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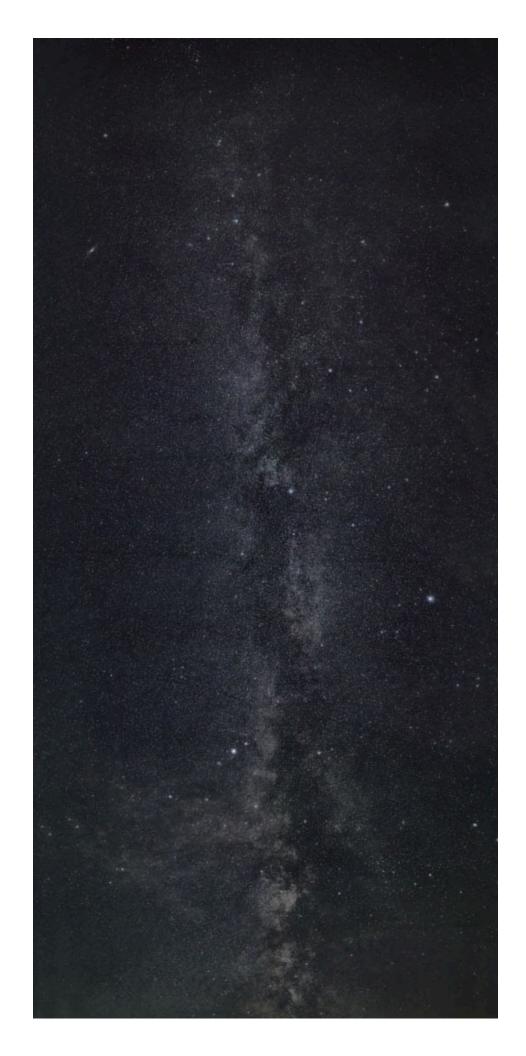
Silvana Della Camera Photography

This summer, I've been on a streak testing equipment, assessing light pollution filters, and new star focusing filters. As a decades-long lens filter fiend, I find filters to be tools you want to utilize while shooting and not just lean on post-processing to apply filter effects. The real glass is a creative tool that pushes you forward and makes you think about possibilities. If you have been pondering picking up a star focusing filter, you may have noticed a variety have cropped up. I was given a complimentary Kase Bright Star Focus Focusing tool for evaluation. Below is the link to my review.

We have another Starry Sky Deep Dive workshop coming up on September 26-28 at the Astronomy Adventure Camp in Maine! Below is the panorama I shot last month at the first Starry Sky Deep Dive weekend. The top of the frame is north, and the bottom is south. It is comprised of 8 frames stitched. What a treat not to have light pollution obliterate the view of the northern end. The bright object towards the top and to the left of the Milky Way is Andromeda, our closest galaxy. A few days ago, I received the 36"x14" metal print I ordered of the image. It was so amazing to see the end-to-end Milky Way unencumbered; I had to have it in a permanent form. This month's workshop will once again occur at the new Moon. I've trimmed out the guided daytime excursions from the workshop and adjusted the tuition accordingly. We will have a special treat that weekend. We will have live music as the soundtrack to the stars. Music by the composers Narvaez, Milam, Campion, Weiss, and Bach, played on a Baroque lute and Vihuela. This is a full-fledged wallow in starlight!

There are many more weeks left for Milky Way workshops, so stay tuned for last-minute scheduling for a good star chase. Milky Way chases are offered in group, 2-person, and one-

on-one sessions.		
Have a great week!		
Clear skies, Silvana		





Starry Sky Deep Dive Maine Weekend - September 26-28, 2025

Starry skies in Maine deep dive workshop.
Two nights of on-location astrophotography
and instruction. Milky Way photography
and viewing deep space objects with
telescopes at an astronomy camp.

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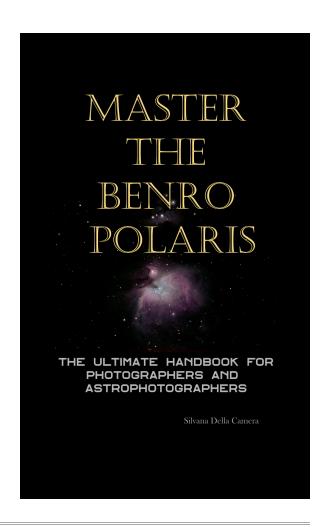


I recently received a complimentary 82mm Kase Bright Star Focus Focusing Tool to evaluate and review. I own various Kase filters and find them to be well-built and overall impressive. The filter at first glance appears to be typical Kase. Well-machined aluminum frame, but the filter lens is made of plastic. The filter can be rotated, but it is very stiff and does not easily move unless it is attached to the lens....

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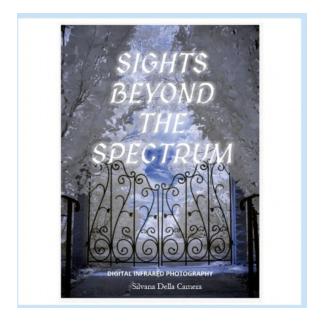
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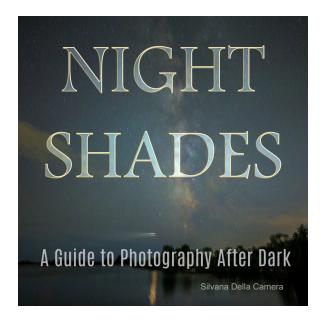
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