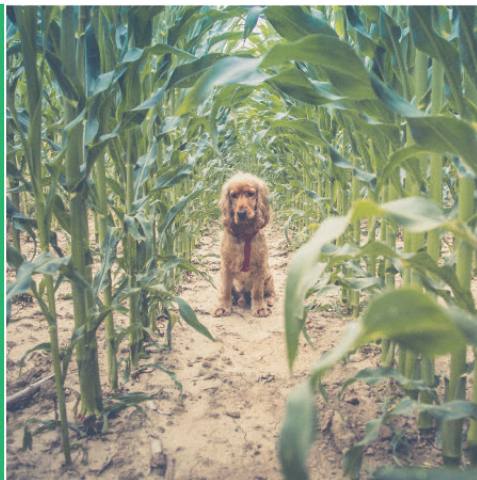


365 Picture Today

JULY 2021



WELCOME TO JULY!

For many of us, we are smack dab in the middle of summer. This is a time for celebrations and fireworks. July 1st marks Canada's birthday while July 4th is Independence Day in the United States. I'm sure wherever you are in this world, you will be celebrating something this month. Celebrations will continue to be a bit different this year, but the good news is that we are getting there. Life is slowly getting back to normal. This summer our celebrations will hopefully allow for more time with family and friends. Backyard BBQ's picnics, beach days, camping and road trips may be on your to do list for this month.

It's been a long year and a bit since we've been able to congregate with others. Life will get busier and you may find yourself with less time to focus on your photo of the day. That's ok. It's time to reconnect with people. We all know how much we've missed the contact. Maybe you can fit the day's prompt into your activities each day. Maybe not! But, if you can, take that photo. Capture these moments. We're creating memories and how awesome is it to be able to photograph these special times. Hopefully they'll make us smile when we look back at them. And who knows, maybe you'll be capturing history!

Remember to share your memories with us. We love to see how you're celebrating your month of July. We've come to know your families over this past year and we like getting these daily glimpses into your lives. We see your children and grandchildren grow and their smiles and laughter lift us up. We've come to know your partners and love their willingness to help you with your daily photos even if it is reluctantly provided. Isn't it wonderful to get to know so many new people solely through their photos and comments?! Maybe someday soon we'll once again be afforded the opportunity to meet up for a photo walk. I can't wait!

Travel is still restricted but we get to learn so much about different places around the world through each other's photos. I know that I have amassed quite the bucket list of places to visit from viewing the photos you have posted. If you're traveling this summer, share your photos and let us live our travel dreams through you.

Enjoy the celebrations in your life this month. Spend time with your family and friends and make the most of new freedoms as they arise. It's been a long time coming. Take the photos and capture the memories. Share them and show us how you're embracing the new normal.

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

EXPLAINING THE PROMPTS

The weekly themes designed to fire up your imagination, increase your skill level, learn new techniques and share your joy of the photography world!

PICTURE YOU week just might challenge you the most! Getting in front of the camera is important in so many ways. It teaches us how others feel when the camera is pointed at them and it allows us to be more comfortable in our own skin. When we include ourselves in a picture, it documents our days, but you don't HAVE to be in the photo at all if it does not fit your style. There is freedom in this week, but we do challenge you to turn the lens around and get in front of it! (You have a million pictures of your family, but none of yourself, right)? Each PICTURE YOU week will have a GUEST PROMPT where a member from our community will be given the opportunity to write a prompt for us to follow! The guest prompt is designed for you as valuable members to stretch your creative abilities and show us what you've got!

PICTURE MORE is 'technical week'. The prompts will let you explore your creativity with a technical agenda. This is the week to try new skills, revisit old ones and JULYbe learn some really interesting tricks. You might just surprise yourself with your technical genius! One of the greatest things about photography is its diversity. We will be exploring camera angles, symmetry, breaking the rules, negative space and other tricks to make your photography evolve! During this week we will be stretching ourselves with skills that JULY range from techniques such as light trails, long exposure, lens zooming and panning, or we JULY switch things up and add some processing fun!

PICTURE COLOR is all about color, a specific color on a Sunday chosen by one of the creative team that will be featured exclusively! Sometimes you will easily find these colors and other times these colours JULY be more difficult to find. Be patient - sometimes the color will just 'pop' out at you in the most unpredictable way! The color prompt week will most definitely make our galleries look lovely!

