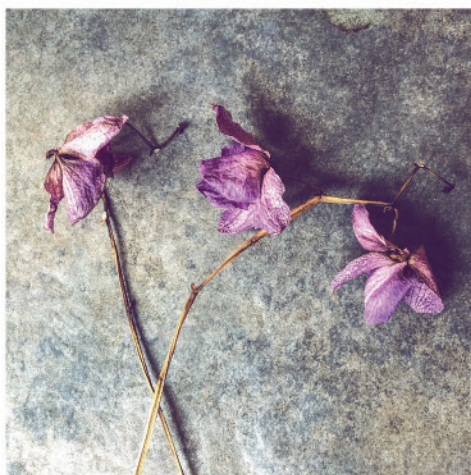


# APRIL 2020



365 *Picture Today*

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And here we are! Welcome April! This month we will cross the hundred mark - the hundredth day of 2020 and for many of us the hundredth daily photo of the year. By this point in the process you are probably starting to notice things about how you are relating to this project and its process.

We now have an adequate collection of photos to begin seeing recognizable patterns surrounding our favorite subjects, preferences for a certain lens, a fondness for shooting at certain times of day and in certain places, the intentional creation of a particular emotions or moods in our images, and the subtle (or perhaps not so subtle) messages that we hope to convey with our photos. All of these things come together to inform our personal style. They, however, are not the only factors,

Whether we like to admit it or not, seemingly negative elements also contribute to making us the photographers that we are. How we respond in our daily photos to lack of time, lack of physical energy, lack of creative energy, or lack of inspiration is where our true colors shine through.

One of the most profound books that I have ever read, one that touched me deep at my core, is ***After the Ecstasy, the Laundry***, by Buddhist teacher Jack Kornfield. In the opening to this book, Kornfield writes, "Unbounded freedom and joy...these experiences are more common than we know and not far away. There is one further truth, however: They don't last...". What does that mean to us as every day photographers? It means that on some days, we are going to take a photo that are everything we want it to be. It will be perfectly composed, perfectly exposed, and express all that we were feeling at the moment we snapped the shutter. On such days, we will live in photographer's ecstasy. Then there will be other days, most days, when that perfection is not, can not, be achieved for whatever reason. On those days, we are left to "do the laundry," to realize the sacred in the mundane, to embrace the beauty of imperfection. Later in the book, Kornfield says, "The most frequent entryway to the sacred is our own suffering and dissatisfaction." Don't get me wrong; I am not saying that you need to "suffer" as part of taking a photo a day, but a little dissatisfaction may be the best thing to push you to the next level of your photographic journey.

Next time you are tempted to skip a day of taking your photo because you don't think you have time, you just aren't feeling it, the prompt doesn't speak to you; or, it is easier to go to your archives because you know that you took a "perfect" photo for the prompt in the past, resist! That day is laundry day. Do your laundry! Challenge yourself to find something about that day to photograph. Remember that the ecstasy will be much more enjoyable when we have clean clothes!

In all seriousness, EVERY photo we take, not just the "good" ones helps us to grow as photographers and leads us toward creating our own personal style. That makes every push of the shutter important in some way. It's up to us to discover that importance. Push yourself to think outside the box. Learn to embrace imperfection and grow from dissatisfaction. Look for the beauty in the mundane.

And, know that this community is here to support you, nurture you, and love you every step of the way...especially on those days where you feel like you are buried beneath ten loads of laundry!

Here's to the next hundred days!

*Amy, Garnett, Kris and Lee*



APRIL 1  
**Walking Day**

Walking day is sponsored by the American Heart Association as a way to promote healthy living and remind us of the wonderful health benefits of taking a walk everyday!

So put on your comfy shoes and let's go! Don't forget to grab your camera... after all, we might as well make it a photowalk and double our fun!

Where will you go for a walk today?

