

CREATIVE LIVING

Look for the unusual in photos

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ARTISTS/ CRAFTERS WANTED
 Artists and crafters wanted for the Plymouth Community Summer Festival Friday, June 14, 11 a.m. through through Sunday, June 17, at 5 p.m. Held on the grounds of Compuware Arena, M-14 and Beck Road. Call Sandra at (313) 643-2501.

FOCUS ON PHOTOGRAPHY



MONTE NAGLER

What's one of the best ways to improve your photographs and receive positive acclaim from family and friends? Be on the lookout for the unusual! You need to develop your skills in seeing

the unusual and then produce the image on film in the most enhancing way.

Listed below are some things to look for to help capture something different on film.

As you look through the viewfinder of your camera, really begin to "see."

For example, a backlit shot can transform your subject into an unusual, dramatic silhouette. Early morning or late afternoon light can cast special shadows that will add impact to your shot. Look for an unusual cloud formation or perhaps an approaching thunderstorm.

A keen photographer's eye can isolate a small detail, such as a reflection in a puddle or the pattern in a stack of firewood. These and many more subjects will produce photographs of unusual quality. And keeping your eyes open for an exciting

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splash of color may be the final ingredient for that special picture.

Pay close attention to careful framing and composition. Watch your subject placement in the viewfinder and use depth-of-field creatively.

Using your camera's controls imaginatively can add the unusual to pictures, too. Slow shutter speeds can blur the action and give a misty, dreamlike appearance to subjects such as flowing water. Fast shutter

speeds will, of course, freeze the action at its peak.

Use candid to capture unusual shots of people. You'll get those fleeting, spontaneous expressions that are so elusive in posed portraits.

For you vacationers, an obscure street scene or other out-of-the-way image will add impact and interest to your travel photographs.

In summary, it's OK to deviate from the "norm" in your photography. Being a little "unusual" will reward you with pictures that carry the stamp of your own individuality.

Monte Nagler is a fine art photographer based in Farmington Hills. You can leave him a message by dialing (734) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, then 111, then N-A-G-L-E-R. His fax number is (248) 644-1314.

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