PICTURE STYLE is all about your style within different styles! Landscape, street, night, travel, portraiture, still-life, wildlife photography and other picture modes are going to be stylized to create some amazing photographs. We will also be playing around with shutter speed and double exposure to give your photos a different "pop".

EXTRA CHALLENGES: Each month we are including SELF PORTRAIT, WHERE I STAND and MACRO MONDAY challenges. We also have the new QUARTERLY CHALLENGES. First up is PICTURE YOUR WORLD, where you hopefully will return to the same place each quarter to take the same photo (see the seasonal changes), second is the SCAVENGER HUNT that went down so well last year and finally we thought that SONG LYRICS will give us all a bit of a challenge, all totally up to you, if you want to incorporate this into your daily photo.



JULY 1
SKILLFULL

*Picture*STYLE

It's in the Details

These skillful hands belong to none other than our own community member, Jenny Ziegler! She and I share a love of scrapbooking as well as photography. Lucky for me, we recently got together with some other friends to do some scrapbooking. It was a perfect opportunity for me to capture skillful hands at work.

Today, see if you can find skillful hands to capture and if you can't - try to find something that tells the story of what skillful means to you.

Danette



JULY 2
OVER

It's in the Details

Picture **STYLE**

It's the small details in this photo that tell the story. Brian is looking over Charlie both literally and figuratively. He's his protector. The detail of them holding hands portrays the special relationship between grandfather and grandson. Together, they are walking over a bridge. I have no idea what the conversation was but I'm sure they were talking about bugs, dinosaurs or sharks. I love capturing details of the special relationship between my two favourite people.

What story do you want to tell today? What details can you include in your photo that help tell that story? Don't OVER-think it!

Diane



JULY 3
BENEFIT

It's in the Details

Picture **STYLE**

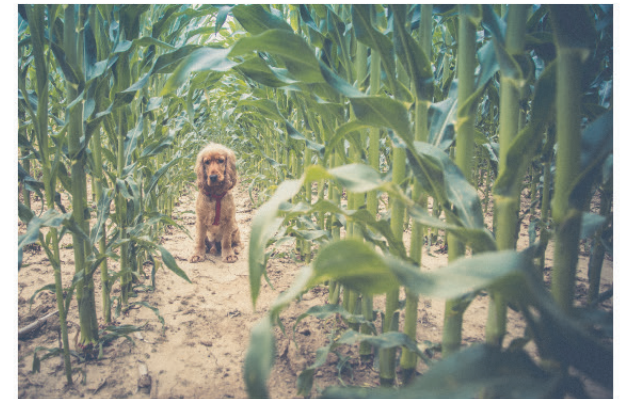
For our "in the details" photo today, we are going to be looking for something that benefits.

In my example photo, the dragonfly is very beneficial. Where I live, mosquitos are a huge problem. The dragonfly eats 100's of mosquitos per day helping keep them at bay. They also feed on horseflies and other pests.

I love the details on a dragonfly. Each variety is so interesting in color and markings. When you get in close, you can really see all of the delicate features.

Look for something beneficial today and get in close for the details.

Garnett



JULY 4
LACE

Green

Picture **COLOR**

Colour week, comes around again! This week it is GREEN! Green is one of the primary colours along with Red and Blue. Green is often described as a refreshing and tranquil colour. Exposing for mainly green photos can be hard to get right. It is suggested to check your exposure and then underexpose it by 2/3, you will get a better richer green colour.

Lace is usually white or cream, but if you have some green lace go ahead and take a photo. If, like me, you don't have any, then think out of the box, this is a field of corn and I think the leaves give a lacy feel.

Let us see what you come up with for Lace today!

Lee



JULY 5
EMPATHY
Green

*Picture***COLOR**

Empathy is the ability to understand and share the feelings of another.

I was struggling to find my grandson's smile on a particularly hard day for him. I gave him a mood ring. The ring had a brown stone in it and he was fascinated when I told him it changed colour with his mood. Sure enough, it turned from brown to yellow. "What does yellow mean Granny?" "Damon it means you are mellow-yellow and feeling fine!"

He liked that and a small smile appeared. But then, it turned to green! "What does green mean Granny?" "It means you are happy Damon"

"Would you like to wear it Granny and we can both be happy?" So much empathy from his young soul. And with that our day was complete. Green is the colour of tranquility and tranquility was what he needed on this day.

