



Silvana Della Camera Photography

Hello!

I hope you are enjoying the autumn season. A big thanks to all of you who have attended my workshops, and photo walks and take the time to read my blog posts and newsletters. Your feedback has been wonderful!

Due to the full Moon, we couldn't squeeze in the last moments of the galactic core visibility at the end of October. It has been a dismal season for Milky Way Chases but the times we were able to photograph the stars were exquisite. I guess quality over quantity is a way to view our very cloudy, rainy, smoky Milky Way season. The Milky Way Chases will restart in May 2024. I've had some folks ask about early season Milky Way Chases - meaning when the galactic core rises at 2 a.m. If this is of interest, let me know.

Although the Milky Way core is out of sight for a few months, we can still photograph the night sky. Starry landscapes are beautiful all year round. November is the month of Orion, the constellation that is most recognized by people. Deep space photography is another thing our marvelous digital cameras can do. Below is a shot of the Pleiades I photographed last winter with a

Nikon Z9 and 200-500mm lens.

[I have blog posts for some ideas and tips on photographing the Moon, eclipses, and star trails.](#)

For those of you in camera clubs who only compete in digital competitions, I encourage you to read the post below that pertains to prints. This post also applies to anyone who takes a photograph, whether you are a hardcore photographer or not. I'd like to hear your thoughts on it.

I have another PlanIt! workshop in December. This will be the fourth one this year. It's wonderful to see how many people are discovering and learning about this powerhouse app. I've been using it for about 10 years now. It just gets better and better. Those of you who have attended my workshops or presentations know I have a lot of apps in my toolbox. Beyond the weather forecast apps, I have astronomical weather apps, light pollution apps, time-lapse calculators, astronomy maps, wind apps, and planning apps. Each one of these is a catalyst for my photography to be more successful. They provide insight that assists in my decision-making process. Although I utilize some features of PhotoPills, I use Planit! Pro extensively for pre-visualizing a scene and planning a shot. Planit! Pro is my favorite by far. In my opinion, it is the best app for planning Milky Way, Sunrises and Sunsets, Moonrises and Moonsets, Star Trails, and so much more. [Coming up on December 16th, I have another workshop on this fantastic tool.](#)

Any questions, just let me know!

Clear skies!

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PlanIt! Pro Workshop



Learn how to use PlanIt!, the photographer's planning tool. Do you know how to quickly determine the location of the Moon or Sun as it rises over a lighthouse or specific building? Do you know when the Milky Way will be visible and where it will be relative to your location? Do you know how cloud cover will impact your photograph? Plan It! allows a photographer to measure twice, cut once, and achieve a successful capture.

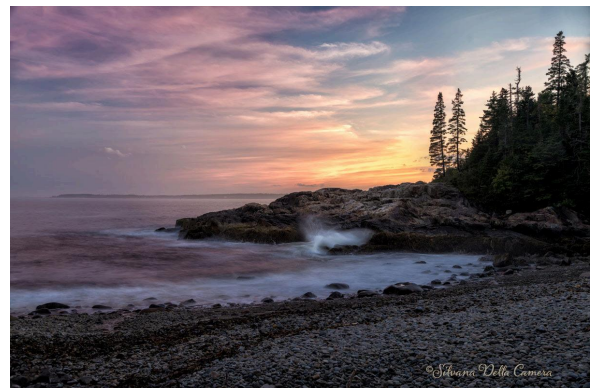
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Printing an Image makes it a Photograph

Think I am nuts? Maybe, but take a moment and ponder about it. Back in the day of film, once you processed your roll, you ended up with something physical. Whether it was prints or slides, you always had the physical product in your hand. In the digital world, we no longer have the physical end-product of photography unless we ...

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How to: Photograph a Solar Eclipse



We have an annular eclipse coming up as well as the “North American” eclipse in April 2024. The following how-to applies to any solar eclipse, not just the ones noted. It also applies to anytime you wish to photograph the Sun. The Sun is a wonderful object to photograph, eclipse or not. Safety. Safety. Safety Did I say safety? This ...

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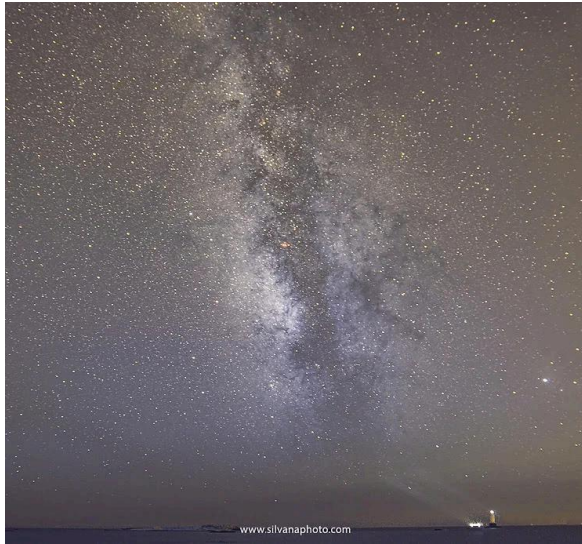
Gear Review - Variable Infrared Filter

I have been playing with a variable infrared filter of late. I came across it on Amazon and it intrigued me. At first, I thought it was one of the many mislabeled items on Amazon, but I clicked on the item to see what it all about. This is a circular glass filter, with an infrared range of 530 nm ...

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X-Ray Vision at Night



Infrared gives us X-ray vision. Well sort of. It allows us to see past our own narrow (pathetic) bandwidth. It is perfect for night photography. You may think this is an oxymoron. Infrared is normally viewed as photography under a blazing sun, perhaps peppered with some puffy clouds. A type of photography generally shot within the 10 am-2 pm window ...

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A Photographer is a Painter (in reverse)

A couple of years ago, I had a table at a Christmas fair selling photographs printed on a variety of media including fine art prints. I overheard someone commenting on the price of the prints. She remarked to her friend that she didn't understand the price of a photo. "After all, it's not like a painting or anything. All you ...



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