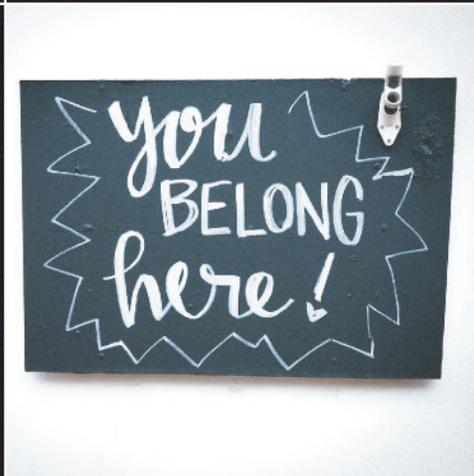
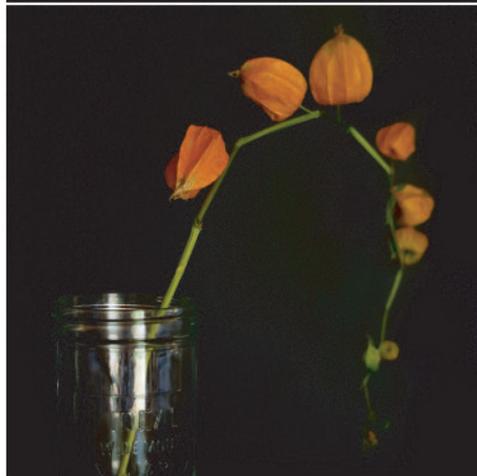


# 365 Picture Today

## OCTOBER 2021



# WELCOME TO OCTOBER...

...depending on where you live, Fall is getting into full swing.

Have you ever heard this expression "**OCTOBER IS TO PHOTOGRAPHERS WHAT APRIL IS TO ACCOUNTANTS**"?

Even if you aren't a portrait photographer, you can probably relate. Amazing photos are created in October.

A lot of changes happen in October: Leaves drop, colors peak and then fade. You can feel it and you can smell it. Look in any tree lined street, the countryside or in the forests and you will see an array of colors from yellows, golds, oranges, reds and greens.

The colors of Autumn make it a fantastic season to take photos. With the sun rising later, it is a great time for sunrise photography. The yellow, orange, and brown hues make for fabulous backgrounds; Long shadows make for interesting patterns.

Be aware of your surroundings. Look for leaves, patterns, colors, and textures... and, especially the light.

As we get close to Halloween, look for pumpkins and lights and costumes and candy. Watch the world around you as it embraces the month that ushers in the Holiday Season.

Take a drive.... away from the city. Look around you. Notice nature. The wildlife is preparing for the cold months. Explore. Walk. Hike. Immerse yourself in nature and the scenery.

Experiment with filters (especially polarizing filters). Shoot in the early morning or evening. Take advantage of overcast days. Slightly underexpose your shots.

If you have have participated in our community for awhile, think about what makes October this year different from the others? Are there things you haven't captured before?

We are daily photographers, we notice things. Be inspired by nature; especially the small details.

*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 maybe 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 may range from techniques such as light trails, long exposure, lens zooming and panning, or we may 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 may 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.



OCTOBER 1

**METAL**

Purple

*Picture* **COLOR**

I hope you have better luck than I did finding purple metal today; if not, think of a purple background you can use with pretty metal in front.

Danette



OCTOBER 2  
**PRODUCTIVE**  
Purple

*Picture***COLOR**

I've often thought what would happen if graffiti artists were as productive in legal art projects as they were with their tagging pursuits. Would they be successful artists? Graffiti takes a lot of talent. I think it would be awesome to see what would happen if that talent was used in a more productive manner.

Graffiti is usually quite colourful and can be interesting to see. Since it's purple week, I photographed some purple graffiti for today's prompt. Is there purple graffiti around your neighbourhood that you could snap a shot of today? If not, what other way could you define productive?

Diane



OCTOBER 3  
**MINDFUL**  
Change

*Picture***MORE**

Fall is my favorite season. Nature feels like it is settling down, getting ready to rest. For those of you in the southern hemisphere, nature is beginning to wake up from that long rest of winter. In either case, things are changing. The light is changing. The colors around us are changing. Perhaps even our mindset is changing.

This week, we are going to take a mindful look at what is happening around us. Be intentional with your photos. Make this a week of introspection.

Kris



OCTOBER 4  
**HOLE**  
Change

*Picture***MORE**

So the prompt word is a bit strange today; hole! I didn't know which way to go with it myself. But then I found a photo of this tree in Central Park from back in October 2017.

I bet that hole is a slightly different shape these days. It caught my eye as it was heart shaped; and you know that when you find a hole in a tree that is a shape you are going to take a photo!

