



Photography Courses with Chuck Almarez

Hosted by the Dabney S. Lancaster Community College Non-Credit Program --- Fall 2010

Almarez, co-owner and operator of "Fire and Light Gallery" in Clifton Forge, is a graduate of the Brooks Institute of Photography and has owned and operated KidPix Photography in the Alleghany Highlands since 1996. He is certified by Adobe Systems, Inc., as an Adobe Certified Expert (ACE) in Photoshop CS3. All of the following non-credit courses will use Adobe Photoshop Elements 8.0 software. Almarez may be contacted at kidpix2000@ntelos.net.

Beginning Photography and Digital Imaging

Mondays, September 13– Nov. 15, 7:00 to 9:20 p.m., Room 907, DSLCC Rockbridge Regional Center**

Tuition: \$175, plus cost of accompanying textbook

The first half of this ten-week course will cover Beginning Photography from the perspectives of a digital camera; in the second half students will learn to use Adobe Photoshop Elements 8.0 software to correct, enhance and manipulate images. Since this course focuses on the digital camera, students will need to be computer literate and supply their own camera. Please ask for a handout from the instructor about class requirements when registering. The book will be available at the RRC.

Digital Photography Workshop Series

Understanding Your Digital Camera

- Wednesday, Sept. 15, 6:00 to 9:00 p.m., Room 502, McCarthy Hall*
- Wednesday, Sept. 22, 6:00 to 9:00 p.m., Room 912, DSLCC Rockbridge Regional Center**

If you are a beginning photographer or you just want to learn more about your digital camera, then this workshop is for you. You'll be able to take better pictures and get more comfortable with using your camera. We'll cover all the main buttons and switches, and explain the digital workflow from taking the photo, editing and correcting problems, sharing it online and making a print. Be sure to bring your camera and owner's manual. Tuition: \$35.

Introduction to Image Editing

- Wednesday, Sept. 29, 6:00 to 9:00 p.m., Room 502, McCarthy Hall*
- Wednesday, Oct. 6, 6:00 to 9:00 pm., Room 912, DSLCC Rockbridge Regional Center**

This workshop will introduce to you the possibilities of what can be done with image editing software. See how you can create the picture you want from the one you took. Learn how to improve your basic image, correct problems like bad lighting or poor color, remove problems and add improvements, and restore a damaged image. We'll also show how to retouch a portrait, create a panorama, and combine images to create a collage. Tuition: \$35.

Shooting for eBay

- Wednesday, Oct. 13, 6:00 to 9:00 p.m., Room 502, McCarthy Hall*
- Wednesday, Oct. 20, 6:00 to 9:00 p.m., Room 912 DSLCC Rockbridge Regional Center**.

Pictures sell—but good pictures sell more! In this workshop you'll learn how to take pictures that sell your products on eBay. You'll also learn the technical specifications required for your eBay images and how to correct basic problems, like under and over exposure. Tuition: \$35

Image Correction Techniques

- Wednesday, Oct. 27, 6:00 to 9:0 p.m., Room 504, McCarthy Hall*
- Friday, Oct. 29, 6:00 to 9:00 p.m., Room 910, DSLCC Rockbridge Regional Center**

This workshop will introduce you to the tools and techniques used to correct basic image problems like exposure, contrast, color balance and sharpness. Participants should have a basic understanding of Photoshop/Photoshop Elements. Tuition: \$50

Understanding Layers and Masks

- Wednesday, Nov. 3, 6:00 to 9:00 p.m., Room 504, McCarthy Hall*
- Friday, Nov. 5, 6:00 to 9:00 p.m., Room 910, DSLCC Rockbridge Regional Center**

This workshop will provide a complete overview of Layers, Adjustment Layers, Masks and a real-world intro to Blend Modes. You'll learn what each does, when and why to use them and how to control each layer or mask to get the best results when creating composites, blending layers and even when you want to make a simple but non-destructive edit. Participants must have a basic understanding of layers in Photoshop/Photoshop Elements. For intermediate to advanced users. Tuition: \$50

Image Restoration Techniques

- Wednesday, Nov. 10, 6:00 to 9:0 p.m., Room 504, McCarthy Hall*
- Friday, Nov. 12, 6:00 to 9:00 p.m., Room 910, DSLCC Rockbridge Regional Center**

Learn how to restore an old or damaged photograph including repairing scratches & wrinkles, removing stains & discoloration, and even restoring color or adding color to a black and white photo. Participants must have a good understanding of basic Photoshop/Photoshop Elements, including layers. For intermediate to advanced users. Tuition: \$50

Digital Black and White Workshop

- Wednesday, Nov. 17, 6:00 to 9:00 p.m., Room 504, McCarthy Hall*
- Friday, Nov. 19, 6:00 to 9:00 p.m., Room 910, DSLCC Rockbridge Regional Center**

Learn the right way to create a black and white photo from your digital color images. This workshop will cover several methods for converting color images into stunning black and white, and also demonstrate techniques for toning and colorizing B&W images. Participants must have a basic understanding of layers in Photoshop/Photoshop Elements. For intermediate to advanced users. Tuition: \$50.

Registration Information

To register, contact the DSLCC Non-Credit Coordinator at (540) 863-2863 or email jclark@dslcc.edu, or call the DSLCC Rockbridge Center at (540) 261-1211.

Register for three or more workshops (*not* including the 10-week Beginning Photography course) and receive a discount of \$5 per seminar. In order to receive the discount, participants must register by September 15.

**McCarthy Hall is located on the DSLCC Campus in Clifton Forge.*

***The DSLCC Rockbridge Regional Center is located at 35 Vista Links Drive, Buena Vista.*