

## **Course title:** Digital Photography

**Instructor:** Cathy Lyons/Digital Photography 8-12<sup>th</sup> grades

### **Minimum/Maximum class size/course length:**

8-18 students/1 semester in length

### **Curriculum**

Handouts Primarily/Possibly a book? Not sure at this point.

### **Description of course:**

To increase photographic skill levels in lighting (the medium all photographers use to paint with), composition, exposure, and working with your subject. Additionally, to familiarize ourselves with the digital workflow process and how we can use our knowledge of both photography and the cameras we have to create the highest quality of photographs possible.

#### Course Materials:

Digital camera (preferably a digital SLR~point and shoot okay)

Camera Instruction Manual for your camera (most can be found online)

Your digital storage devices for capturing images (eg. CF card, SD card, etc.)

Any back-up batteries needed for your camera

Your charger if needed

Your labeled camera bag,

1 folder, 1 notebook w/ pen, sharpie, pencil, etc. for bag.

Optional Items: Camera Bag, Tripod, Flash, Filters, Lens Cleaning Tissue

**Each week: Photo Assignments, In-class Portfolio Review, Bring Camera Manual and Camera!!!!**

### **Time/Materials required outside of class for homework/course notes:**

Course Syllabus available @ first class.

Blog for this class that is password protected.

For portfolio review in-class each week, students will need to bring 3-5 color or B/W 4x6 prints from Walgreen's, home computer printer, Costco, etc....to share with the class.

Digital Photography Course Completed=1.0 credit.

Quizzes and participation primary part of grade. Final Exam: Exhibit. Perhaps we would be able to have a photo exhibit at the final Christmas party in December. ☺ I am open to your suggestions/comments.

**Fee:** TBD

Teacher Bio:

Born in Nashville, TN and raised in Louisville, Kentucky, Bloomington, Indiana, and Atlanta, Indiana, Cathy is an artist that cherishes her Midwestern roots. Her artistic experiences as a serious flautist in high school (Indiana All-State Orchestra and All-State Band), allowed her to focus on discipline, and craftsmanship so much so that in college when she began her photographic studies, she had a farmer's approach to the task, and that Midwestern optimism that gets the job done.

Cathy holds a B.A. from Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green, Kentucky in Photojournalism, one of the top schools in the nation for this degree. After graduation, she became a full-time freelance photographer for the *Cincinnati Enquirer* photographing everything from sports to fashion to spot news. Simultaneously, during this time she won the national account for Give the Gift of Sight, Luxottica Retail's charitable program that brings glasses to the needy. Although, Give the Gift of Sight is now rebranded to OneSight, her and her husband, Mark Lyons, continue to travel around the world photographing clinics with 30+ domestic and international clinics documented in the past fifteen years.

Currently, Cathy teaches photography and Adobe Photoshop Elements (PSE) to adults and high school students at the YMCA. She is co-owner of Lyons Photography, Inc. Her best creations are attributed to God: two children, Meghan, 20, and Ryan, 14. She currently resides in Mason, Ohio.