What shaped hole will you find today? Has it maybe changed over time?

Lee



OCTOBER 5  
**WONDER**

Change  
Nature's Wonder

Physalis alkekengi. Also known as Chinese Lantern.

I am always amazed by these plants that seem to decide when it is fall by just suddenly turning orange.

Find some wondeous fall foliage today....or just something wonderful!

Lysle



OCTOBER 6  
**LEAF**

Change

Did you read our first Guest Blog Post by Lori Sullivan  
THE PHONE?

<https://365picturetoday.com/blog/phone>

If not you are going to want to check it out before embarking on today's Leaf prompt, we promise you will be glad you did!

**Lori's Phone Challenge:**

- Take your Leaf photos solely with the phone today.
- Edit the images on your phone, don't transfer them to the computer.
- Try one editing app - if you just try one, I recommend Prisma to play with the pop art.
- Play with it, have fun and see what you can create!
- Post to the group on Facebook and/or Instagram right from your phone.

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OCTOBER 7  
**BEDTIME**

Change

Change can bring a sense of sadness sometimes. That is especially true for me with the photo I'm sharing for our prompt of "bedtime" today. Looking up at the bunkbed where my oldest slept while camping and seeing his not-so-small feet anymore is incredible to me. Those 14-year-old feet are as big as his dad's now. Physically, I see this young man looking down at me (now that he towers over me) and at the very same time I still see my baby boy and that, my friends, will NEVER change. I am proud and thrilled and excited to watch all my children grow into the amazing people they are becoming, but it's fast... faster than I ever could have expected. And if I could change anything in this world, it would be that – just to slow time down a bit...

Danette

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OCTOBER 8  
**SPARKLING**

*Picture***MORE**

Change

My niece turned 40 this year. Moving from one decade to another is always a big change and one that's not always easy to accept! I made this sparkly t-shirt and wine tumbler for her for her birthday. I can't wait to give it to her. It will pair well with her sparkling personality.

What sparkling way can you show change?

Diane



OCTOBER 9  
**FOLDED**

*Picture***MORE**

Change

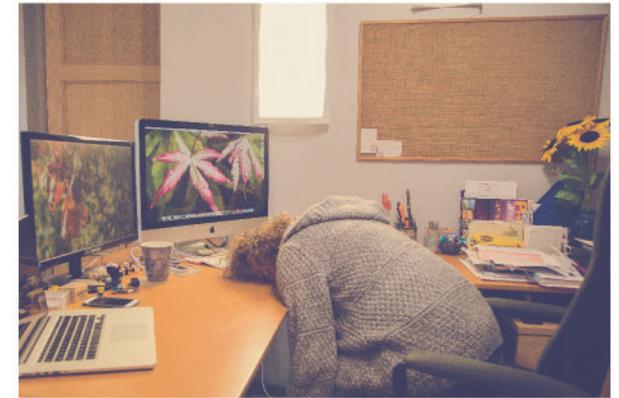
We are exploring change this week. Are you a person who embraces change or resists it? How about in your photography?

Today's prompt is "folded." The example photo is a simple magazine that has been changed just by folding the pages.

What can you change today by folding? You can fold paper, or bend light, or even fold your body.

What will it be?

Garnett



OCTOBER 10  
**CREATIVITY**

*Picture***YOU**

What I do

What do I do? Well I am actually a web developer and a graphic designer, when working, so you could say that is a reasonably creative job.

I was creative when showing myself at my desk, as I was feeling a bit tired. I had jet lag at the time, back in those days when travel was a thing!

Show us where you carry out your creativity.

Lee



OCTOBER 11  
**BAKE**

*Picture* YOU

What I do - Macro Monday

It's Macro Monday! And it is baking day as well. How much fun is that?

My garden lavender is in abundance so I tried a new recipe for Downton Abbey Lavender Tea Bread. It was very easy to make, delicious, and quite beautiful, if I must say so myself! It has a distinct lavender and lemon taste.

Show us some macro baking from your kitchen today.

Lysle



OCTOBER 12  
**SPIRITED**

*Picture* YOU

What I do

Today let's get in the selfie spirit by interjecting some silliness into the photo!

This could be something fun in your surroundings or staged for effect!

Like this giant bear... I can't resist getting a selfie with him every time!

Amy



OCTOBER 13  
**OVERHEAD**

*Picture* YOU

What I do - Self Portrait

You can make this as easy, clean, messy, fancy, or as creative as you'd like today - just make sure to include yourself. As for me, I look like this 32 hours a week... I am very lucky to have a job I can do right in my own home. My hubby built me custom desktops that allow me to sit or stand so it makes it nice to move throughout the day. This is a fun prompt because when do we get a glimpse of our day from this angle otherwise?

