

During indoor photography week, photograph something that makes you happy that you also share. While we don't often share the bathtub, we do like to share a laugh!

Photograph something you share that makes you feel happy. It might be a morning coffee, a meal, a workout, cooking, or housework! Whatever it is, show us how you share it...indoors!

Lysle

DECEMBER 29
WONDERFUL
Indoor

PictureSTYLE



As you've explored indoor photography this week have you taken note of the light in your home? The windows that let in the morning light, the brightest or darkest rooms, or maybe the lamp that has the best ambient light? Today, find that bit of wonderful light and use it to your advantage!

I discovered years ago that my pantry light casts a nice patch of light across the kitchen - so when all the lights are off, it is the perfect spot for my last-minute, late-at-night POTD!!

Amy

DECEMBER 30
REST
Indoor

PictureSTYLE



Christmas can be such a busy time for many of us. Now that it's once again behind us, I hope you can find some time in your day to rest. It's well deserved! I like to rest in front of the TV. I usually pick up my knitting and knit while I watch a good movie.

Take time to rest today and show us how you relax!

Diane

DECEMBER 31
SOCIALIZE
Memories - Picture Me

PictureLIFE



What are your New Year's Eve traditions? Do the years look the same? Do you experience deja-vu as the clock strikes midnight? It has become a tradition for my crafting buddy in crime to come spend New Years with me. We'll see if this year looks like last year!

Give yourself a big high five. You and your camera made it through the year taking a photo a day, or close to it!

Wishing you and those you love a happy and healthy 2024!

We hope that you will join us for 366 photos in the new year!

Kris

DECEMBER 2023

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Landscape

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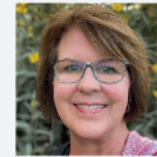
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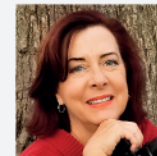
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