Amy



APRIL 2  
**World Autism Awareness Day**

World Autism Awareness Day (WAAD) is dedicated to shining a light on autism and celebrating the unique persons with autism all around the world. The CDC last reported in 2018 that on average 1 in 59 children are diagnosed with autism each year and, given those figures, its estimated that most families are touched by autism or an autism spectrum disorder.

"2020 the Year of Kindness"

"Together, we can make a kinder more inclusive world." is this year's theme.

They encourage us to wear the color blue or display the Autism Puzzle symbol to help raise awareness not only on April 2nd but all month long.

Today consider photographing the color blue, something unique, puzzle pieces, incorporating the 2020 theme or sharing how your family has been touch by autism.

Amy



APRIL 3  
**World Party Day**  
BLACK & WHITE

What a fun holiday - a universal day dedicated to joyful celebration!

The day came about from the 1995 novel "Flight: A Quantum Fiction Novel", by Vanna Bonta. The book concludes with a synchronized worldwide celebration on April 3, 2000. That scene later became the inspiration for World Party Day!

It's also the repeating prompt of Black and White photography. Today you are encouraged to see without the distraction of color! How will you highlight patterns, and textures, light and shadows, people and things.

Converting to B&W can also greatly improve a photo. As with this shot at the ice cream shop, removing the color helps focus the attention of the smiles waiting to dig into their tasty treats instead of the background distraction and the competing colors of their outfits.

Wishing you all a joyful day!

Amy



APRIL 4  
Walk Around Things

Today you are encouraged to Walk Around Things... yep it's that simple!

As photographers we are encouraged to walk around all the time! Walk around your location and consider the best spot to take your photo. Walk around your subject and consider the best angle and point of view to use; above, eye level, down below. Walk around simply for inspiration just to see what catches your eye!

Consider this example as you go about photographing your day... think about your pet right before they settle in for a nap. They circle around and around, 5 times, 10 times before finally picking just the right spot to lay down. Let's use that approach - walk around and around and maybe around one more time, trying this spot or that angle until you've captured it just the right way!

I can't wait to see all the things we've walked around today!

Amy



APRIL 5  
Flash Drive Day

I remember getting my first flash drive. It was a game changer as far as how I moved information between home and school. As one who remembers saving computer files to cassette tapes, that 8GB could be stored on this tiny thing was pure magic. I still have a flash drive, but with everything moving to the cloud storage, I wonder how much longer they will be around.

The juxtaposition of Fred Flintstone, who lived in the Stone Age, being depicted on a twenty-first century flash drive makes me laugh!

How do you store or move data from one place or another? Photograph it today. Chances are whatever you use will be antiquated before you know it!

Kris

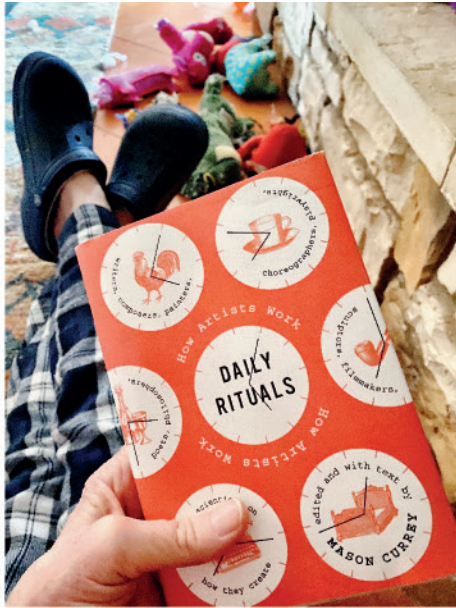


APRIL 6  
Sorry Charlie Day

Everyone experiences disappointment, hurt, or rejection at some point. These things are a part of life, every life. The problem is that these pieces of our lives aren't pretty. Therefore, they usually don't make it into our everyday photographs. They should. And, like each of these books that was rejected by publishers multiple times before becoming bestsellers, looking back at the "ugly" photos reminds us just how far we've come.

