



## Lights, Camera, Action, Water!

*By Val Sleger*

Read just about any article Google serves up for you on the topic of photography and the subject of light will be in the top paragraphs. Without light, we would not be able to make photos. Often, we work with natural light. We may seek out the “golden hour” or the “blue hour”. We might compose pictures in front of a window. We might use a neutral density filter if outdoor light is too harsh.

On the flip side, there is a lot we can do with artificial light. Whether that light comes from flash, from candles, from LED devices, or from iPad screens, we often have far more control over artificial light than we do over natural light.

As we head into the hot and (hopefully rainy) summer season, you may be looking for photography projects you can do indoors. At this month’s meeting, you’ll get lots of ideas to jump-start your summer photo sessions and get some practice before you head home.

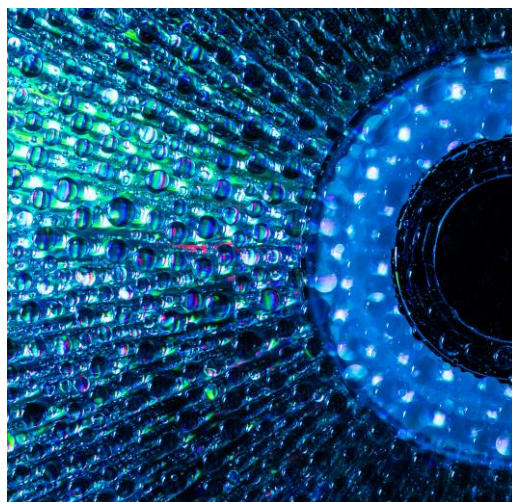
This month’s meeting will be a hands-on session with a variety of opportunities to play with artificial light. **Bring your camera or smartphone.** If you have one, bring a tripod. Bring a flashlight. If you have an off-camera flash unit, bring that. Jon and I will supply the presentation, the instructions, and some props. Then we’ll all have a chance to experiment with different artificial light sources. It should be fun!

Why is Water included in the headline? Come to the meeting and find out!

When Joyce distributes the meeting minutes, I’ll have her include a page of links to the tutorials and articles I used to build the presentation and practice lessons you’ll see at the June meeting. Hope to see you all there!

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Here are a few samples of interesting projects you can experiment with over the summer, using **light**, your **camera**, some **action** on your part, and a little **water**.



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## It's Challenge Time!

Each month, we're posting lists of terms to get you thinking about how you can make images that fit the themes posted. Some are straightforward, while others are more conceptual. Either way, having prompts can help you focus your photography and give you a reason to get out and shoot.

Below are the lists for June (current photos showcased here), and July (photograph these topics in June and they will be showcased at the next meeting - see below – and in the July newsletter). Each list will contain at least one movie or song title.

**Please consider participating!** It's a fun, no-stress way to keep up your photography skills and your eye for composition. Feel free to photograph one of each word, several of one word, or mix and match. We love seeing what everyone is working on! **Send your photos to: [azval.sleger@gmail.com](mailto:azval.sleger@gmail.com)**

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### June Word List

Rural Landscape  
The Letter B  
Happy Feet (film from 2006)  
Pink

### July Word List

Lit by Natural Light  
Song: Blinded by the Light  
Green  
The letter C

### Meeting Schedule

Meetings are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month at the Sierra Vista Police Station Training Room, 911 Coronado, Sierra Vista. Meetings begin at 4 PM. Val Sleger will be presenting at the June meeting on the topic of indoor photography projects using lights, cameras, and water. **This is a hands-on session, so bring a camera, tripod if you have one, and a flashlight.**

### Officers

**President:** Mark Hanna  
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Have an idea for a meeting topic? Let one of the officers know!

### Share your Internet Finds with Us!

There are thousands of interesting articles and videos related to our photography hobby on the internet. Find a good article or YouTube video? Let us know and we'll include it in the newsletter!

Here's an article on light!

[Understanding the Fundamentals of Light: A Bite-Sized Guide for Photographers](#)



## Member Photos

We love to see your photos – even if you aren't looking for challenge words.  
We showcase them in the newsletter, and you are encouraged to bring  
them to the meeting on a flash drive!

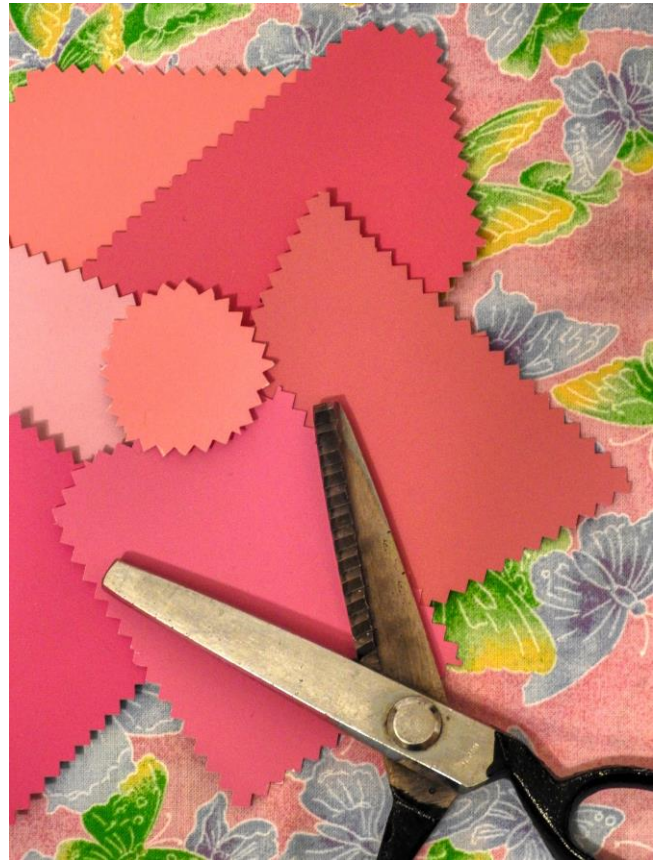


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Joyce Genske sent in these photos from the June word list.



Happy Feet



Pink

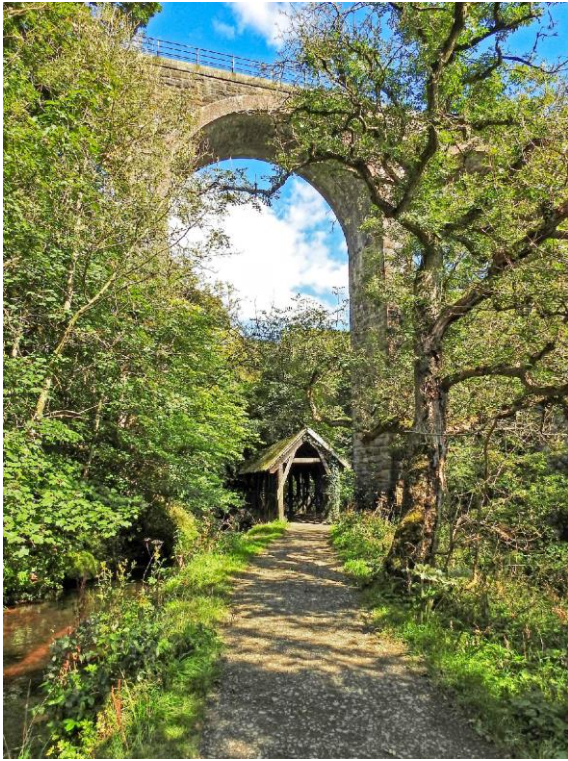


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Joyce Genske sent in these photos from the May word list.



Rural Landscape



The Letter B



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