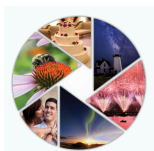

Curveballs and Adjustments Part 2

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SILVANA DELLA CAMERA PHOTOGRAPHY

Greetings! Thank you so much for the many lovely emails I received after my last newsletter. Your well-wishes were uplifting and brightened my days. It was also heartening to learn that relaying my experience about the retinal detachment helped others get medical assistance sooner rather than later. I was surprised that several of you either had a loved one have a concurrent retina experience or had an issue themselves. I have also learned a lot about retinal detachments from you and appreciate your input. Retinal detachment is more common than we realize, which is quite frightening.

Recovery from the surgery has been slow but steady. A month after the surgery, I am still unable to drive, so I look for opportunities to photograph without going anywhere. As someone with intense wanderlust (aka fire up my butt), it has been a challenge. The saying "shoot with the camera you have" has been replaced with "shoot where you are". Luckily, there is always something to photograph, no matter where you are. I've been experimenting with different camera techniques and dusted off my strobe lights. A couple of days ago, the Sun threw us a couple of juicy CMEs that generated two nights of aurora. Normally, I'd be planning an interesting foreground for the aurora shot. This time, my shed was as good as it was going to get, so that is what I used. I shot a time-lapse and stacked frames for some colorful star trails in an even more colorful aurora. I've also learned that fumbling in the dark is twice as hard with one functioning eye.

Owners of the Benro Polaris Astro gear up, exciting stuff is happening next month! You may already know that the Benro Polaris Astro can be controlled via a PC for star tracking, and this functionality has been available for about a year or so. The update that is coming in December is crazy cool! You won't need the Benro Connect app to initially connect to the

Benro Polaris for PC control or mobile device, and it will be completely controlled via Alpaca, N.I.N.A., Stellarium, and other applications that support the ASCOM Alpaca platform. Many of the steps required in V1.0 have been automated, making the entire process smoother. The amateur astronomy community discovered this powerful little smart tripod head, and they have expanded and elevated the astro functionality of it. The Benro Polaris Astro went from a great tripod head to a full-featured telescope mount. Here's the current [Kickstarter](#) page that describes the project and the GitHub links to the [V1.0](#) and [beta V2.0](#) open-source software. Check out the overview of the [Alpaca Pilot](#). If you are not familiar with what the Benro Polaris is, you can read about it in this [post](#).

Clear skies!

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Nikon Z9, Nikon 14-24mm | f/2.8 | ISO 3200 | 4 seconds | 940 frames stacked in Sequator and finished in Photoshop

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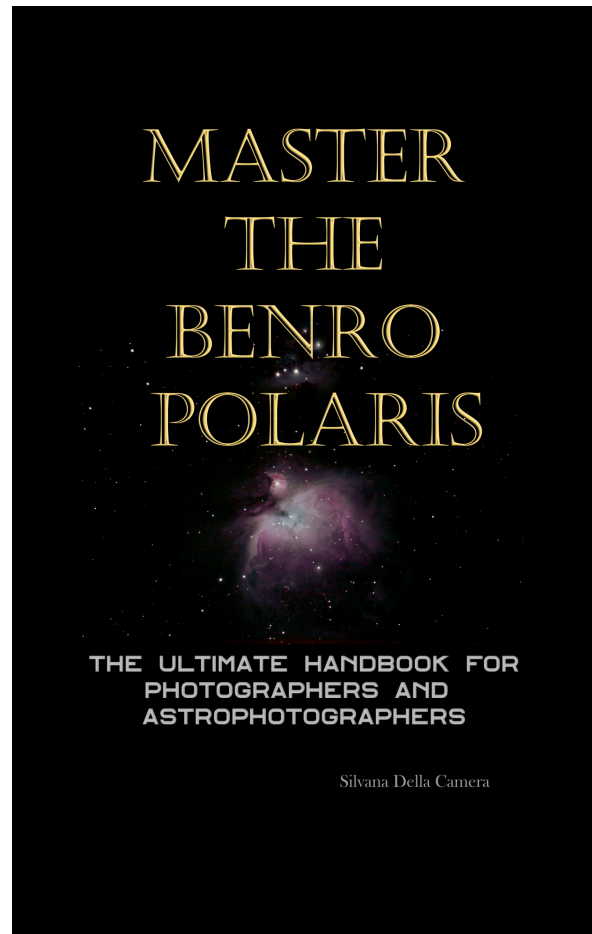
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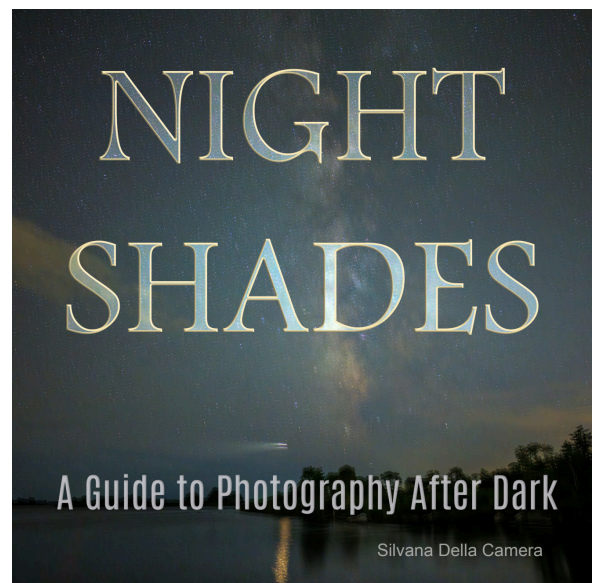
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