If our photos are to be an authentic representation of our everyday life, then we need to include the hard days, the ugly days, the painful days. Today's prompt is not meant to depress us; it is intended to show us that rejection and disappointment are a normal parts of life. Let's share some empathy and compassion with one another today as we show our vulnerability.

Kris



APRIL 7

## No Housework Day SELF PORTRAIT

Today is No Housework Day and the time for our monthly self portrait.

Being a top notch housekeeper is definitely not one of my gifts, but I do try to keep things at least sanitary. Somehow, that seems to require more time and energy with three dogs than it did when I had two dogs and two children at home! The bare minimum each day is that the kitchen is clean and the stuffing and random appendages from all of the dismembered dog toys gets swept up. It is amazing how much stuffing is in one toy!

Though I like the idea of a day with no housework, it will be difficult for me to not sweep up "just a little." If, however, I look at it as having a little extra time with my knitting or with a book, I can probably get behind today's celebration!

What chore are you willing to let go today? Photograph how you spent those extra moments in your day by including all or just a part of yourself in your photo.

Kris



APRIL 8

## All Is Ours Day

With privilege comes responsibility. The natural world is a beautiful gift that has been shared with us. We have a responsibility to care for and preserve it. Our family and friends are precious gifts. It takes understanding and effort to nurture and maintain those relationships. We may also feel a responsibility to care for those less fortunate than ourselves. Paying it forward is a way to show thankfulness for all that we have been given.

Stop and look at what is around you. Count your blessings. Give thanks for them in a photograph.

Kris



APRIL 9

## Unicorn Day

Some days the only thing that gets us through is believing in a little magic. Unicorns, the mythical creature that looks like a horse with a horn in the middle of its head, is associated with love, purity, enchantment and magic. The unicorn's mane is often rainbow colored, making them seem even more fantastical.

I worked a little magic with sticks and string to create this unicorn.

How do you create magic in your life? Photograph it today. If this is not the way you think, turn your camera toward something bright and colorful. Maybe you'll be lucky enough to see a rainbow!

Kris



APRIL 10

## National Farm Animals Day

GUEST PROMPT

Created as a day to raise awareness about animals who are abused and abandoned by the factory farming system, National Farm Animals Day is a great day to honor our National Farming Heritage and family farms. If you don't live in a farming community, there are still many ways to celebrate our farm animals. Chickens, cows, horses, ducks, cats, and dogs are not only found on farms. Look at your family pet, search through your childrens' toy boxes, visit your local petting zoo - farm animals are everywhere!

For today's prompt, we are featuring Becky's horse Maydayn. She is a character, beloved in the neighborhood. She is a curious, gentle, affectionate horse. As soon as she sees anyone in the field, she heads their way for a nuzzle. Becky captured her here against the backdrop of a spring storm. As always, she is heading straight for the photographer. Maydayn's placement in the right third of the frame as well as the layers in the landscape add energy and interest to this photo by their use of the "rule of thirds."

How will you photograph farm animals today? See if you can capture their personalities by focusing on their expressions, highlighting a particular attribute such as a soft nose, toe beans, or whiskers, or photographing your animal in context. Selecting an animal you love, and photographing it in a way you love, will show through in your final image.

Let's celebrate our furry friends today!

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APRIL 11

## National Pet Day

Back in February we celebrated Love Your Pet Day. Those of us who are pet owners probably celebrate loving our pets every single day. Sadly, not all animals are so fortunate. Shelters are overrun with animals waiting to find love in a forever home.

The caliber of an animal's photo that is distributed by the shelter or rescue agency often determines how much adoption interest there is in that animal. As photographer's, we can offer our services to our local animal shelter or a rescue group. We never know how many lives our photos could help to save. Consider visiting a shelter today and taking a few pictures.

If a shelter visit is not possible, take a photo of a friend's pet and give it to them as a gift. Or, consider offering to photograph a stranger and their pet that you encounter on a walk.