Danette



OCTOBER 14  
**SERENITY**

*Guest* PROMPT

What I do - Guest Prompt

Definition: *The state of being calm, peaceful, and untroubled.*

What does serenity mean to you? Serenity could come in many shapes and forms. It could be the relaxing sound of water, curling up with a good book, listening to your favourite music, the calming benefits of animals. I live in suburbia but am lucky to have large parklands at my back door. This past year has been tough and finding this little lake in the park has been my saving grace. I find myself here every time I go for a walk and like to relax watching the birds and just enjoying the relative peace and quiet that I find here. My little piece of paradise.

I like my little lake, but I can also find calm snuggling down on the couch with the cats, listening to the sounds of their purrs. It's Picture You week so make sure to include yourself as you find your bit of serenity.

Bec Darby



OCTOBER 15  
**SWAG**

*Picture* YOU

What I do - Where I Stand

Picture You week allows our community to get to know one another better. This week's theme is "What I Do."

Today, we are showcasing our "365 Picture Today" Swag! Take a photo of yourself in your 365 Swag and show us what you do.

If you don't own any 365 Picture Today Swag, you can wear something that reflects your love of photography... a shirt, a scarf, jewelry.

And don't forget to show us what you do!

Garnett



OCTOBER 16  
**REACTION**

*Picture* YOU

What I do - Picture My World

In January, April, and July, we visited the same location, creating a collage of how our world changes throughout the seasons. Today gives us an opportunity to visit that place one more time and document what it looks like in the final season of the year. What are you doing in this spot today?

Once you have taken today's photo, combine it with your three previous photos and share your quadriptych or tetraptych (depending on whether you prefer Latin or Greek) by combining your photos in your favorite collage app and show us your world through the seasons.

Kris



OCTOBER 17

**HAPPY**

Wild Life

You've got a friend in me!

Today is all about assistance. Who do you have to help you out and give you a hand? Ron is very helpful around the house and garden and takes direction very well too! He is quite perfect whilst I am the imperfect one.

I'm not bossy, I'm organized.

Are you the assistant or the 'assistee'? Show us how you help assist others or how others assist you.

Lysle

*Picture* **STYLE**



OCTOBER 18

**SCENE**

Wild Life

Today you can take the word Scene in any direction!

It could be a scene that includes wildlife or you could show a wild life on display!

I chose to put our beach spin on the latter... most fall days at the beach are anything but wild especially when fishing! It requires relaxing patience to wait for the wildlife to show up!

Can't wait to see which scene to happen across today!

Amy

*Picture* **STYLE**

365  
*Picture*  
*Today*

OCTOBER 19

**PROMPT FREE**

Wild Life

Prompt Free Days often bring to mind the saying, "The grass is always greener on the other side." Some days, we feel restricted by the prompt, but on other days, no specific prompt makes us feel lost by having no point of departure.

Think about these prompt free days as a check-in as to how this project is changing you. What do you notice that you would have overlooked previously? What small moments in YOUR day now feel bigger and call to be documented?

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

Keep your eyes open and have fun!

*Picture* **STYLE**



OCTOBER 20  
**CLIMB**

*Picture* **STYLE**

Wild Life

This week we're supposed to feature wildlife in our photos. Well as far as I'm concerned my two great-nephews are as wild as they come! The older one, Trace, loves the show American Ninja and loves to climb and do the obstacles that they feature on the show. I wouldn't be surprised if someday he actually tries out for it.

This playground is just around the corner from my house. I had never seen anything like it but these two just loved climbing and swinging between the posts. Wildlife comes in all forms. What climbing wildlife can you find today?

Diane



OCTOBER 21  
**GATHER**

*Picture* **STYLE**

Wild Life

How are you enjoying capturing Wild Life this week?

Depending on where you live, this could be a challenge!

Today's prompt is gather. I thought about this golden field, and the deer gathering there.

You could look for any animal. You could capture your subject gathering something (i.e. a squirrel gathering nuts) or you can look for animals gathering together.

Garnett



OCTOBER 22  
**FLAME**

*Picture* **STYLE**

Wild Life

This week has been about capturing wildlife or wild life. After a week of wildness, are you tired? Are you ready to kick your feet up and relax? I am. Around a warm fire is always a cozy way to relax. Maybe you can relax with family around a fire pit or in front of a fireplace. Perhaps you'll share a quiet candlelight dinner with someone special. Or the flame that warms you today could be that of the sun as you relax outside with some wild ones, or not. The choice is yours.

Whatever your day brings, may warmth and happiness be a part.