Lysle



JULY 6
FULL
Green

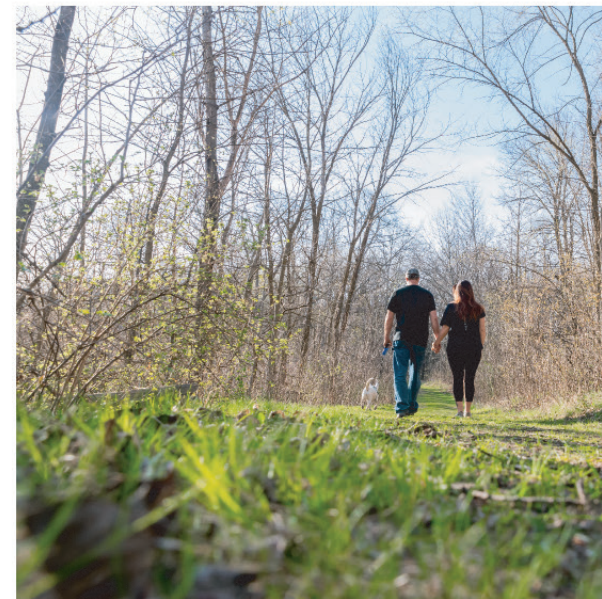
*Picture***COLOR**

Don't you just love color week? I'm always surprised by what catches my eye and even more surprised at the things I hadn't noticed before I was on the hunt for a particular color!

Since today's word is FULL - let's fill every inch of the frame with green! You can do this by zooming in close or with a tight crop and don't forget Lee's exposure tip at the beginning of the week: for richer greens - underexpose by 2/3.

I can't wait to see what you've been overlooking while waiting for Green Week!

Amy



JULY 7
ADVENTUROUS
Green

*Picture***COLOR**

What a perfect color to capture today's prompt of adventurous! I took this photo in early spring, and I found that a low point of view was going to be best to capture as much green as I could.

Today, try to capture your adventure at a low point of view. It really does draw your eyes to your subject in a neat way! Don't forget to capture as much green as you can too!

Danette



JULY 8
DOOR
Green

Picture**COLOR**

I love photographing doors. I'm always on the lookout for interesting and unique doors when I'm out and about. When I travel, I love to find doors that are unique to the specific culture and show the architecture of that country. I think doors can be so beautiful.

This door leads into the cellar at a historical building at a site not far from me. It's a fairly plain door but the stonework around it fascinated me and I was immediately drawn to it. Fortunately for me is was a lovely shade of green!

What unique and interesting door can you find today? As it's colour week, try and find a green door. If you can't find a green door, include some greenery or something else green in your photo.

Diane



JULY 9
CHALLENGE
Green

Picture**COLOR**

What is a challenge for you? We all face challenges of some kind. It could be a mental challenge, a physical challenge or an emotional challenge.

This photo represents all of the above to me. Hiking on a trail, having to navigate water and obstacles. How do you get around or through it? Can my body even do it? How do I face my emotional fear?

You can share details of your struggles or keep it simple. It's up to you how vulnerable you want to be with the prompt. It's green week so it might be a "challenge" to even incorporate the color in your image.

Garnett



JULY 10
MAGIC
Green

Picture**COLOR**

Today is my anniversary, a day when I take a stroll down memory lane to the magical moments that Weber and I have shared. One of my favorite things to do in my daily photos is to try to document the emotions of my day. Some days, I can do that with a photo only. Other days, words come to me first and, in turn, inspire the photo. That was the case here. I love this quote and it seemed quite appropriate for the day's emotions. Thinking about the words sent me on the hunt for something that, for me, represented an angel's wing. All of the green makes the image feel so magical and alive .

How do you see and feel magic? If words inspire you, include a quote with your photo.

Kris



JULY 11
DELICIOUS
Point of View

*Picture***MORE**

Summertime brings us so many fresh fruits and vegetables to be savoured! Is there something delicious growing in your garden?

I particularly like the fresh berries available during the summer months. I also love my morning yogurt so I tend to combine them for a delicious breakfast that reminds me of dessert.

It is also Point of View Week so chose an interesting way to showcase something delicious. I chose a high key flat lay.

