

PHOTOGRAPHY

Seize celebrity photo opportunities

FOCUS ON PHOTOGRAPHY



MONTE NAGLER

Ever wanted to try your hand at photography? It's easier than you might think. With the proper lens, right film, some basic photographic skills and a little assertiveness, you'll be able to bring home good photographs to preserve the memories.

Where can you find celebrities? Concerts, sporting events and political rallies, for starters.

They'll all present you with good opportunities.

A telephoto lens is a must in order to bring your subject in close. Depending on what you're photographing and where you've positioned yourself, a focal length in the range of 135mm to 300mm will do the trick. Try to get as close as possible by buying seats up close or by working your way to the front of the crowd.

The pro golfer at the peak of his swing, the basketball slam-dunking the ball, the rock singer bathed in colorful spotlights—all can reward you with exciting pictures.

You'll need a shutter speed of at least 1/125 second (faster with sporting events) to

eliminate any movement.

Determine exposure in advance so you can concentrate on your shot. Compose carefully and capture the peak of the action as the batter swings at the ball or the singer is holding onto the last note of a song.

What film to use? Fast film. For color, use Kodachrome 400 or Ektachrome 400. Black and white users will find T-Max 400 a good choice. Be prepared to take a number of shots in order to get the one that's just right.

If you can get within about 30 feet, consider using a flash. Don't be fooled by flash units going off in the back of the audience. The light emitted from a flash carries only a short distance and unless you can get in fairly close, leave

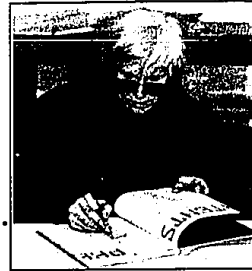
your flash at home.

Another place for photographing celebrities is at book signings.

Many years ago, I heard that Andy Warhol was coming to town to sign copies of his new photography book. This could be a great opportunity, I thought. And it all worked out. By moving in to about 10 feet and using a short telephoto and flash, I was able to capture the picture shown here.

Furthermore, I was able to meet the "pop" artist, and yes, I have a copy of the book on my shelves.

Monte Nagler is a fine art photographer based in Farmington Hills. You can leave him a message by dialing



"Pop" artist Andy Warhol (734)953-2047 on a touch-tone phone. His fax number is (248)644-1314.

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Home Accessory Warehouse, 1017 W. Maple in Walled Lake, will have its third annual Gala Art Event 6-10 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 8. Visitors will save 20 to 50 percent on showroom merchandise more than \$20 and help benefit the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute. The night will also include a silent auction (all proceeds benefiting the institute), wine and hors d'oeuvres. The sale will continue through the weekend (10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday-Saturday, noon to 5 p.m. Sunday). Call (248)624-6700.

Cranbrook House and Gardens Auxiliary will present the 28th annual Holiday Tables event, Celebrations, Thursday-Sunday, Nov. 15-19, at Cranbrook House, 380 Leno Pines in Bloomfield Hills. Tables decorated by area celebrities will be displayed, arranged throughout Cranbrook House. A benefactors' evening, a patron tea and preview, and a raffle will also be featured. The benefactors' evening, a strolling cocktail reception, will take place 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 8, at Neiman Marcus at Somerset Collection South, Big Beaver Road and Coolidge in Troy; tickets are \$100. Two patron teas are scheduled Nov. 15 - one 9:30-11:30 a.m. and one 1:30-4 p.m. Nov. 16-17 and noon to 4 p.m. Nov. 18; tickets are \$10 in advance or \$12 at the door. To buy advance tickets or for more information, call (248) 645-3147. Proceeds benefit the preservation of Cranbrook House.

The 31st annual Kingswood Giftoaram will take place Saturday-Sunday, Nov. 10-11, at Cranbrook Schools' Kingswood campus in Bloomfield Hills. More than 60 merchants and artists from around the country will offer unusual, practical and whimsical items. Proceeds from the event benefit Cranbrook Schools. An elegant preview party, the Champagne Opening, will kick off Giftoaram with music, appetizers and champagne 6-10 p.m. Friday, Nov. 9. Tickets start at \$75+ call Kathy DiCecanna at (248) 646-3613 for more information. Giftoaram will be open to the public 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$6. A cafe will offer lunch and light snacks. Enter through the Kingswood Campus main gate at 39221 Woodward. Free parking with shuttle service will be available. Call (248) 645-3656 for more information.

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