



## How to Photograph a Rainbow

By Val Sleger

Now that monsoon is here, you might be seeing rainbows in our vast Cochise County sky. The *Expert Photography* has a good article on rainbow photography. Sure, when you are out and about and you see a rainbow, you can pull out your phone and hope for the best, but this article does a deep dive into the topic. The full article is linked below, but here are some highlights:

### **Finding Rainbows**

Look for a day with clean sky and plenty of showers. The angle of the sun will affect your chances of finding a rainbow. With luck, you might catch a rainbow in the low light of the setting sun, which can amplify the colors. If you are near Carr Falls, or other waterfalls, you might see rainbows in the spray.

### **Double Rainbows**

If you have a wide-angle lens, you might be able to get the entire rainbow – and its double. Just take care to protect your gear from rain. Inexpensive rain sleeves are available online. In a pinch, use a small trash bag.

### **Composition**

If possible, include foreground elements into your photo, while keeping the rainbow the main focus of your image. If you can quickly move to a location where you have an unobstructed view of the entire sky, it might be worth a move.

Shooting the entire sky and its rainbow can make for a beautiful photo, but zooming in on just part of a rainbow can also bring lovely results.

### **Processing Rainbow Photos**

If you are ready with a polarizing filter, this can help intensify the colors in the rainbow. If you are shooting from a tripod, you can later stack images and use blending to bring out the best parts of different images. Subtle use of the saturation and vibrance sliders can pump up the colors as well.

Don't forget to share your results at club meetings!

[Link: Rainbow Photography](#)

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## Weekly Challenge

At each meeting of the Club, held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month, four challenge prompts will be presented for the following month. Focus on one word or phrase each week to complete all four to share at the following month's meeting. Folks who can't attend the meetings will get the list in the newsletter. July challenge photos will be shown at the July meeting and included in the August newsletter.

### July

Mountains

Military

Scorched

Movie: Hot Summer Nights

### 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. **July meeting topic: Trip Report - Photo Outing to Kitt Peak Observatory, by Mark Hanna and Teng Go**

### ★ Club Members in the Spotlight

As posted in an earlier newsletter, the City of Sierra Vista held a photo contest to select photos of the area to decorate the City Council chamber. Three of our Club members had work selected: Bob Luce, Joyce Genske, and Bob Bosier. Their selected images appear on the following page. There were 445 entries!

Bob Bosier was also a featured artist for June at the Huachuca Art Association.

Sam Scherf has had several images selected to display in the Herald/Review, and was featured in a full-page article in the Nabur publication (produced by the Herald/Review.)

Congratulations to Bob L, Joyce, Bob B, and Sam! ★

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### Officers

**President:** Mark Hanna

**Vice-President & Program**

**Coordinator:** Bob Luce

**Secretary:** Joyce Genske

**Treasurer:** Madeleine Charron



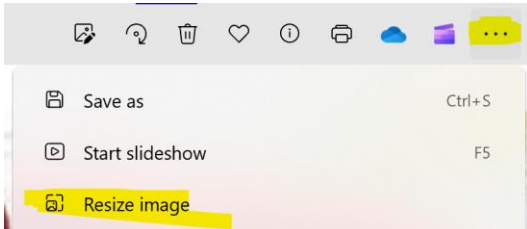
*(L-R): Bob Luce, Joyce Genske, Bob Bosier. Photo by Sean Yetarian*

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## Submitting Files for the Newsletter?

Because posting pictures to the website is suspended for now, more members might be interested in posting to the newsletter instead. Here's how to make it easy for me (Val).

Resize your images to be **700 px** on the longest side. You can do this in Windows Photos. Open the photo in Photos. Click on the 3-dot menu, choose Resize image, and enter a dimension of 700 px on the long side. The short side will resize automatically.



You can also resize Images in either Photoshop Elements or Photoshop, or in a native Mac application. Hit up Google for specific instructions.

Please submit no more than **four** images. (Have more? Share them at the meeting.)

If your photos represent images from the monthly Challenge, please include the challenge word in the file name.

