



photography

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Impressionism? No, a photo

Want an idea that will give your pictures a fresh appearance, one that will result in interesting effects, often resembling an impressionistic painting?

It's easy. It involves only a few dollars and a quick trip to your local glass or auto glass dealer.

The trick is photographing through glass. Not ordinary clear glass, although we'll talk about some clear glass ideas later, but glass that is rippled, frosted, colored, etched or textured in manufacture.

All these and more are available in convenient sizes at affordable prices through any glass dealer.

SIMPLY PLACE the glass you've selected between your camera and your subject, and you capture exciting results on film.

Either hold the glass upright with one hand as you shoot the picture or devise a simple means of supporting the glass.

If the glass is rippled, frosted or has a strong texture, the subject has to be fairly close to it. If it is too far back, the subject will become indistinct or

too distorted. Usually, subjects which work well through glass are those with simple shapes and are readily identifiable.

Regarding focusing, you have two choices.

• By using a small aperture, you'll keep both the glass and subject in focus.

• With a large aperture, you can focus sharply on either the glass or the subject. Each will produce quite different results. Be sure to use your camera's preview button to get the depth-of-field you want.

WATCH OUT for reflections, too. You can usually avoid them by a slight change in camera position or lighting angle. In some cases, it may be necessary to use a polarizing filter.

Exposure is easy. Just let your camera's through-the-lens meter do its thing. It automatically will take into account any colored or heavily textured glass.

You can create some interesting special effects yourself, too. Smear some soapy finger on a piece of clear glass for a truly dramatic effect. Or shoot

through a water-spattered window, compliments of either your garden hose or a rainy day.

The important thing is to keep using fresh ideas and imagination in your photography. Shooting through glass gives you an opportunity to do just that.

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Short shots

• Alan Lowy's annual "photographer's models picnic" will start at 11 a.m. Aug. 29 at the Pizza Company Lounge and Recreation Area, Union Lake. Male and female models will pose against sports and antique cars, boats and gliders. Enchante of Plymouth and Rochester will present a lingerie and swimsuit fashion show. Fee is \$3.50 per photographer. Call Alan Lowy at 545-4200 to register.

• Mike Barley of Troy won the \$100 first prize in Meteor Photo Co's spring seminar competition with a color slide of yellow marigolds. Seminar instructor Gerald Gazda called it "exemplary of the camera's ability to capture the beauty of nature. You can tell time was taken to get the best angle."

OU teaches resume writing

The Continuum Center of Oakland University presents a workshop on writing effective resumes, 7-10 p.m. Sept. 13. It is one of many job-finding programs offered by the Continuum Center.

This three-hour class teaches people to write resumes that employers will want to read. Suggestions on format, content and style help design resumes and cover letters that best sell their experience and training. Fee for this workshop is \$15.

Pre-registration is required for all programs. For information about this or other job-seeking workshops, or for registration, call the Continuum Center at 377-3033.

OU prof invited to Nobel talk

An Oakland University biologist has been invited to lecture to the Alfred Nobel Foundation's symposium in Karlskoga, Sweden.

Arun K. Roy will participate in the Sept. 5-9 symposium entitled "Steroid Hormone Receptors: Structure and Functions."

Among the invited scientists are possible candidates for the Nobel Prize in science in medicine.

Roy has also been invited to present his paper at two other international forums.



A chambered nautilus on display takes on a dramatic underwater appearance. Monte Nagler accomplished the feat by placing a piece of textured shower door glass between camera lens and subject.

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