Kris

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APRIL 12

## Easter Sunday

Happy Easter! Today we are going to think about traditions and how to capture them. Easter is often time for family gatherings, and it's fun to capture family moments in new and creative ways. In the example photo, I have a photo of an Easter Egg dyeing activity, but the focus is on my granddaughter with the Egg blurred in the background. I have captured a portrait of a person I love and put it in context with the activity as secondary. Think about this type of composition today. Try to capture a primary and secondary subject in your photo. Some of your subjects could be... Easter Lilies (or flowers in general); activities, including egg dyeing, Easter Egg hunting (or hiding), attending church; families (children, grandchildren, pets); attending concerts and performances or even watching movies.

What traditions do you celebrate on Easter? If you don't celebrate Easter, think about other traditions you like to celebrate.

Garnett

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APRIL 13  
Scrabble Day

It's National Scrabble Day! This prompt fits me perfectly. I enjoy all games, but, word games are my favorite. I am playing about 5-10 scrabble games on my ipad at all times. It's fun to play on-line, but there is nothing better than playing with a real board and tiles. I had a little fun with this one by adding my lego friends.

Do you like to play scrabble? If you don't, maybe you can use the game tiles for another purpose... perhaps in a still life or flat lay.

Garnett



APRIL 14  
Look Up at the Sky Day

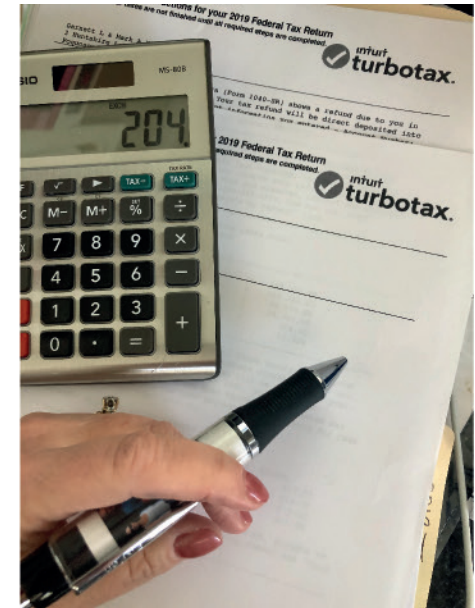
Who doesn't love looking at the sky? Do you ever look at the clouds and try to find shapes or patterns? In my example photo, I loved the wispy pattern of the clouds and then the added interest of the airplane contrails.

Today we are going to work on exposing for a blue sky. Just how do you get those dramatic blue skies that really pop? Here are some steps to help you get there...

1. Shoot away from the sun to capture a blue sky. If you are pointing your camera towards the sun, your sky will be washed out.
2. Try to avoid shooting at mid-day when the sun is high in the sky.
3. Try bracketing. This simply means that after metering for your image, you drop down your exposure. First, bring it down at -.5, then -1, then -1.5. Look at the images and choose the sky that looks the deepest blue.
4. And, you can always use a polarizing filter. A polarizing filter cuts the glare and haze and can really deepen the color of a blue sky.

If the weather is rainy or dreary where you are, you won't be able to capture the blue sky. Show us what the sky does look like in your part of the world.

Garnett



APRIL 15  
Tax Day  
PICTURE YOUR DAY!

It's another Picture Your Day day. It's one of our repeating monthly prompts to show the community where you are and what you are doing right now.

April 15 in the United States is the due date to file our income taxes. I only included my hand in the photo today. You might be jumping for joy because your taxes are done... you might be working on your taxes to get them filed before midnight... or, you might be smiling in another part of the world because you don't have the headache of figuring it all out today. Capture emotion today by putting yourself in the photo or not. Completely up to you how you want to approach it.

How are you feeling today?

