

Greetings!

I hope you are enjoying the warmer temperatures and are getting to do some fun stuff!

As you may be aware, I recently moved my website from Wix and rebuilt it in WordPress. It has been an overall smooth process. Each day, I incorporate more capabilities into the new website, making it more robust. I recently added integration to MailChimp for subscribers. This effectively broke the subscriber function in WordPress. So, I have disabled MailChimp. What does this mean for you? Well, if you shared any information about my upcoming workshops or blog posts with your friends and they tried to subscribe to my website, it failed. The debacle was not visible to me nor anyone trying to subscribe. I discovered the failure this week. So please pass along my apology for

the website snafu to them and to please try again.

With the new website, I am utilizing a new tool for formatting emails. I think it renders content cleaner and easier to read. Let me know what you think of this new format.

Tis the season of carnivals. The featured image is from a Fiesta Shows carnival at St. Stephen's Parish in Framingham, MA. It is a Ferris Wheel with some intentional camera movement. Carnivals are a blast and offer a scene loaded with great photographic fun! Below is the latest how-to on how to navigate and photograph these fun fair weather events.

Coming up in July, I have an infrared photo walk and another workshop scheduled on the Power of Stacking. There is also another PlanIt! app workshop scheduled for September. Both of these workshops have been a lot of fun and I've had requests to add more sessions. More details on these are below.

The unfortunate Alberta wildfires have dampened the clarity of the skies in New England, subsequently hindering the scheduling of Milky Way Chases. Fingers crossed for the end of the wildfires and some prime Milky Way vistas in June. For more info on the smoke layer, check out the Fire and Smoke Map.

Have a great Memorial Day Weekend! Clear skies, Silvana

How-to: Photographing Carnival Lights

When was the last time you went to a carnival? You know, the traveling show you looked forward to as a kid that marked the start of summer. Yes, they are noisy, loud, and crowded but prime fodder for photographing a variety of whirling multi-colored lights. Every carnival is a bit different, albeit with similar rides. The configuration of the ...



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Essentials of Time-Lapse Photography Workshop - June 3rd & June 5th

Digital photography has become a daily part of our lives. We consume and create photography almost constantly in our daily travels. A natural stepping stone to still photography is time-lapse, the art of capturing change over time. Only since the advent of modern digital cameras has time-lapse photography become so accessible. Timelapse photography produces stunning images that give viewers a glimpse of the world as they rarely see it. It is a technique that compresses timed capture over an interval of time into a concise creative rhythm. In this workshop, I will demonstrate how anyone could leverage this functionality with gear they already own.



2 sessions. Register for both or either one.

June 3rd - Castle Island Boston

June 5th - Post-processing via Zoom

Full details

Photo Walk - Larz Anderson in Infrared

Larz Anderson Park, the largest park in Brookline, was formerly the Larz Anderson estate. It is composed of large expanses of lawn at the top of the hill, playing fields, and sweeping slopes. At the highest point, where the main house stood, there are exceptional views of Boston. The hill provides opportunities for active and passive recreation that are not available elsewhere in town. The grassy slopes provide a premier spot for sledding, watching sunsets, observing stars, kite flying and simply running on the slopes. There are a multitude of beautiful trees, a pond, a gazebo, and walkways to photograph. It's a great place to shoot infrared and explore different techniques using an infrared camera, including long exposure and ICM.



July 14th

Full Details

The Power of Stacking - Advanced Astrolandscape Processing - July 22nd

Bring your astrolandscape photography to another level. Learn how to stack Milky Way images and bring out detail in the night sky from your RAW images. Shooting high ISO is often dismissed and often frowned upon. Learn how stacking high ISO delivers super clean astro and astrolandscape image. Various post-processing techniques and software will be covered.



Full Details

Planit! Pro Workshop - September 9th

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.

Full Details



Night Filters: To Filter or Not Filter, that is the Question

Night Filters. What are they? What do they do? Do they really work? There are different perspectives on these filters. Some feel that they don't really function, but simply cast a blue cast on an image. Others feel they do perform a function, in this case, to balance the numerous white balance issues created with the ever-increasing use of LED ...



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