

CREATIVE LIVING

Become streetwise about street life photography

FOCUS ON PHOTOGRAPHY



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Store fronts have an identity of their own. Advertising signs, lampposts, even mailboxes are important features of the street and can be effective elements of a photographic composition.

Dynamic

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And, of course, there are the people. People walking down the street, people engaging in animated conversation, people standing on the corner — all wonderful opportunities for street life photography.

There is an almost irresistible appeal in people pictures and a subject preoccupied is easy prey to a photographer with a keen eye and a quick response.

A street market can be a treasure house of street life pictures. Market people are extroverts by nature and often have faces and mannerisms that can make great photos.

Problems

One of the problems that often occurs in street life photography is confusing and busy backgrounds. Try to avoid this by choosing a camera position that isolates your subject from the surroundings. Use a telephoto lens to frame your picture tightly

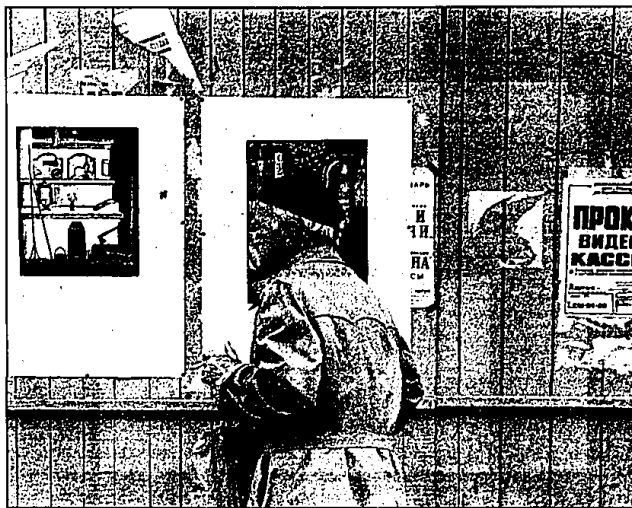
and by using a wide aperture, distractions in the background will be kept out of focus.

To minimize problems with contrast, photograph subjects that are out of direct sunlight. Better still, an overcast day provides the best lighting for street life people pictures. Bright colors are more saturated and lighting on faces is more flattering.

Use a fast film in the 400ASA range, either color or black and white, depending on your preference. The faster films will enable you to hand hold exposures under most circumstances.

So there you have it! Become streetwise with street life.

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On the street: The possibilities for street life photography are endless. Monte Nagler came across this "art connoisseur" on Moscow's famed Arbat Street.

CRAFTS CALENDAR

If you would like to announce an upcoming craft show, bazaar, or arts boutique — items can be sent to: Crafts Calendar, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, MI, 48150 or e-mail kmortson@oe.homedot.com.

ARTISTS/CRAFTERS WANTED

Artists and crafters wanted for the Plymouth Community Summer Festival Friday, June 14, 11 a.m. through Sunday, June 17, at 6 p.m. Held on the grounds of Compuware Arena, M-14 and Beck Road. Call Sandra at (313) 643-2501.

CRAFTERS WANTED

We are looking for crafters for the 3rd Annual Soo Locks Festival. Sault Ste. Marie, located in the UP of Michigan, (straight up I-75) on Saturday, June 16.

Booth space is \$25. Please contact Terri Badenski at (906) 635-7463 for more information and to have an application faxed or mailed to you. Or visit www.soolocksfestival.com for more information.

SOO LOCKS FESTIVAL There will be a giant Arts & Craft Fair at the 3rd Annual Soo Locks Festival. Sault Ste. Marie, located in the UP of Michigan,

(straight up I-75) on Saturday, June 16. Other events will include a Red Hacker Basketball and Soccer Tournaments. Visit www.soolocksfestival.com for more information.

CRAFT SHOW St. Joseph's Church in Wyandotte will host the Festival Craft Show June 22-24 in the school gymnasium. Hours are 9-5 p.m. Friday, Saturday 2-8 p.m. and Sunday noon to 5 p.m. St. Joseph's is located at 353 Elm Street in Wyandotte. There is no admission charge. No strollers please. Call Sue for information (734) 285-2229.

CALL FOR ARTISTS

Canton Township would like to extend an invitation to all artists to be involved in the 10th Annual Fine Arts and Craft Show at Liberty Fest 2001. The dates of the show are June 23 (10 a.m. to 9 p.m.) and June 24 (11 a.m. to 5 p.m.). Artists can choose to display their work under "the big tents" or can bring their own tents. The show is juried and each participant will be required to submit slides or pictures of their

work from the approved categories: Painting, prints, sculpture, ceramics, jewelry, drawing, pastel and selected fine crafts. No commercially produced merchandise will be allowed. Deadline for an application submission is April 16. Call Sharon Dillenbeck of D & M Studio's at (734) 453-3710.

FOUNDERS FESTIVAL

The Farmington Founders Festival will host a juried outdoor Arts/Crafts fair to be held July 19-21. For an application and

information call (248) 477-5837.

CRAFTERS WANTED

We are looking for crafters for SummerFest 2001. Sault Ste. Marie, located in the UP of Michigan, (straight up I-75) on Tuesday and Wednesday, Aug. 7-8. Please contact Terri Badenski at (906) 635-7463 for more information and to have an app. faxed or mailed to you.

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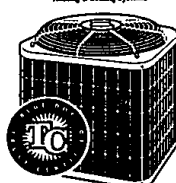
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