Garnett



APRIL 16  
**Orchid Day**

t's National Orchid Day. I don't know about you, but I have a very difficult time keeping an orchid alive. As you can see from the example photo, I do much better with dried orchids. Orchids come in so many beautiful and varied colors. Today, consider your background when you create your photograph. If you don't have orchids at your disposal, choose any flower to photograph. Background texture and color create visual interest. I photographed these dry orchids on my kitchen floor tile. Another great place to photograph is your garage. The floor is often textured and the light is naturally beautiful.

What background will you choose today?

Garnett



APRIL 17  
**Haiku Poetry Day**

Hello all of you lovely creatives! Today is Haiku Poetry Day! I encourage you to try your hand at writing a Haiku poem. Poetry and Photography can go hand in hand. According to the National Day Calendar, "Haiku poetry is a form of Japanese poetry that is non-rhyming and normally consists of 3 lines with a syllable pattern of 5-7-5. Haiku poems are usually inspired by an element of nature, a season, a moment of beauty or an individual experience or event. Sensory language is used to capture a feeling or image."

I wrote the little haiku included in the example image. If you are not comfortable or not inspired to do so, you can use an on-line haiku generator like the one at [poem-generator.org.uk](http://poem-generator.org.uk)

You may want to play with text and add it directly to your photo.

I can't wait to see what you create today, my friends!

Garnett



APRIL 18  
**Lineman Appreciation Day**

If you have electricity where you are, you can thank a lineman! These men and women work tirelessly to keep us up and running. When there is a disaster or crisis, they work even harder to restore our power.

To honor the linemen today, let's look for leading lines. If you can find them in overhead power lines, even better. They look beautiful in the sunrise or sunset. You can include the poles, the towers, or any other structure that holds the lines. You can also look for birds perching on them.

If you find an actual lineman to photograph today, make sure you thank them!

Line up!

Garnett





APRIL 19  
**Hanging Out Day**

Each year on April 19, Project Laundry List works with hundreds of other organizations to sponsor National Hanging Out Day. This day was set aside as a day to encourage communities to learn about the benefits, both financially and environmentally, of using a clothesline for drying laundry.

I need to take note about this day, as I am not the best person at hanging out my washing, but I am going to try and do this more this year.

So let us see your clothesline's with your colourful washing, no washing for today, what else do you peg out?

Lee



APRIL 20  
**Lima Beans Respect Day**  
MACRO MONDAY

So, apparently, it is Lima Beans Respect Day. I didn't even know what a Lima Bean was, so off to Google I went and found out that it is what we British speakers call a Butter Bean. Now I really know why I didn't know what a lima bean is; I am not that keen on them!

No Lima Beans in your house? Me neither! So, find something that you are eating today! I found some edamame beans in the freezer. Remember it also is Macro Monday, so get in close with your macro lens. If you don't have a macro lens, just get in close. In processing you can crop off.

Fill the frame with your choice of beans that you have in your house, tell us why you like them so much.

Lee



APRIL 21  
**British National Tea Day**

Well, I am glad I am choosing the prompts for this week,

Behind every great country, there is an even greater beverage helping it's people through the day. On April 21st, the United Kingdom celebrates National Tea Day, their drink of choice for the past two centuries.

But the question is, what do you eat with your cuppa? Do you have afternoon tea? At this time of year we have Hot Cross Buns with our afternoon tea, and if you are lucky and the weather is good, you can even eat and drink outside.

Set up your cuppa of choice and show us what you like to drink?

Lee



APRIL 22  
**Mother Earth Day**

The day is named International Mother Earth Day because Mother Earth, as it says in the resolution, is “a common expression for planet earth in a number of countries and regions, which reflects the interdependence that exists among human beings, other living species and the planet we all inhabit.”

HOW TO OBSERVE

1. Safely patrol the roadsides and ditches to remove litter.
2. Pick a watershed or beach and clean up trash before it gets swept away.
3. Pledge to go the entire day without using plastic.