Lysle



JULY 12
BORDER
Point of View

*Picture***MORE**

It's Macro Monday and you know what that means...get in close! Also, consider trying different points of views to see which angle works best with your subject. Overhead? From behind? From the side? Underneath?

Border can mean edge or boundary of something, a decorative band or trim, or a line separating two areas. Be as literal or as creative as you like! From underneath the petals look like a decorative trim.

What type of border details will you highlight?

Amy



JULY 13
HAPPINESS
Point of View

*Picture***MORE**

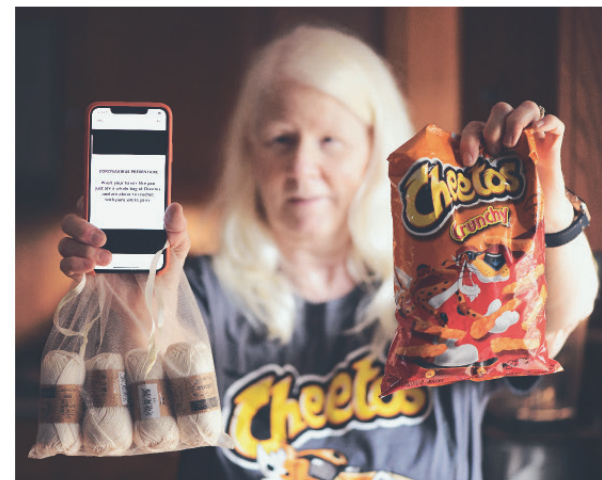
I can always count on true happiness while spending time with my babies - especially when we are camping and exploring new places. This was the fifth time they went down this steep hill. It reminds me of what it was like when I was a kid; sledding on the snow, climbing for what felt like forever only to take a few second ride back down. It was worth all the work for all of that happiness.

Let's see how you capture happiness today. And while you're at it, see if you can capture your subject from below.

Danette



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JULY 14
LANDSCAPE
Point of View

*Picture***MORE**

This is a great time of year to capture a beautiful landscape. Shooting landscapes forces you to get outside and find the beauty around you.

We all see the world through different eyes. If we were all to take a photo from the same spot I bet each photo would be different as we all would be taking it from our own point of view.

I don't catch many sunrises but I did this day and I love the light in this photo. I wanted to catch the reflection of the shoreline in the water. When I got home and looked at it on the computer, from my point of view, it looked like a guitar standing on it's side. Do you see it? Take a landscape photo from your point of view and show us a part of the world you live in.

Diane

JULY 15
PROMPT FREE
Point of View

*Picture***MORE**

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JULY 16
SNACK
Point of View

*Picture***MORE**

For me, my favorite snacks carry with them many fond memories of people and places. My college roommate and I had a thing for PopTarts; and even now, 40 years later (Yikes!), every time I see Pop Tarts, I think of her and the many memories that we made together. Now, one of my favorite snacks is Cheetos. My BFF gave me the Cheetos t-shirt I am wearing in this photo right before the pandemic started. Little did I know then how much yarn, silly memes, and Cheetos it would take to carry me through this last year. Though parts of the year were tough, Cheetos make me think of her and that brings a smile. I look forward to the next time my friend and I can sit together eating Cheetos and knitting - perhaps with orange yarn to keep the adventure stress free!

What snacks spark good memories for you?

Kris



JULY 17
ACHIEVEMENT
Point of View

*Picture***MORE**

Sometimes it is an achievement to get into the right position to get the "right" photo. Here I was on holiday in Greece. We were staying in a place where the sunset was blocked by the mountain. So, one day we ventured around to the other side of the mountain and waited for the sun to set. Then the clouds came and finally, in the last few minutes of the day, it all worked out. My daughter is standing on the edge of an infinity pool and I positioned myself lying down on the far side of the pool so that the sun was in the correct place for her pose.

Have some fun today, think about using different angles to achieve your photo.

Lee



JULY 18
TOGETHERNESS
Just the Details - Self Portrait

*Picture***YOU**

As we start another Picture You Week, remember including yourself in your 365 project is important BUT it doesn't have to mean a week of selfies! That's right! You can share just a little of you or something representative of you! Consider the details of your day as they relate to the prompts.

