

Photography

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Photography is a fun project area. In photography the sky is the limit. Literally. If you can hold the camera and snap the button you can be a great photographer with a little practice. You just have to know some cool techniques to help you along the way. With photography you always need to keep an your eyes open because you never know when the right photo opportunity will present itself. While in Colorado we pulled into a parking lot to walk up to see the Seven Falls waterfall and out of the corner of my eye I saw a great picture that I just had to take. In the mirror of the motorcycle next to us I could see a peak of the mountains behind us with a little crooked tree at the top. I took the picture and took it to the county fair. My picture made it to the State fair as well. So always keep an open eye for something unique and different. Those are the photos that will get attention.



Another little tip I learned along the way is that when taking a picture of any object or person; don't always center them. This method is boring and old. Try moving them to the left or right just a little like the tower on the above left. This is called The Rule of Thirds. Also don't be afraid to zoom into you subject take you time and plan the shot. Also try different angles of your object as well. If your taking a picture of a cat you could take it at your height but also try getting down to there level.

Finally clutter can be a big problem. Pay attention to you background and foregrounds. Make sure your picture is simple. It is important to make sure that you don't have things sticking out behind your subjects. Watch your background to make sure it compliments you subject. And don't take photos at night unless that's what the photo calls for (like fireworks) try getting good lighting from the sun. Lighting is very important. To get good lighting experiment with your flash.

Remember photography is like anything else it takes practice. Also take in to consideration that digital photography allows you to take and delete pictures with out printing EVERYTHING so if you have digital camera don't be afraid to take pictures like crazy you can always delete them later.