I live in a beautiful area in Belgium; but, like all places on the earth, there are some places and people that let it down. I think if you ask someone that smokes if they believe they break the law, they would say "NO." However, as soon as they drop their butt on the floor, that isn't so. None of us is perfect, so you will not receive a lecture from me, just please BIN IT !

What bugs you about litter? Empty cans, cigarette butts, plastic bags...?

Let us make Mother Earth a cleaner place!

Lee

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APRIL 23  
**Lost Dog Awareness Day**  
COLOR - ONE ONLY

Jasper decided that this was an important day, just in case there are dogs out there that have lost their owners for any reason.

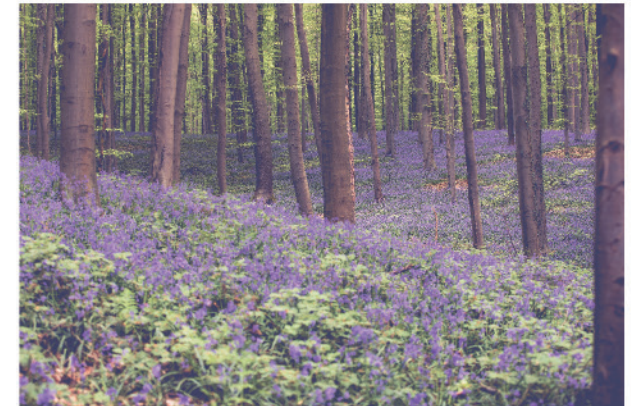
This day was created not only to bring awareness of the dogs that go missing, but also to celebrate their reunions. Through networks of shelters, veterinarians, social media and other media sources, many lost canines are reunited with their loved ones. National Lost Dog Awareness Day is an opportunity to learn more about prevention and networking.

The only way I have lost Jasper is in the leaves on the floor of the forest, sometimes he blends in too well!

If you don't have a dog to lose, or to photograph, you can play with colour today. Take a photo of one colour of your choice, and have the object of your photo the same colour as the background. I am looking forward to seeing those photos!

Lee

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APRIL 25  
**Arbor Day**

Trees are so important to our life on Earth. I spend a lot of time in the forests around where I live. I am very lucky as they are well managed and looked after.

Under the trees here where I live at this time of year, the bluebells appear. They are such a magical sight. Most of the forest floor is covered in blue, and well worth a visit, especially early in the morning or in the evening when the sun is setting. I am lucky that I don't have to wait for the weekend to go and visit, as the crowds are too much these days in the Hallerbos.

At this time of year, whether you are in the Northern or Southern Hemisphere, the trees are colourful, with either the blossom and the new leaves, or the yellow orange or red of Autumn.

Take a photo of a tree today, to celebrate how important they are to us living on this planet.

Lee

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APRIL 25  
Telephone Day

The telephone has come along way, in a relatively short period. There are many people these days that don't even have a landline, and I know that there are kids and young adults around that don't know how to operate a rotary telephone.

Let us see what telephones that you have in your house today, we have an old French wind up phone on our wall (doesn't work just an ornament) and also recently we found my son's first phone. It looks so small and cute.

Today our phones are computers first and telephones second, and we are always contactable, long gone are the days of disappearing for a couple of hours.

How do you photograph them all? I found this hard, so I got my son to hold a few of the handsets in his hands.

Do you have an old vintage phone that you can photograph, let us see?