As you can see from the photo above, I was able to document our get together with the "mermaids" without including very much and the best part of all? No one grumbled about having their photo taken.

How will you photograph "just the details" and manage to include yourself too?

Amy



JULY 19
JUNK
Just the Details

*Picture***YOU**

My hubby wasn't very happy with me when I told him we needed to take a photo with his Bronco for my prompt word "junk." His exact words were "My Bronco isn't junk!!" I just giggled at him and made him play along. He has owned this truck for 22 years but only drove it for 7 of those years, which is exactly why I consider it junk!

When we started dating, we spent countless hours driving around getting to know each other personally (and romantically to be completely honest *wink, wink*) in this truck. To me it's junk, but special junk for us both. My hubby is holding on to it hoping to one day get it running again.

hope you'll be able to share with us something you have that you consider junk but aren't willing to part with. Or maybe your "junk" isn't something YOU consider junk - but other people do. There's a lot of truth to the phrase "one person's junk is another person's treasure." Don't forget to include yourself in your photo with your junk today!

Danette



JULY 20
CONTENTMENT

Picture **YOU**

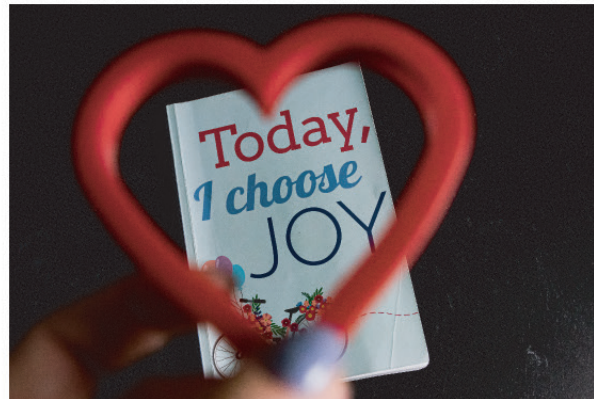
Just the Details

I have always considered myself to be content. I love life and I try to see the good all around me. It doesn't take much to make me happy. One of the places I feel most content is when I get to spend time with my best friend, Marie. We have been best friends since the age of 5.

We don't get to see each other as often as we'd like but we do spend a weekend together every summer at her family cottage. I always have my camera with me when we visit as I like to capture as many details as I can of our time together. I think the smiles on our faces show how much our friendship means to both of us.

What small things make you happy? What details can you capture today that represent contentment to you?

Diane



JULY 21
HEART

Picture **YOU**

Just the Details

What captures your heart?

Don't overthink it.

Garnett



JULY 22
AMUSEMENT

Guest **PROMPT**

Just the Details

Google defines amusement as "the state or experience of finding something funny." It can also refer to an Amusement Park, something I love! I don't know about you, but I can become quite easily amused when I get together with a particular group of friends. A simple look at one another can send us into laughter.

When it comes to having a house full of cats, there is no shortage of funny moments. Today was laundry day and Lafayette always knows best. I don't know what it is, but pets always seemed to be amused by whatever we humans are doing.

Please show us what amuses you today. It could be a pet, an interaction amongst friends, a trip to an actual amusement park, or anything in between.

Johnny Engelke



JULY 23
PATH

Picture **YOU**

Just the Details - Where I Stand

It is the monthly Where I Stand prompt, it is good to get your feet into the photo, but if not possible don't worry.

I was walking along part of the coastal walk in Cornwall, United Kingdom. The whole trail is 630 miles long; we only did about 10 miles this day!

I just love all the paths that the walkers create along this bit.

Which path are you taking today?

Lee



JULY 24
INTERACT

Picture **YOU**

Just the Details - Picture My World

Do you remember what you did on January 9th and April 3rd of this year? Do you remember the photo you took on that day? If not, go back and look because you will need to revisit that spot again today. These are my photos from the beach in front of my house. I cannot wait to show you what it looks like today in July!

Today's Picture Your World prompt invites you to photograph the same location four times throughout this year documenting the changing seasons along the way. You may choose a different perspective or choose to include different subjects in these repeating photos, but try to make it obvious to the viewer that they are seeing the same location. It is 'picture you' week so you may want to include yourself or part of yourself "interacting" in your world.

Once you have taken today's photo, create a triptych using it and your January and April photo. There are many apps that make creating triptychs simple.

