

Field Trip Reminder: 3/14/18 – Laguna Beach: Intermediate Photography

Hello fellow photographers,

Here is your friendly reminder: On Wednesday 3/14, we are NOT meeting in our usual classroom that week. Instead, we are going on location; details follow in this e-mail. You can take part in the field trip if you have filled out the waiver form. You will provide your own transportation.

*We are going on a **field trip to Laguna Beach** to enjoy the experience of late afternoon, sunset and night photography.

The sun sets at 6:58PM on 3/14/18. Class will commence from 4:30-7:30 on location.

4:15: Meet at gazebo at Heisler Park, Laguna Beach – Please be on time.

Location: Cliff Drive between Myrtle Street & State Route 1.

Next to Las Brisas Restaurant.

Address:

Heisler Park 375 Cliff Drive, Laguna Beach, CA 92651-2332

**Park in metered parking; bring a credit card to feed the meters until 7:00pm.

*****Meet at 4:15 sharp for role call** (sign in sheets) at the Gazebo to the west (facing the ocean) of Las Brisas Restaurant's patio. Around 7:00 - right after sunset - we will gather near the gazebo and enjoy the "blue time" - that point when the night sky still has color. When night falls (around 7:15), we will enjoy the experience of blue time and painting with light. Bring your sphere and add a surreal focal point to your images!

BRING:

- ✓ Camera
- ✓ Neutral Density (ND) filter – if your lens accepts filters
- ✓ Polarizer filter / polarized sunglasses
- ✓ Tripod, shutter release (either wired or remote).
- ✓ Flashlight or penlight and colored party lights (find them at the Dollar store)
- ✓ Notebook to record information.
- ✓ Extra charged battery – you will go through power.
- ✓ Favorite lenses
- ✓ External flash – if you have one, bring fully charged.
- ✓ Comfortable walking shoes; you will be on a beach.

Dress in layers; it can get cold and breezy around sunset.

Bring a credit card or cash for parking meters or pay for parking at Las Brisas, if you are grabbing a bite at this fabulous restaurant before the photo session.

Get ready to have some fun with dusk/low light and ND photography!!

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1. Summer Catalog Cover with Happy Fellow Students: Create photographs you will upload to the summer cover project by no later than the next day: 3/15/18. Project: You will capture a fresh happy perspective, which reaches active older adults enjoying a learning experience together.

****Take care to get signatures and printed names on model releases for everyone in the shot. I will bring extra model releases to the photo shoot.*

Your best images must be uploaded with your full name on the label by 3/15 to this link:

Directions: Go to <http://www.takeaclasswithlaura.com> and find the *Upload to Summer 2018 Contest Link button* OR upload full resolution images to this special link:

<https://XinaCat.smugmug.com/upload/dJMNm8/2018Summer>

2. Best of Laguna Beach: Upload *no more than 3* of your very best images from the Laguna Beach afternoon – blue time, try one which includes the **sphere** as focal point, and use long shutter speeds (using ND filters). Place your top favorite in the #1 position, next in the #2 position, etc. Label with your first and last name.

Be sure to include any images from the "blue time" as well as your 30-second and longer exposures you make after the sun goes down. These elements can be combined.

Challenge yourself and make long exposures in low light using bulb setting – shutter speeds longer than 30 seconds.

If any of your "painting with light" studies were successful and worth sharing, please include them.

Goals:

1. Have fun.
2. Photograph images, which would be appropriate for the **cover of the summer catalog**.
3. Use tripod.
4. Meter and adjust exposures in rapidly changing light
- 5. Blue time (after sunset)**
6. Make people disappear in your photographs (long exposures do that).
- 7. Long exposure of at least 30 seconds – after sun goes down. Use a ND filter**
8. Stop down and make lights **sparkly** (can be combined with long 30 exposure and even blue time image).
- 9. Optional: Paint with light** through guided portion of field trip after about 7:20pm when it gets dark.
10. Use polarizer filter to reduce glare and reflections as appropriate.
11. Use Low ISO.
12. Compose beautiful images!

Reminder: Give your camera's batteries a fresh charge and allow for plenty of room on your memory card. Bring your favorite lenses, lens hoods (if you have one), water to drink (stay hydrated) and wear comfortable shoes. Bring a hat or a cap and get ready to have fun with photography. When using a tripod, **turn off** all anti-shake controls (VR, IS, anti-shake).

Questions? Please e-mail me, and look forward to seeing you next week - on location!

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Please add your class ticket #19870 (Thursday) or #20155 (Wednesday) on the subject line.