Lee

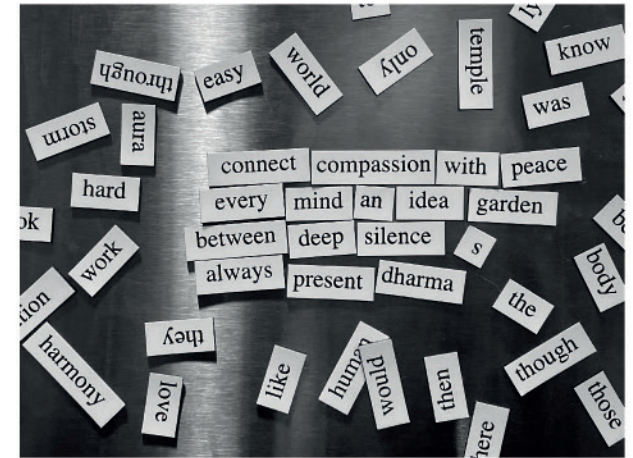


APRIL 26  
Pretzel Day

Hard pretzels. Soft pretzels. Salty. Coated in cinnamon sugar. Dipped in mustard. Dipped in cheese, Pretzels, thought to have been developed back in the seventh century by monks as a treat for children who had learned their prayers, as still a favorite snack food for many. They name come in a variety of shapes, sizes, and flavors.

Enjoy some pretzels today. Maybe even play a little with your food!

Kris



APRIL 27  
Tell A Story Day

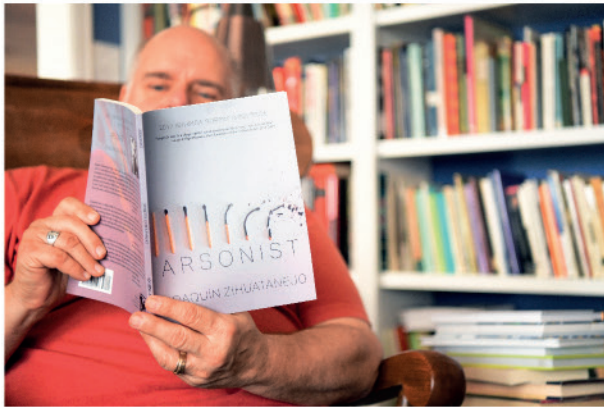
"Storytelling is an ancient practice used to hand down knowledge from one generation to the next. It's a wonderful way to pass on family traditions, histories, and long told tales and can be entertaining as well as educational. Some of the very best stories come from real life experience."

Stories can be told with words or pictures or both. As photographers we strive to tell stories with our images, giving truth to the statement that "a picture is worth a thousand words." In this image, it really is not the words themselves that are important, but the story behind the words. Almost from the time that my girls could read, we had magnetic poetry on our fridge. Someone would create a poem or story. The next person might come along and tweak it a little or maybe make a whole new poem. We all stopped regularly to see what was going on with the words on the fridge. Some of the poems were funny. Some were serious. Some totally nonsensical. The experience was part of our family's story and I wish I had taken photos along the way. The memories will have to suffice. Lots has changed since then...there aren't as many "poets" living in our house now and only a small part of our refrigerator is magnetic, but the tradition continues.

It doesn't matter that this photo only has meaning to me and my family. Really, that is all that is important!

What personal story do you want to tell today?

Kris



APRIL 28

## Great Poetry Reading Day

Poetry may be my favorite genre. With poetry, every single syllable, every single word, every single punctuation mark is carefully chosen and is significant. Photographers have something to learn from the way poets think and work. We need to make sure that everything that we choose to include in our frame is also carefully chosen and important to the story that we want to tell.

The book of poetry that my husband is reading is by a favorite local poet, one whom we've seen in poetry readings a couple times. The photo was taken in our library at home. The shelves in the background are filled with other books of poetry that we enjoy.

Read a poem today. Make the words come alive in your photo today. Think about what you include and what you don't. Compose your photo as thoughtfully as the poet chose her or his words.

Kris



APRIL 29

## Zipper Day PHONE PHOTO

How often do you think about zippers? Well, other than to make sure your pants are properly zipped. :) Where would we be without zippers? Jackets, handbags, boots, suitcases, camera bags all rely on zippers for closure. Today we celebrate the zipper, or "automatic continuous clothing closure," as it was named by Elias Howe when he first engineered one back in 1851.