Lysle



JULY 25
ANGLE

Picture **STYLE**

Still Life

This week we will be practicing still life skills. Still life photography focuses on inanimate subjects - usually with an emphasis on the arrangement of the item(s) you are photographing as well as the lighting and framing of the subject. This sort of photography is great to practice composition and lighting and can absolutely help us all onto the road to becoming better photographers.

Today, think about the angle you want to best showcase the subject you want to capture. This beautiful butterfly is hanging on a wall and I was sitting below it. The natural light pouring in from the window was lovely so I easily turned around, looked up with my camera, and voila, a lovely still life photo.

Danette

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JULY 26
PROMPT FREE
Still Life

Picture **STYLE**

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JULY 27
7 O'CLOCK
Still Life - Picture Time

Picture **STYLE**

Today we are taking our photo at 7 O'Clock. It can be a.m. or p.m. We are going to be slightly more intentional with today's time prompt since it falls during Still Life week. You don't have to own a lot of fancy props or backdrops to make an interesting still life. You can make a simple scene with items on hand. I look for a few things that will tell a story. I like to think that my example photo reflects someone reading a book, looking at their watch and needing to step away. The spectacles were left behind as well as the watch. If you want to add more texture you can use a cloth or fresh or dried flowers. You can also just grab an image of items that reflect your day today.

It's 7 O'Clock. What's happening with you today?

Garnett

JULY 28
PLASTIC
Still Life

Picture **STYLE**

I have to confess that still life photography is difficult for me. I much prefer photographing things in their natural state. In this case, the leaf was still and it represents life so I'm calling it still life. Because of my purist tendencies, I also don't tend toward a lot of filters, etc. when I edit. But because today's sub prompt is plastic, I stepped outside my comfort zone and played a little.

I used some high-tech materials - plastic wrap, a rubber band, and a permanent marker. Covering your lens with a piece of kitchen plastic wrap secured with a rubber band creates this kind of dreamy feel. If you want to add a bit of moodiness, which I did here, color the plastic wrap with permanent marker. Try different colors and notice how they change the feel of the image. So that you don't accidentally get permanent marker on your lens, lay the plastic flat, draw around your lens cap, and then color inside the circle.

Whatever you choose to photograph, play a little while doing so!

Kris



JULY 29
MOTIVATION
Still Life

Picture **STYLE**

For still life photography I like to use side light and take it at eye level.

I find that a tripod and a remote (app on my phone) or self timer is a must for a still life photo. Photographing inanimate subjects means that you don't have to worry too much about having a high ISO number, therefore you don't get any noise in your photos. This also means hand held will cause camera shake!

I had the motivation to actually put my photos into a book. To celebrate this I took a photo of the book with my beautiful pink mug from NY, and I used a dried hydrangea in order to have an odd number of objects to tie them together.

What has motivated you today?

Lee



JULY 30
FORGE
Still Life

Picture **STYLE**

Forge: to form by heating and hammering and beating into shape!

Well that is an interesting word to try to work a prompt around and a still life at that! I recently started the hobby of stamping on metal. I've been enjoying stamping on old silver cutlery and I've made some pretty funny and interesting pieces.

Forge can also mean a fireplace, a hearth or a furnace for heating. Can you create a still life with the word 'forge' in mind? You are going to need to put your thinking cap on for this one! It might mean setting up a still life on a fireplace or hearth. Or, if you like "beating something into shape", try a still life with baking beaters! Hammers and gardening tools are also good for pounding! As are punching gloves!

Have fun. Get creative.

Lysle



JULY 31
KEYS
Still Life

Picture **STYLE**

We are wrapping up Still Life photography with an object as old as time!

Keys - they have been around since the 6th century BC and we still use them to this day!

Consider all the still life tips offered throughout the week - lighting, composition, and angle. Your set up can be simple or elaborate: Have fun and enjoy the process. After all, the keys won't complain if you make them pose over and over again!

Amy

JULY 2021

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- 1 Skillfull
- 2 Over
- 3 Benefit

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Green

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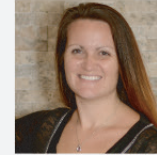
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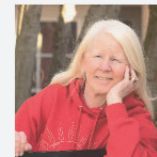
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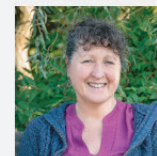
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