

FOCUS ON PHOTOGRAPHY

Widen your vision with panoramas



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Someone once said that the difference between conventional and panoramic photography is the difference between looking at a city through an office window or from a rooftop.

Panoramic cameras replace the normal views of conventional lenses and offer sweeping vistas that go beyond the reality of traditional photography. Viewers are immediately struck by how different panorama photographs are and how much information they contain.

Panorama cameras have been around for many years, some even dating back to the 1800s. Then, as now, they come in many varieties. Some shoot moderate panoramas while others rotate a complete 360 degrees. They are available in many price ranges. The most affordable and popular are the disposable Kodak and Fuji models that are found everywhere cameras are sold.

The price averages about \$11 and you get 12 shots with each, the prints being twice the length of a conventional picture. While the camera is disposable, you retain the negatives for any

desired reprints.

More sophisticated panorama cameras can cost thousands of dollars and are used mostly by professionals and very serious amateurs. They are available in fixed or rotation models.

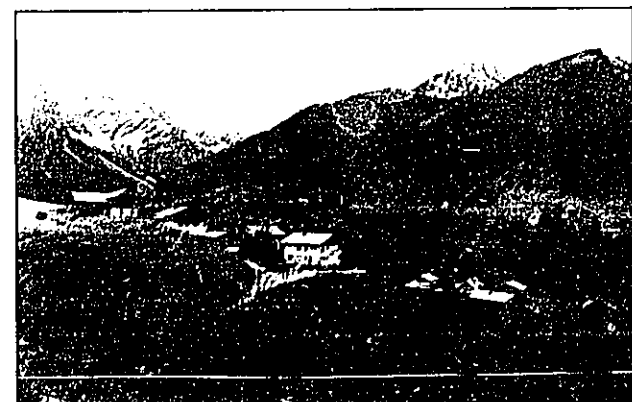
When using a panorama camera, place yourself in a "vista" mode and select subjects that lend themselves to panoramic photography. A vast mountain range, a meandering river, a dramatic seascape or a spectacular city skyline all would be exciting subjects.

Always keep the horizons level and place them low in the viewfinder with a dramatic sky and high in the viewfinder with a plain sky. For scenic shots, place foreground subjects in the composition for added interest.

Don't overlook the possibility of vertical panoramas. The long vertical waterfall or the tall stand of trees could be just the subjects for upright shots.

So widen your photographic vision by getting into a panoramic frame of mind.

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Wide vision: The majestic mountains and charming homes found in Hirshegg, Germany, was a perfect subject for Monte Nagler's panorama camera.

Dahlia society sets sale May 4

The Southeast Michigan Dahlia Society will have its annual tubar and plant sale 1-3 p.m. Saturday, May 4, at the Southfield Adult Center, 24360

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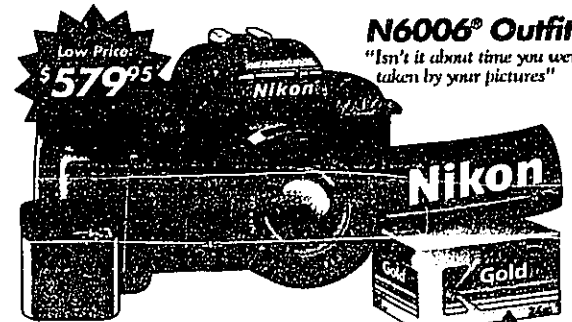
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