I carry a backpack to school every day. It took me a long time to find the "perfect" one. By perfect I mean one with lots of zipper compartments in all of the right places and in all of the right sizes! The only downside to all of these zippers is remembering to check that all are securely closed before I pick it up and head out on my way.

Use your phone today to show the importance of a zipper in your world. Get in close or photograph the bigger picture. It's up to you.

Kris



APRIL 30

## Honesty Day

Today I offer a challenge. In honor of honesty day, let's be totally honest with our photo...no editing allowed. We do our best (I think) to get it "right" in camera. But let's admit it, we all know that if something is a little off, we can tweak it in post processing. And if our photo is a lot off, sometimes playing with filters and adjustments we don't use regularly can be a fun experiment.

Sometimes an unfiltered image is also part of the story. Simon is a sweet boy, but he has some anxiety around strangers. In this image, he is making a new friend. His new friend is not necessarily a "dog person" so there is a lot of "raw" emotion present. I wanted to capture that moment as accurately as I could. It is a good exercise for us to think about our settings and composition before we press the shutter. Ultimately, more intentional shooting and less dependency on processing will make us better photographers.

Here are the details of the challenge:

- Take no more than three shots.
- Absolutely no editing allowed - no cropping, no straightening, no tweaking of any kind.
- No black and white conversions. If you want a black and white photo, shoot in monochrome.
- When you post your photo, share your thoughts about this challenge.

Here's to your best shot!

Kris

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# 365 Picture Today

## ALL OF US ARE STORYTELLERS.

Did you know that you are a storyteller? Each time you take a picture, you are telling a story. You may only plan to tell the story to yourself, but with each decision you make before you push the shutter button you are considering the story you want to tell. These questions are likely running through your mind either consciously or subconsciously:

- 1) Composition: How will I compose to tell my story? Rule of Thirds? Leading Lines?
- 2) Subject: How will I highlight my subject? Depth of Field? Use of Color? Fill the Frame?
- 3) Motion: What Shutter Speed will I use? Am I going to freeze the action or incorporate motion blur?
- 4) Lens: What Lens will I use? Wide Angle? Telephoto? Portrait? Macro?
- 5) Details: Am I going to include the whole scene in front of me, or crop in for a more detailed view?

All of us are storytellers. You can be a photographer who wants the viewer to think or a photographer who wants the viewer to feel. Most of the time, we are both of those. Before starting a 365 project, I took photos during the holidays and on vacation. Once I started a 365 project, I had an entire year to tell my story. It is fun to look back and see how the stories have changed through the years.

## PHOTOGRAPHY TIP OF THE MONTH

### SHOOT IN THE RAW...

...to create better photographs. RAW files contain minimally processed data from the camera's sensor. It is the digital equivalent to a film negative. RAW files contain more data than JPEG files. Some argue that shooting in RAW is time-consuming because you have to edit every photograph. Most cameras let you take your photo in both RAW and JPG at the same time so that you can choose if you want to edit now or later.

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I shoot in JPG and edit in a variety of apps; PS Express, Camera+, Mextures, Snapseed, Over. I haven't experimented with shooting in RAW but from all the good things I've read and heard I just might need to give it a try!



**GARNETT**

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I shoot in RAW and most always edit my images in Lightroom. I sometimes bring them in to Photoshop to add texture or text. If I am traveling, I edit on my iPad using one or more of the following apps: PS Express, Quickshot, Pixlr and Snapseed.



**KRIS**

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My camera has two slots so I shoot in both RAW and JPEG. I edit RAW photos in PS on my computer and JPEG on my iPad in Snapseed and Mextures, or various other apps for fun effects. I use the native camera on my phone. I need to further explore my phone camera possibilities!



**LEE**

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I shoot in RAW, even on my iPhone I choose RAW. I edit my camera and some of my iPhone photos in Lightroom, I use Photoshop for adding text and some more complex edits. I take my photos on my phone with Camera+2, then use Snapseed, Waterlogue, Prisma and Mextures.