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Les Woodrum's Recent Travels to Ireland



Minard Castle next to the Atlantic Ocean



Muckross Estate



Derrycunihy Woods Church, Killarney National Park

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Les and Jane have just returned from a fantastic trip to Ireland. The vacation was very short, but thanks to Jane and Danville Paper and Supply, it was quite a memorable excursion.

After meeting the locals, and experiencing the beauty of Ireland, I hope to explore the possibility of creating a photo tour that I can offer to all of you. Keep an eye out in future newsletters.

The interesting component about our tour was that we did not visit any of the larger cities of Ireland. We flew into Shannon and was bussed directly to Killarney. This town was fabulous. It was a quaint city in south-west Ireland that knew how to treat the tourists right.

The beauty of the area was spectacular. We were just minutes away from castles, estates, mountains, the seashore, and Killarney National Park.

The hardest thing to conquer was driving on the left side of the road. Only once did I see headlights heading straight for me, so I think I passed the driving test for an American.



Ross Castle

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Fall Photography Classes at DACC

There is a full slate of photography and digital imaging classes scheduled the Fall, 2015 semester at Danville Area Community College. All classes are either four weeks or eight weeks in length. All classes are taught at the DACC Village Mall office. Read on to see exact class schedule.



Photography "THE BASICS" This course of study introduces the student to: The use and handling of 35mm as well as digital cameras; a working knowledge of film

and digital imaging; the basic composition elements of a photograph; an understanding of lighting, both natural and artificial (flash); basic portrait lighting and posing; and the care, storage, and display of printed photographs as well as digital images. *Requirements: digital camera with interchangeable lens and/or 35mm film camera*

<u>Class Schedule</u> -Tuesday nights 6-8:00pm, September 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 October 6, 13, 20 At the DACC Village Mall Office

Digital Photography

Traditional film is almost a thing of the past. This workshop will emphasize digital photography techniques, explain digital photography terms, camera operations and settings, basic photo manipulations, and file management of digital images.

<u>Class Schedule</u> - Thursday nights 6-8:00pm, Sept. 3, 10, 17, 24 At the DACC Village Mall Office



РНОТОЅНОР CS

This class will introduce you to the basics of working with Photoshop CS for retouching photographic images. Students will be able to use techniques for selecting images in order to edit and retouch images, and prepare images for inclusion in a website or for printed documents. Students will be able to edit images using the painting tools, clone stamp and drawing tools, and they will be able to create new images using the pen tool and the drawing and painting tools. Participants will be able to create and edit images using layers and make photo composites and montages.

<u>Class Schedule</u>- Wednesday nights 6-8:00pm, September 30, October 7, 14, and 21 At the DACC Village Mall Office



Adobe Lightroom Class

Lightroom provides a comprehensive set of digital photography tools, from powerfully simple one-click adjustments to cutting-edge advanced controls. Create images that inspire, inform, and delight. Lightroom is becoming the photographer's choice program in sorting and cataloging their photo collections. Besides cataloging and editing your photos, there are many retouching and photo manipulations that can be performed with this rather inexpensive program.

<u>Class Schedule</u> Tuesday nights – 6-8:00pm, November 3, 10, 17, and 24 At the DACC Village Mall Office

Photoshop Elements 10.0

Photoshop Elements is a program that comes with many new digital cameras and scanners. It can perform many of the functions that the more expensive Photoshop CS5 or CS6 can do, but is more user friendly to amateur artists and photographers. The class will teach how to view and organize, fix, and enhance photos, and produce photo creations and composites.

<u>Class Schedule</u> - Thursday nights - 6-8:00pm, Nov. 5, 12, 19, and December 3 (no class November 26) At the DACC Village Mall Office

You should enroll as soon as possible. The college has minimum enrollments required to run any of these classes. To enroll, contact the DACC Community Education department at 217-554-1668 or 217-554-1667. If you have any questions about any of the DACC classes, e-mail Les Woodrum at lesw@woodrum-media.com

Deadline for registration is one day prior to the starting date of each class.

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DACC's Photography Tour to Southern Illinois



Natural Bridge at Bell Smith Springs - © 2014

Danville Area Community is sponsoring a photo excursion to Southern Illinois with Photographer Les Woodrum as your guide. The trip is scheduled for October 27-29, 2015.

Come explore scenic Southern Illinois during the peak of the fall foliage color season with photographer Les Woodrum. The trip will include nightly classes and critiques of that day's photo shoots.

Transportation, lodging and instruction fees are included in the price of the class. Cost of meals are extra. This photo opportunity is only \$300.00 per participant.

Les Woodrum has photographed Southern Illinois since 1976. Early in his career, he was the scientific research photographer for The Illinois Natural History Survey, at which, part of his job was to document in photographs the natural beauty of all scenic areas of Illinois. Les spent many months in Southern Illinois photographing the many wonders. The tour will lead you to both the popular spots that people love to photograph, plus many lessor-known sights that only the "locals" know about.

For questions about this photo tour, contact Les Woodrum at <u>lesw@woodrum-media.com</u> To sign up, call the DACC Community Education Department at 217-554-1668 or 217-554-1667.

Upcoming Shows and Exhibits

The first art show of the season that Les Woodrum participates in is the Annual Arts in the Park at Lincoln Park in Danville. Arts in the Park will be June 27-28. I hope to exhibit a lot of new photos from both the recent Ireland trip and from last fall's trip to Southern Illinois.

I plan to participate in art shows at least once a month all summer, but Arts in the Park is the closest to home. I hope to finish the outdoor season at the Salt Fork River Arts Festival at the Sleepy Creek Winery in Fairmount.

When my photos are not at an art show, you can always go to the DACC office at the Village Mall. I decorate their walls with my photos between art shows.

While at the Mall, stop in at Garfield's Restaurant.



They have redecorated the restaurant using nine of my photos. Prints range in size from 20x24 to 24x36. All photos are in Illinois. The prints are all black and white. Some of the photos are from my historic collection including the C&EI Depot (1977), the Wabash Depot (1977) and Downtown Danville (1986). Go to Garfield's and check it out.

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Photo of the Quarter



Torq Waterfall - Killarney National Park, Ireland ©2015

Another of one of the many photos you can expect to see from Ireland in art shows this summer. The falls was just a short walk from the parking lot through a forest of mosscovered trees.

Camera - Canon 70D with 18-55mm lens (30mm)

Exposure - 1/6 sec at f/22 200 ISO

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