



## Tips for Fall Photography

*By Val Sleger (adapted from Tips for Shooting Fall Colors by Max Foster)*

We are heading into fall leaf-changing season here in Cochise County, and soon Ramsey Canyon, the San Pedro River, and your neighborhoods will pop with color as leaves begin to change. When Jon and I relocated here from Illinois five years ago, I was feeling a little sad about not having fall colors. Little did I know that we have autumn down here every bit as vibrant and colorful as the Midwest or New England. If you are ready for cooler temperatures and bright fall foliage, here are some tips to help you take your best images.

- 1. Research locations and review fall foliage maps.** We took a fall trip in 2022 to New England, and as I write this, we are in Colorado chasing leaves. We researched both trips online and hit the changing colors right on schedule. If we had shifted our trip by one week in either direction, we would have missed a lot of red maples in Vermont and golden aspens in Colorado. A quick Google search turned up these prime leaf-peeping spots. Ramsey Canyon made the list! <https://www.visitarizona.com/like-a-local/spotting-fall-colors-in-arizona/>
- 2. Watch the weather.** While fluttering red, orange, and yellow leaves against our deep blue skies are lovely, shooting on a (rare for us) overcast or misty day can produce some striking images. The dull sky can really make colors pop.
- 3. Pay attention to the direction of light.** The article suggests shooting with side light to add additional dimension to your photos. Backlit leaves can also be stunning against a dark backdrop.
- 4. Use a fast shutter speed.** Check your images in the field – zoom in on your camera’s screen to make sure your leaves are blurred from wind.
- 5. Look for reflections.** Seeing those gorgeous colors reflected in a creek, pond, or even a puddle can add an exciting dimension to your images.

There are 10 more quick tips and beautiful examples in the full article, which you can read here: <https://www.maxfosterphotography.com/gallery/tips-for-photographing-fall-colors/>

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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 October (current photos showcased at the October meeting), and November (photograph these topics in November and they will be showcased at the next meeting - see below – and in the November newsletter)

**Please consider joining!** 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)

### October

This is a two-part challenge.

- 1) Tell a story through 3-4 photos using the establishing shot/subject/detail process
- 2) Tell a story through a single landscape photo

### November Word List

Trail, Road, or Street

Same subject – one shot landscape and one shot portrait

Song: Honey, I'm Good (by Andy Grammer)

Orange or Rust

### 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. The October meeting will include a short presentation on Polarizing Filters, given by Betsy Kunzer.

## Officers Elected for 2023

**President:** Mark Hanna

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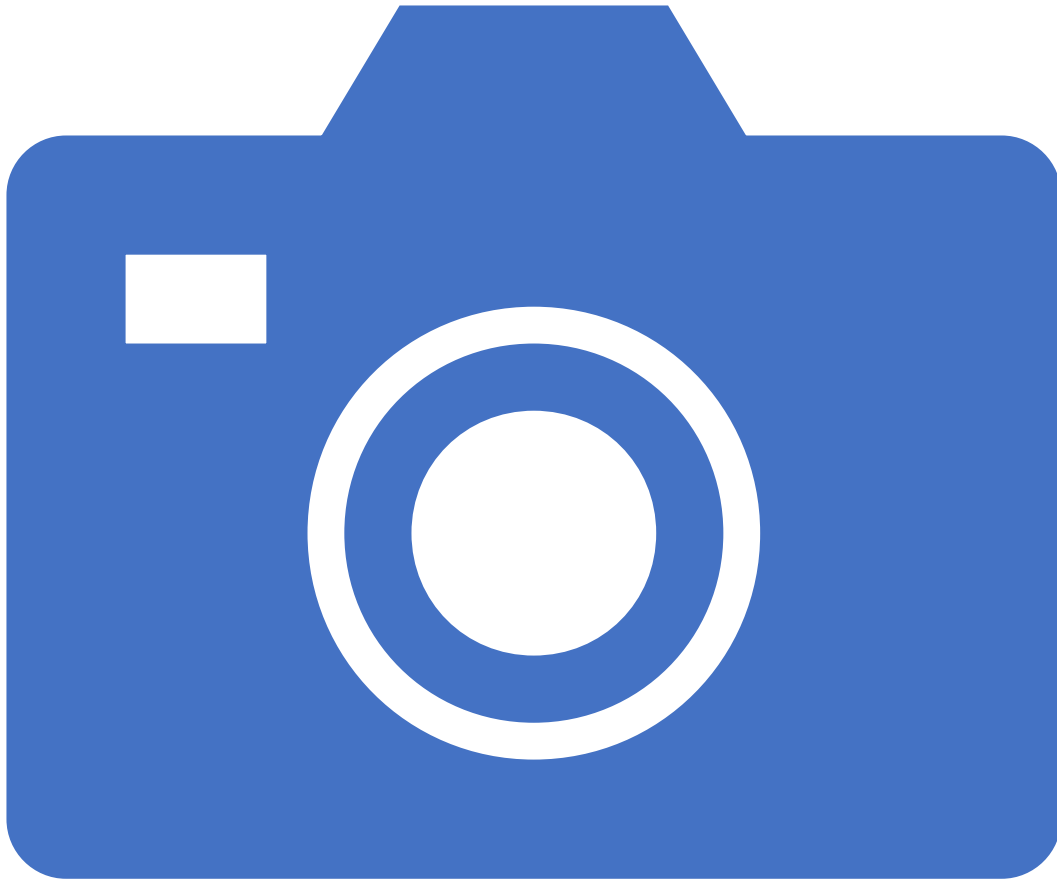
Have an idea for a meeting topic? Let one of the officers know!

### Follow Up from the September Meeting: Video Links

Due to issues with the projector and the sound system, we were unable to present two videos on storytelling. Those two videos are linked below:

[Storytelling in 3 Easy Steps \(12:21\) \(focus on street photography\)](#)

[Landscape Photography Storytelling \(8:00\)](#)



## Member Photos

Val is traveling. Slow internet means no Member Photos in this month's newsletter. Come to the meeting to see 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!