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Travel Image of the Night:

"Largest Reclining Buddha in Myanmar Shinbinthalyaung Temple" by Gary Cawood

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Thursday December 1stProgram: Jan Lightfoot "Less is More"7:00 p.m.
SCC Dues are due Dec 1st. Form is an attachment with Gammagram.
Tuesday December 13thAnnual Potluck and Awards6:00 p.m.

December Annual Potluck & Awards Tuesday December 13th, 6:00 p.m.

Our Annual Pot Luck Dinner at 6:00 p.m.

<u>Last Name</u>	What to Bring
A-H	Dessert
J-0	Main Dish or Side Dish
P-Z	Salad or Side Dish

If you want to instead donate toward the turkey, (\$10.00 per person), let Gay know.

You may also bring your own wine or beverage.

The club will provide the china, silver, coffee, tea and decorations. Dress: party clothes.





Please RSVP by phone or e-mail to Gay. 916 849-9977 or kentstudios@surewest.net



The after dinner entertainment will include;
A slide show of winning images of the year.
Trophy Awards for 2016 Division Competitions.
Image of the Year Awards for all Divisions,
and other awards.

Loaves & Fishes Thanksgiving

I had the pleasure of taking Thanksgiving photos for the good folks at Loaves & Fishes (L&F). One thing is clear: it is no small task feeding and entertaining 900 guests. It

was an especially memorable day for me. NO doubt it would never happen but for the support of L&F's volunteers, e.g. musicians, cooks, photographers ;-), etc.

The best of holidays to you and your families. Gale Filter



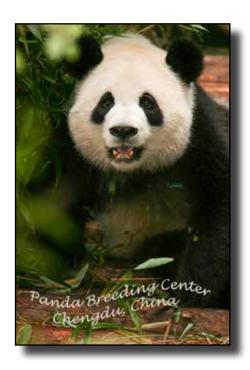








Travel Sequence of the Night "Panda's Chengdu, China" by Mel Wright



















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Honor Sequence "Guiness an Ode to Ireland" by Gale Filter













"Evening Cyclist Copenhagen" by Gale Filter



"Peso Tango" by Gale Filter

Travel Division Honors



"Lundy Creek Beaver Pond" by Truman Holtzclaw



"Exit SF Bay Past Golden Gate Bridge" by Werner Krueger



"Big Wagon in Spokane" by Jeanne Snyder



"On The Boardwalk, Yellowstone NP." by Cheryl Glackin



"Morning Run London" by Gale Filter



"Coast Guard Rescue Boat" by Willis Price

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Creative: "In the Woods" by Bob Hubbell

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Monochrome: "The Alley" by Bob Hubbell.



Print Honors

Monochrome "Where Power Poles Go to Die" by Barbara Maurizi

Color "Ferro 2" by Mike McHaney



Print Division November 2016

Mike McHaney, Director * Jan Lightfoot, Director * Jerry Barry, Judge

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Print Honors

Color "Yellow Lily" by Jeanne Snyder

Creative "Swirling Balloon Version 2" by Ed Lindquist



PhotoSpeak 101, Lesson 8 RAW

Bob and Chuck say that there's More to RAW than meets the Eye

RAW processing in Adobe Camera Raw or in Lightroom's Develop module just keeps getting better and better. With each upgrade, Adobe adds new features or fixes an existing one. For example, the last upgrade moved the perspective adjustments out of Lens Corrections and made it a tool of its own.

Because of these upgrades, we've changed our ideas about an efficient digital workflow. We think it's now possible to do almost all of your post processing as RAW processing. That means that we no longer think of a PSD file as a master file from which to spin off derivatives. The RAW file can now serve as our master file.

The RAW file consists of data, not pixels. There isn't any picture there. The picture is realized through RAW processing. This RAW processing does not change any of the original sensor data, it simply writes instructions on how to extract an image, in pixels, from the sensor data. If you download and work in the Camera RAW file format, those instructions are written into a separate "sidecar" file linked to the camera RAW file. If you convert your Camera RAW files to DNG files, the instructions are written into the DNG file itself.

Once you open a RAW file in Photoshop, you've committed yourself to working on pixels. And, working on pixels is always "destructive," even using Photoshop's Camera RAW filter is a destructive process because it's output is pixels.

So let's look at some images that were processed entirely in Adobe Camera Raw.







Raw Processed



As Shot



Raw Processed





Raw Processed

Not only does Adobe Camera Raw get better and better, the dynamic range of cameras keeps increasing. With the newer cameras, you can confidently expose for shadow detail without blowing out the highlights. RAW processing then becomes HDR processing with its tone mapping. And, tone mapping can produce an infinite variety of images from the same RAW file. Thus we can experiment easily and quickly with several versions of an original capture as in the variations on the ranch family on horseback. We can take a RAW file way beyond whatever the camera LCD shows us. And of course, we can also run it through Photoshop if we see further potential there. Ah, the creative potential! Pardon us while we rhapsodize!









The photo of the Graffiti Locomotive was taken with a Sony a6000, not a new model camera, but one with fairly good dynamic range. In the original capture, the sky appears solid white while the locomotive appears mostly black, giving the impression of blown highlights and blocked up shadows. In Adobe Camera Raw, shadow and highlight detail was recovered with the Shadows and Highlights sliders. The resulting low contrast image was punched up with the Dehaze, Clarity, Vibrance, and Contrast sliders. Finally, the Adjustment Brush was used to bring out further detail in the locomotive.

Just remember, a RAW file is like a tube of toothpaste, you can always squeeze a little more out of it.