Hi Flagpole Photographers

November 2026 Newsletter

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Meetings are free and open to everyone
Social half-hour at 7 PM - Meetings begin 7:30 PM

November 5

Mentor Night: Photo Review & Processing Support
Upload photos you want to discuss.
Online

November 8

Join us for the Flagpole Photographers Camera Club's 16th Annual "**Newtown & Beyond**" Exhibit!
Newtown Municipal Center

November 12

Competition – Architecture, Nature, Color, Monochrome and Monthly Challenge Taken with a Phone
Newtown Senior Center and Online



Important Deadlines

- Sunday, Nov 8 @ 9:00 PM: November Competition photo upload closes.

Flagpole Photographers Camera Club Posts

Newtown & Beyond Opening Reception

Sunday, November 8th from 2-4 p.m. Visitors are welcome to attend this free event! Join us for the Flagpole Photographers Camera Club's 16th Annual "Newtown & Beyond" Exhibit! Our members' best work will be on display in the Newtown Municipal Center's main hallway, a beautiful gallery setting with grand arches. The exhibit will run from November 2 to December 30. …

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2026 October Competition Results, All Photos & Video



1. Congratulations to our winners!
2. Results
3. Video of the Judges Discussing the Photos

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Impressive Models at Character Model Program - Upload Your Photos

What a fantastic turnout for our October Character Models Program! A huge thank you goes out to Sandy S. for her wonderful presentation and for organizing the incredible shooting setups. Sandy did a great job teaching us creative lighting techniques, how to direct costumed character models, and how to integrate atmospheric fog and props into dramatic portraits with a story. …

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Monthly Assigned Subjects Ideas

Note: The meaning of our assigned subjects is always open to your personal interpretation. Let these ideas spark your imagination, rather than hinder your creativity!

Architecture

The Challenge: Look beyond a simple documentary snapshot of a building by using perspective, light, and geometry to capture the structure's design, character, and sense of place.

Subject Ideas

- **Bold Geometry & Abstract Angles:** Isolate repeating windows, sweeping curves, dramatic staircases, or intersecting rooflines to turn structural elements into striking graphic patterns.
- **Historic & Everyday Structures:** Highlight the weathered textures and craftsmanship of classic New England churches, covered bridges, historic homes, or industrial mills that tell a story of the past.

Key Techniques

- **Control Converging Verticals:** Keep your camera level to prevent tall structures from appearing to lean backward, or correct perspective lines in post-processing—unless you are tilting the camera upward intentionally for dramatic effect.
- **Work the Light & Time of Day:** Visit your location during golden hour or blue hour when directional sunlight rakes across textured facades and warm interior lights glow against the cooling sky.

Taken with a Phone

The Challenge: Prove that the best camera is the one you have with you by pushing your phone’s lens, computational tools, and unique mobility to capture a compelling, competition-worthy photo.

Subject Ideas

- **Spontaneous Everyday Moments:** Capture fleeting street scenes, sudden weather shifts, or unexpected shafts of light that happen when your dedicated camera bag is left at home.
- **Ultra-Low & Tight Perspectives:** Take advantage of a phone’s slim profile to place the lens flush against puddles, tabletops, or tight architectural corners where a full-sized camera body cannot easily fit.

Key Techniques

- **Stick to Native Optical Lenses:** Switch between your phone's dedicated optical focal lengths (such as 1x, 2x, or 5x) rather than pinching to use digital zoom, which degrades resolution and fine detail.

- **Take Manual Control of Exposure:** Tap to set your focus point and slide the exposure compensation control to protect bright highlights, or shoot in your phone's RAW/Pro mode for maximum editing flexibility.

Thanks for reading. See you soon!

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