



Resolving to look closer and study the subject will help the photographer produce a more dramatic photograph. Monte Nagler illustrates his point with this photograph of palm leaves. His winter class series begins at the Farmington

Community Center on Jan. 13 and at The Community House of Birmingham on Jan. 14. For information on the Farmington Classes, call 477-8404 and for Birmingham, call 644-5832.

# Beginning a new year

A new year begins tomorrow and as you make up your list of resolutions, don't forget to include your photography.

Begin with that new camera, lens, or flash unit you found under the tree by resolving to thoroughly read the instruction manuals and familiarize yourself with all controls and functions.

Check out your existing equipment to make sure everything is in good working order. Now is an opportune time to change all batteries in all of your equipment to avoid future problems.

Been procrastinating on insurance for your camera gear? How about resolving this year to check into an insurance policy? Premiums are inexpensive when compared with the financial and emotional losses if your equipment is lost or stolen.

RESOLVE TO TAKE a photography class in 1987 to improve your knowledge and appreciation of photography. Many fine classes are available in the area, probably in your own community.

Browsing through photography books at your favorite bookstore will be a most valuable experi-



photography  
**Monte Nagler**  
This year especially, has produced a terrific crop of photography books. And don't forget the many fine photo galleries where you can really begin to look and learn from photographs. I can't overemphasize the importance of looking at pictures and the rewards you can gain by doing so. Most important, make that all-meaningful resolution to take more pictures in 1987. The more you shoot, the more photographic knowledge you'll gain. Branch out in new areas, too, by including shots of subjects different than those you're used to. To all of my readers, please accept best wishes for a joyous, prosperous, and photo-filled New Year!

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