

# Presentations by Chane and Rhonda Cullens



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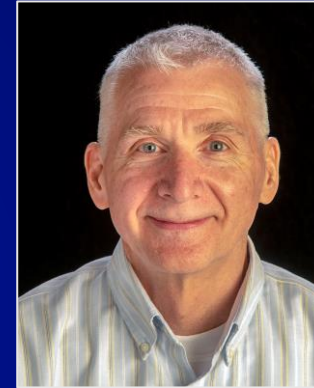
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# Travel Photography & Tips

By Rhonda Cullens

Rhonda will share how to capture better travel photographs and many tips for traveling in general. Rhonda's husband, Chane, has been traveling the world on business for many years and now that their children are grown Rhonda is enjoying traveling with him. Their travels have taken them across our country as well as to Europe, India, China, Australia, and many other countries in between. Come be inspired to get out and capture the beauty of the world in which we live.

Skill level: All

## Travel Photography

Agenda – Capturing better travel photographs and traveling tips

- What is travel photography?
- Where and when do I go?
- How do I get there?
- What do I bring?
- Planning Ahead and Arrival
- What should I capture?
- Work the scene
- Local Guides and Safety
- Communicating in a Foreign Land
- Travel Tips
- Are you ready to go?



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# Creating Photos with Impact

By Chane Cullens

The “One picture is worth a thousand words” quote highlights the power of an impactful photograph to evoke strong emotions. In this session, we will learn about the four key principles that contribute to the impact of a photograph.







Storytelling refers to a photograph’s ability to tell a story and capture the imagination of the viewer. Creativity involves finding an unusual or extraordinary way to portray an ordinary subject. Composition involves directing the viewer’s attention to the most beautiful or interesting elements of the photograph. Finally, technical excellence is the quality of the photograph itself, which can be achieved through both camera skills and editing techniques.

Skill level: All

## Creating Photos with Impact



### Agenda

-  What Creates Impact
-  Storytelling
-  Creativity
-  Composition
-  Technical
-  Using Impact to Evaluate Photos

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# Using a Photo's Impact to Influence Commenting

By Chane Cullens

Whether you're a photography enthusiast or judge, this framework will help you develop your skills and take your photography to the next level.

It provides ideas for improvement for judges and thoughts for photographers to keep in mind when creating their photographs.

Skill level: All

## Using a Photo's Impact to Influence Commenting



### Agenda

- ☺ What is Impact
- 🗪 Formulating Comments
- 📖 Storytelling Comments
- 🔪 Creativity Comments
- 📐 Composition Comments
- 📄 Technical Comments

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# Camera & Photo Basics

By Chane Cullens

Tired of blurry shots or photos that are too bright or dark? Wondering how to achieve that soft, blurred background in portraits? This program covers freezing action, manipulating depth of field, and creative camera settings. Explore special modes like shutter and aperture priority, learn to set auto ISO, and focus on composing your photograph. Bring your camera, and let's explore together.

# Camera & Photo Basics



**Basic Zone**  
All you do is press 1 button. Fully-autom. suiting the subject.

- ☐ Full Auto (p.5)
- ☐ Flash Off (p.5)
- ☐ Creative Auto

**Image Zone**

- 👤 Portrait (p.62)
- 🌄 Landscape (p.62)
- 🌊 Creative (p.62)

## Agenda

- 📷 Camera & Photo Basics
- 🌲 Aperture with Composition
- 📸 Shutter with Composition
- 💡 ISO and Lighting with Composition

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# Photographing Birds

By Rhonda Cullens

This program is geared to all beginning and intermediate photographers as well as to all bird lovers! Even though we'll focus on birds to illustrate the points, many of the basic photographic principals apply to capturing other subjects too. Learn how to hone your photography skills and how to attract birds to your backyard in order to create dramatic close-up photos. The best place to start photographing birds is in your own yard for several reasons: it's close, it's convenient and it requires no hiking or heavy, expensive lenses. We'll discuss attracting birds, habits, lighting, background, composition, camera settings, post-processing and more. Once you get down the basics at home, you'll feel confident getting out and photographing birds in the wild as well. Lessons learned here apply to all photographic endeavors.

Skill level: Beginner and Intermediate

## Photographing Birds in Your Yard and Beyond

Agenda – Learning photographic skills while photographing birds

- Equipment and Settings
- Photographing in Your Yard and Attracting Birds
- Identifying Birds, Habits and Habitats
- Lighting, Background, Composition
- Post-Processing
- Practice, Patience and Perseverance
- Now what?

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# How to Avoid Losing Your Digital Photographs

By Chane Cullens

Do you think you can find your digital photos from 5 years ago, in 5 years from now?

You have 1,000s or 10,000s or 100,000s of digital photos “somewhere.” But, where are your photos from 10 years ago?

Digital photos are often at risk of a single failure or mistake that causes the loss of a decade of family photos and memories. Today, we’ll look at several methods to preserve them.

Skill level: All

## How to Avoid Losing Your Digital Photographs

### Agenda

-  Finding Your Photos
-  Sharing Your Photos
-  External Portable Hard Drive
-  Internet Cloud Storage Services
-  Everyday Tips



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# Comments

- “Rhonda, thank you so very much for presenting your Travel Photography Program to our club. It was very well received and members are sending me emails telling me how much they enjoyed it.”
- “Rhonda’s presentation was excellent! She shared so much information I had never thought of before.”
- “Rhonda’s presentation was just outstanding!”
  
- "Chane is worth his weight in gold! He shared so much information in an easy to understand format that was engaging."
- "I could listen to Chane every week and really improve what I'm able to capture and produce."
- “Chane’s presentation was thoughtfully designed and really well-planned.”
- "I appreciated Chane including our images and soliciting feedback and discussion from the group."