



Monte Nagler waited for a cloud pattern to enhance his photograph of Scotland's Dunnotar Castle. This photo, along with many others from his recent trip to Great Britain, will be on display beginning Thursday, Oct. 12, at Somerset Mall, Troy.

Perseverance pays off

In the past, I've written about the importance of making photographs — not just taking snapshots. Today I'd like to discuss one of the very important ingredients in the recipe of making strong photographs — developing patience.

Developing a sense of patience in photography can not only offer a welcome break from the hurried pace of every day life, but it will reward you with more impact-filled pictures.

How do you develop photo-related patience? For starters, slow down and study your subject carefully and thoroughly.

Let's use the approaching fall color change as an example. You've just driven out to the country and discovered a cluster of trees that are exploding with magnificent colors. Wait, don't snap that picture yet. Remember, we're nurturing a sense of patience. Start by really looking at those trees. Walk around them, get to know them and begin to get a feeling of the way they're being lit.

Ask yourself some questions. Would a different time of day improve the picture? Should I move in close or remain further back? Would a low or high vantage point make a difference? Is there an approaching cloud pattern that is worth waiting for? Is there a fence or road that would serve as an effective "lead-in"?

Do you see what's happening? You're developing patience and your studying, planning and thinking



photography

Monte Nagler

about those trees will compensate you with a memorable photograph.

The photograph shown here, from a recent trip to Great Britain, is one of my favorites. It's of the spectacular Dunnotar Castle on the eastern coast of Scotland.

It took a lot of walking and climbing and studying the castle from many perspectives to find this vantage point. But alas, the sky was bald

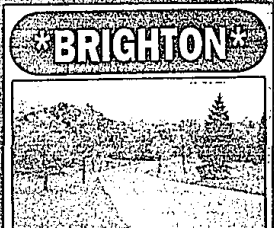
and I really wanted the added impact of dark clouds. Patience, I thought. If I wait long enough, Scotland's fickle weather would come through for me. Perseverance paid off. A storm brewed and I got the photo I wanted.

So place yourself in the category of all good doctors and dentists — after all, where would they be if they didn't have "patients?"

Nature artists

Wild Wings Gallery in Plymouth and Birmingham will host Neal Anderson, the artist who designed the 1989 federal duck stamp, and nature artist Cathy McClung at two events.

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