

Include strong center of interest



This Greek woman provides a strong center of interest for this scene photographed by Monte Nagler in Papingo, Greece.

Many good pictures you see aren't the result of a fortunate accident or chance. Most often, they have been planned and created by the photographer.

How do you create strong pictures? Begin by learning good techniques of composition which include choosing an effective center of interest for your shot.

For example, have you ever composed a photograph in the viewfinder only to realize that something just isn't right? There's an element missing that if included will give your shot special impact.

Perhaps it's the sunset-over-the-lake picture that just doesn't make it until you include the silhouette of the lighthouse in the viewfinder. Or maybe it's the landscape that lacks impact until you adjust and put the dramatic mountain peak in view.

You see, including a center of interest can make a weak composition into one that's strong in viewer interest.

Avoid placing your center of interest in the center of the picture. In the

center, your shot may look static and uninteresting. Use the "rule of thirds." When you divide your scene into thirds both vertically and hori-

zontally, the dividing lines intersect in four places. Any of these intersections provides a pleasing position for your center of interest.

Dance classes aimed for pre-school kids

Wayne State University is presenting its outreach program of the University Dance Lab — creative dance movement classes for pre-school children this fall term. Classes will begin Tuesday, Sept. 24, for eight weeks at Birmingham Unitarian Church, Woodward and Lone Pine, Bloomfield Hills. Fee is \$44. For information, call 542-4725 or WSU Dance Department, 577-4273.

Children 3-6 years of age will be introduced to the fundamentals of creative dance movements through the use of imagery, music, poetry and props. Students will learn self-express-

sion, space awareness, basic movement skills in an atmosphere of fun and play. Classes are taught by Lila Fasano, a member of the dance faculty. She is a national expert on dance for preschool children and has published many articles in local and national magazines. She teaches in the College of Life Long Learning an accredited class for early childhood personnel.

photography

Monte Nagler

"Framing" techniques and "lead-in lines" that I've discussed in past columns also help to add special impact to your main subject.

On a recent trip to Greece, I discovered this attractive scene of the remote mountain village of Papingo. Yet something was missing. I needed a strong center of interest.

My prayers were answered when a delightful Greek woman came by and willingly posed for my camera. Notice in the photograph how she becomes the center of interest with all other elements in the composition being secondary. I placed her in the lower third "third" and made sure I used a small aperture to render everything from front to back sharp and in focus. What resulted is a captivating picture of a charming Greek woman in her natural environment.



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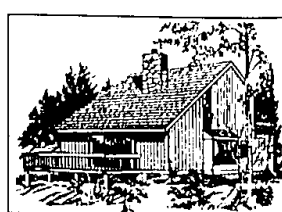
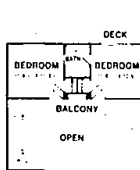
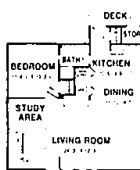
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