

BNML Photog Group

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You can take snaps, and you can create art!

Today's Topics

- Photographers to Follow: Georgianna Lane
- My Favorite YouTube Channels to Follow
- Shooting Flowers
- Theft

Photographers to Follow: Georgianna Lane

Viewing the work of talented photographers can help inspire your own photography.

Georgianna Lane

<https://georgiannalane.com/>



My Favorite YouTube Channels

Tutorials

Mark Smith (birds): <https://www.youtube.com/@MarkSmithphotography>

Simon d'Entremont (nature, birds, animals, tech):

https://www.youtube.com/@simon_dentremont

Mads Peter Iversen (nature): <https://www.youtube.com/@MadsPeterIversen>

Tony & Chelsea Northrup (occasional tutorials): <https://www.youtube.com/@TonyAndChelsea>

Equipment and Tech

Tony & Chelsea Northrup: <https://www.youtube.com/@TonyAndChelsea>

Gerald Undone: <https://www.youtube.com/@geraldundone>

PetaPixel: <https://www.youtube.com/@PetaPixel>

Shooting Flowers

Tips from Claude AI

- Use a macro lens or a lens with a close focusing distance to capture fine details.
- Choose a shallow depth of field (wide aperture, like f/2.8 or f/4) to blur the background and make the flower stand out.
- Photograph flowers on an overcast day or in the shade to avoid harsh shadows and bright spots. [make sure there's enough light, or boost ISO]
- Use a tripod to minimize camera shake and ensure sharp images, especially when using slow shutter speeds.
- Experiment with different angles, such as getting down low to shoot from the flower's level or looking straight down from above.
- Pay attention to the background and try to keep it simple and uncluttered to avoid distracting from the flower.
- Photograph flowers with water droplets on them for an interesting effect, or use a spray bottle to add your own.
- Use a reflector or diffuser to soften the light and reduce shadows when necessary.
- Focus on the center of the flower or the most interesting part to draw the viewer's eye.
- Take your time and be patient. Move around the flower to find the best composition and wait for the right lighting conditions.

More tips:

- Use backlight to make flowers glow.
- Watch out for windy days, can make for blurry flowers.
- Zoom in on the center of the flower, or part of interest, for a partial flower photo.
- Use the flowers to frame architecture.

Public Gardens in Vermont

- Hildene in Manchester: <https://hildene.org/>
- Park-McCullough House in Bennington: <https://www.parkmccullough.org/>
- Justin Morrill Homestead in Strafford: <https://www.morrillhomestead.org/>
- The Sunflower House at Billings Farm in Woodstock: <https://billingsfarm.org/>
- Shelburne Museum: <https://shelburnemuseum.org/>
- Vermont Wildflower Farm: <https://www.vermontwildflowerfarm.com/>
- Vermont Flower Farm, Marshfield: <https://vermontflowerfarm.com/>

And lots more:

- Vermont Garden Network: <https://vtgardens.org/>

Some of my flower photos:



Flower Photographers

30 Instagram Accounts To Follow If You Love Flowers:

<https://flowermag.com/instagram-accounts-to-follow-if-you-love-flowers/>

5 Floral Instagram Accounts To Follow This Month:

<https://www.funnyhowflowersdothat.co.uk/5-floral-instagram-accounts-follow-month>

Top Flower Photographers On ePHOTOzine:

<https://www.ephotozine.com/article/top-flower-photographers-on-ephotozine-19819>



Theft

Cameras and camera gear are easy to steal and to resell for high prices. Lots of camera theft is now happening. What can you do to protect your equipment and avoid theft?

- Be discreet! Conceal things when not using them
- Pay attention to your surroundings
- Consider where you going and whether your phone will be sufficient
- Shoot with others
- Use tracking devices like Apple tags
- Make sure your insurance covers your camera and equipment like tripods, lenses
- Camera straps? Might end up pulling you to the ground
- Engrave your name or contact info somewhere on or in the camera, tripod, lens
- Backup your photos regularly in case of theft

Tony and Chelsea video: Your Camera NEEDS a LOCK! END CAMERA THEFT!

PopPhoto: How to Safeguard Your Gear From Theft:

<https://www.popphoto.com/how-to/how-to-protect-camera-gear-theft/>