Kris



OCTOBER 23  
**BUMPY**

Wild Life

So the wildlife that I found was a frog, on my bumpy cobbled drive.

What wildlife can you find today?

Lee

*Picture* **STYLE**



OCTOBER 24  
**DELIGHTFUL**

Black

It's that time in the month when we make color our main focus! This week it is all about the color Black!

Black is a strong color that draws attention and can add visual interest to your photos. It is the color of power and sophistication, mystery and marvel, and can evoke emotions of sadness and edginess.

As you go through this color week show us the blacks that add visual interest to your days!

I'm always a sucker for a cute sign!

Amy

*Picture* **COLOR**



OCTOBER 25  
**GATE**

Black

It was the cobwebs that caught my eye first while walking past this black gate. Then as I was focused on the cobwebs, I pulled back a bit more and the light from the sunset really pulled me in and I loved it even more. It's so much fun when a stationary object winds up becoming such an exciting subject! I think I took over 30 photos, not taking more than 7 steps in any direction. Either closer, farther away, right or left, each each step gave me something new to focus on and something else exciting to capture. Isn't it incredible how even the slightest movement can make such a difference in our photos?

Danette

*Picture* **COLOR**



OCTOBER 26  
**CURIOSITY**  
Black

*Picture***COLOR**

I'm curious how is it possible that my nieces are able to stand on the ceiling? This is a photo from the Museum of Science and Technology in Ottawa. It is full of inquisitive exhibits that make one wonder. This upside down room was one of them and was a lot of fun. Science is awesome and can definitely spark someone's curiosity.

What will spark your curiosity in today? Try and include black in whatever it is you capture.

Diane



OCTOBER 27  
**BOO**  
Black

*Picture***COLOR**

We are in Black week heading toward Halloween!

Today's prompt is "Boo"

Try to take your photo with a scary vibe. You can wait until night or even use a dark room.

Try to scare us with today's photo!

Garnett



OCTOBER 28  
**10 O'CLOCK**  
Black

*Picture***COLOR**

It's 10:00...AM or PM; it's up to you. Where are you and what are you doing?

One of the things that I like most about retirement is the slower pace of my mornings. I enjoy lingering over the morning paper with my coffee. I also love the fact that we can go out for breakfast during the week, a little later than the working crowd, and again not feel rushed.

I like the blackboard here because its reference to school hearkens back to the life Weber and I both had as teachers and yet it places us square in the present of enjoying a 10am cup (or two) of coffee together.

Kris



OCTOBER 29  
**GLIMMER**

*Picture***COLOR**

Black

The meaning of Glimmer

Verb - *to shine with a weak light or a light that is not continuous*

Noun - *a slight sign of something good or positive*

Here is a glimpse at some stormtroopers trying to hide behind some pumpkins! Try lighting up the subject against a black background. Or, if you can go outside find distant lights glimmering in the night time.

Looking forward to seeing just a glimmer of something good or positive.

Lee



OCTOBER 30  
**UNIQUE**

*Picture***COLOR**

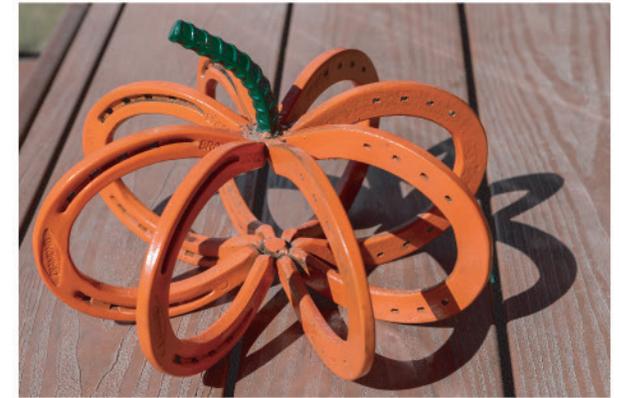
Black

Unique (yoo-neek) Having no like or equal; unparalleled; incomparable. Not typical; unusual

Today look around for something unusual or unique that is also the colour black.

It is chestnut season! I think chestnuts are extremely unique in that they grow from little green sputniks into gorgeous brown nuts and then turn a beautiful shade of black.

Lysle



OCTOBER 31  
**PUMPKIN**

*Picture***MORE**

Incorporate Curves

Happy Halloween! Finding pumpkins today should be super easy! As for me, I am showcasing one that was made by my brother. The curvy shadows it casts are pretty awesome and I love it! For the rest of the week we will be working with curves so keep an eye out!

Danette

# OCTOBER 2021

## Picture COLOR

- 1 Metal
- 2 Productive

## Picture MORE

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  - 4 Hole
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## Picture YOU

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