

Monte Nagler's photograph of the Conwy Castle in Wales is enhanced and strengthened by the effective use of the

Directing viewer's attention

In past columns I've touched on the importance of composition. I would define it as the placement of the elements you view through the camera.

Today, I'd like to concentrate on a very important aspect of good composition, something that will enhance and add stopping power to your photographs — lead-in lines.

A lead-in line can be a river, pathway, road, fence or any other element that will lead and direct the viewer's attention to the central subject.

NEXT TIME you're about to photograph that weathered, old barn, stop and take a moment to search for a composition that will include a lead-in line.

Perhaps it's the dilapidated fence or the furrows in a recently plowed field that lead the eye to the barn. By using either, can you imagine how much more exciting your finished picture will be?

How about that lonely tree in the valley you're about to shoot? Can you position yourself so that the meandering river leads the way into the picture?

Using lead-in lines causes you to slow down, think more and plan the final image in your mind's eye. You're going through the process of making photographs, not taking snapshots — and your pictures will definitely show the difference.

SUBJECT PLACEMENT often works well by using the "rule of thirds." This means positioning the subject toward one of the corners of the

sweeping walkway and wall as lead-in lines.



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Monte Nagler

viewfinder rather than in the center. After you've done this, look for a lead-in coming from the opposite corner.

In the photograph shown here of the Conwy Castle in Wales, I placed the main subject (the castle) in the upper right "third." I then used the sweeping lines of the walkway and wall as effective lead-ins to direct attention to the castle. See how easily it works?

Of course, you'll have to pay close attention to depth-of-field. Most likely you'll need a small aperture so that everything in your finished print is sharp and in focus.

Look for abstract lead-in lines, too. Man-made patterns such as the steel structure in a building under construction or nature's patterns such as the ripples in a dramatic sand dune can all serve as effective lead-ins.

The important thing is to begin to "see" lead-in lines. They'll help you look at the world in fresh, new, exciting ways. Your photographs will have added strength and impact that will make you proud to share them with others.

Nancy Thayer to lead art business seminar

A popular informational half-day seminar geared for artists is back by request.

Sponsored by the Livonia Arts Commission, the workshop, "The Business of Being An Artist," will be held 1:30-5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 23, in the Livonia Civic Center Library on Five Mile. It is open to all area

Short shots

Monte Nagler's fall classes begin Tuesday, Sept. 26, at the Farmington Community Center (call 477-8404 to register), and Wednesday, Sept. 27, at The Community House of Birmingham (644-5932).

The classes last four weeks and cover basic and intermediate information for 35mm enthusiasts.

residents. Speaker will be well-known area artist Nancy Thayer, who will open her talk on "Record Keeping." Later in the afternoon, Thayer will discuss "Framing," focusing on appropriate choices and the necessity of proper framing.

Thayer, an instructor at the Center for Creative Studies in Detroit and the Detroit Institute of Arts, conducted a similar workshop last spring.

Cost of the workshop is \$3. Registration may be made by sending a check payable to the Livonia Arts Commission, 23000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia 48154-3097, or by registering with the Community Resources Department on the fourth floor of the Livonia City Hall.

GRAND OPENING! Oak Pointe

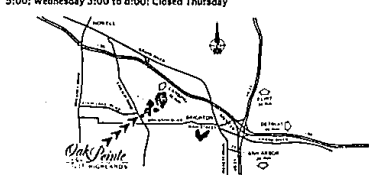
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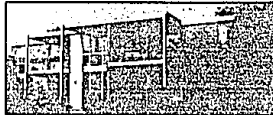
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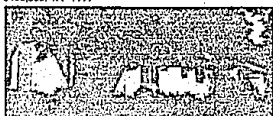
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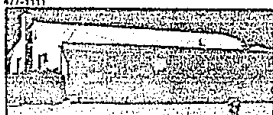
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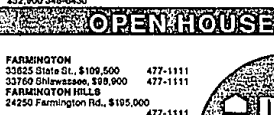
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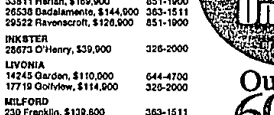
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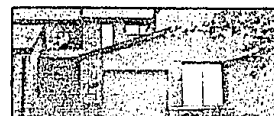
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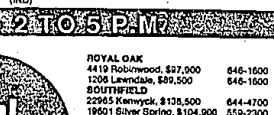
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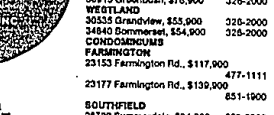
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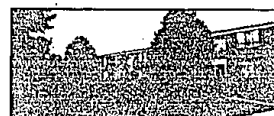
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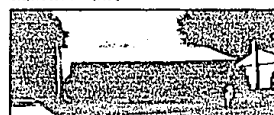
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