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The Art of Garden & Flower Photography Workshop Preparations & Equipment

To be prepared and get the most out of the workshop, we recommend the following:

EQUIPMENT: Most participants shoot with a mirrorless camera or a digital SLR. Minimum recommendations for 35mm SLR users include lenses that range from 15mm wide angle to 200mm telephoto. Good quality (fast) zooms are an excellent choice to cover this range. Also recommended is a macro lens or attachments offering close-up capabilities (nothing beats a true macro lens). Also strongly recommended are: tripod, cable release, cleaning accessories, scrim, extra cards, and extra batteries.

OTHER SUPPLIES: Each photographer's bag is filled with various tools and accessories. These may include filters, reflectors, lighting equipment, jeweler's screwdrivers, Swiss army knife, flashlight, gaffer tape, plastic bags, writing materials, model releases, plastic tarps, etc. Outdoor photographers have many other tricks to assure comfort from weather conditions. These include pipe insulation on the legs of your tripod and various types of rain-shielding devices for your equipment.

EQUIPMENT PREPARATION: Clean and inspect your equipment before packing it. Know that it is working and how to operate it. Re-read and bring your camera's manual if you have any questions regarding its operation.

TRANSPORTATION: Participants are responsible for their own transportation to the workshop locations.

CARDS: Today, most if not all the participants shoot digital, so don't forget to bring extra cards.

PROCESSING/CRITIQUE: I suggest that you bring your own laptop if you wish to process images for immediate workshop review. Participants are invited to bring previous work for inclusion in group reviews.

GROUP REVIEW OF IMAGES: The final instructional session includes a review of participants' previous work. If you wish to include your work in these reviews, bring 3 images. Printed work may be shared at the beginning or end of the session, and you may also wish to show your images on our digital projector sized at 1024 pixels at its longest.

CLOTHING: Be prepared for unexpected weather. Bring clothing to ensure you are warm, dry, and comfortable whether it's hot, cold, or wet. Dressing in layers is a good idea. Be sure you have comfortable shoes or boots for walking/hiking, rainwear, and a hooded jacket.