If you are showing photos at the meeting, I can collect them from your flash drive. Otherwise, feel free to email them to me at [azval.sleger@gmail.com](mailto:azval.sleger@gmail.com)

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## Winning Photographs from SV City Council Contest



*Kingfisher Pond by Bob Luce*



*Vulture's View by Bob Luce*



*Rough Riders by Bob Bosier*



*Underwater Autumn by Joyce Genske*



## 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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Fresh

Triangles  
Song: Like a Rolling Stone

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Submitted by Ava Englund



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Submitted by Jon Sleger



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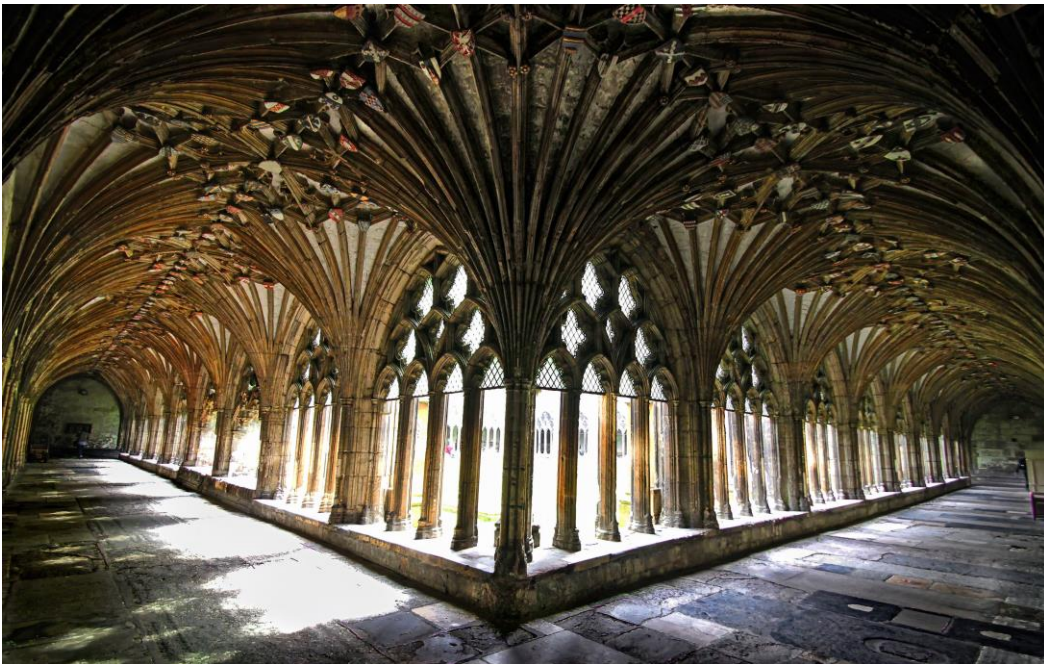
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Rolling (not stone)



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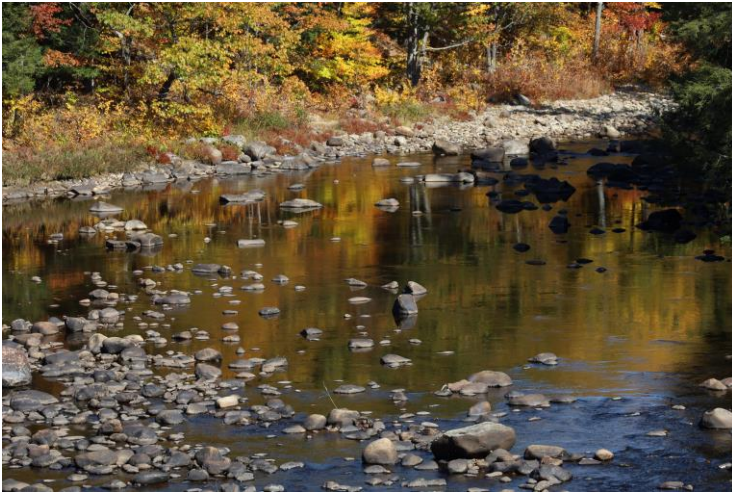
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