

Tony Sweet Nature Photography Workshop

Cuyahoga Valley Photographic Society

August 2-5, 2012

Information for Participants

We are delighted that you will be joining the Cuyahoga Valley Photographic Society for a *Nature Photography Workshop* with Tony Sweet. This Workshop has been designed and produced by an all-volunteer committee to provide

- A unique photographic learning experience that assists you in reaching your personal photographic goals.
- Photographic instruction including classroom sessions and critiques of images made during the workshop.
- Field shooting sessions at dynamic locations including demonstrations, set-ups and free time to shoot with the workshop instructor working with participants individually as needed.
- Opportunities to share and learn from your fellow participants.

The information below is meant to help in your preparation for the workshop. We are happy to answer any additional questions you may have – just contact us! These four days will be an intense learning experience - come rested!

Workshop Schedule

Our schedule is flexible to allow shooting sessions to occur during optimum lighting conditions, whenever they may occur. The schedule may be altered due to weather, location conditions or other circumstances. The workshop coordinators will keep everyone updated.

The workshop meets at the Hines Hill Conference Center in Cuyahoga Valley National Park:

Hines Hill Conference Center
1403 W. Hines Hill Rd.
Peninsula, OH 44264

Initial Workshop Schedule – Subject to Change

THURSDAY		
7 – 9 pm	Introductions and Opening Classroom Session	Hines Hill Conference Center
FRIDAY		
8:30 – 11:45 am	Classroom Sessions	Hines Hill Conference Center
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Lunch Break	Hines Hill or local restaurants
1:00 – 3:30 pm	Classroom Sessions	Hines Hill Conference Center
4:00 – 8:30pm	Field Session and Optional Group Dinner	TBD
SATURDAY		
6:30 – 11:00am	Field Session	TBD
11:00 am – 1:00 pm	Lunch Break	Hines Hill or local restaurants
1:00 – 3:30pm	Classroom Session	Hines Hill Conference Center
3:30 – 8:30pm	Field Session and Optional Group Dinner	Field location TBD; optional group pizza dinner (\$10) at Hines Hill Conference Center
SUNDAY		
6:30 – 11:00 am	Field Session	TBD
12:00 - 1:00pm	Lunch Break	Hines Hill or local restaurants
1:00 – 3:00pm	Classroom Session and Wrap-up	Hines Hill Conference Center

The Thursday evening session (7-9pm) will include an introduction of Tony Sweet and brief introductions of the participants (the type of photographs you like to shoot, your goals for the workshop, etc). We will get to know each other, provide an overview of the workshop and answer questions, distribute directions for Friday morning locations, organize carpools, and establish a cell phone list.

There will be opportunities to have Tony sign books during one of our classroom sessions, probably on the last day of the workshop. He will have copies of his books and materials for sale.

What to Bring

See the suggested Workshop Gear List at the end of this brochure for a complete list of items we suggest that you pack for the event. You will need your camera body, lenses, tripod, and associated gear. To download images while at Hines Hill, bring a laptop or other downloading equipment.

It is very important that you are comfortable operating your own equipment. Make sure to practice with any new gear before the workshop.

You are welcome to shoot both film and digital cameras, but film processing will not be available during the workshop.

Lodging

CVPS has arranged a group rate at the Country Inn and Suites in Macedonia. Because the workshop coincides with Twins Day Festival, a large event in Twinsburg, the hotel is offering a discounted rate on Thursday and Sunday nights (Aug 2 and 5) of \$75 (+tax) if the reservation is made before July 2 – mention that you are with the Cuyahoga Valley Photo Society. The nights of August 3 and 4 will be the regular rate.

[Country Inn and Suites in Macedonia](#)

7820 Capital Blvd.

Macedonia OH 44056

330-908-1700

For additional hotel options, visit this [CVPS Google map](#).

Transportation & Meals

Transportation and meals are the responsibility of each participant. Due to parking and other logistical and environmental concerns, you are encouraged to car pool with your fellow photographers during the workshop. We will coordinate the carpools at our introductory session on Thursday evening.

We will be eating at local restaurants near our shooting locations that will afford the most expeditious dining so we can spend maximum time behind the camera or in the classroom. Many participants choose to pack a lunch to eat at the conference center. Meals are not covered in the workshop fee.

CVPS will provide coffee/tea and snacks for participants to enjoy throughout the workshop.

Field Shooting

Hines Hill Conference Center will serve as our classroom during the weekend. This workshop features a range of field locations in CVNP and *possibly* locations outside the Park to encompass a range of shooting and subject opportunities. Location decisions will be made shortly before the workshop, based on weather and other conditions.

Directions to the selected field locations will be distributed during the classroom sessions prior to each field session. *Because the schedule is flexible and the itinerary may change, it is critical that you be prompt to the first session each day.*

All shooting locations will be relatively easy to access; often within a short distance of a parking area. Depending on the quantity of gear you shoot with, some physical endurance may be required. Sturdy walking shoes are very important. Consider bringing snacks and water with you in your car.

Northeast Ohio's weather is variable. We never miss good photo opportunities due to soggy weather, so come prepared with appropriate waterproof clothing, footwear such as waterproof hiking shoes or boots, and rain protection for your equipment.

Critiques

The workshop will include critiques of images made during the field shooting sessions. You will need to be able to download, edit and prepare a few images taken during the workshop to have them critiqued. Please note that computer workstations will **not** be available for downloading of images. Please bring your laptop or other equipment for downloading if you would like to evaluate images while at the Hines Hill Conference Center.

If time permits, there will be a critique of previous work during one of the classroom sessions. Please bring up to 5 digital images (see digital image specifications below) from your previous work to be critiqued.

Preparation of Digital Images

Because computer workstations will not be available for downloading of images, please bring your laptop or other equipment for downloading if you would like to evaluate images at the Hines Hill Conference Center.

In order for your digital images to be projected for viewing and critiques they must be JPEG digital files. It is preferable that images are submitted on a compact flash card. Please put the images to be projected in a separate folder with a self-explanatory name so that they can be located quickly and easily.

Horizontal images should not be larger than 1200 pixels wide and vertical images should be no larger than 800 pixels high. In our experience, projected digital images look best if done in the sRGB color space, so that is what we recommend

that you use for images to be projected in the classroom sessions.

Waiver & Release

Please review the form titled "Waiver and Release" on the CVPS web site on the workshops page. By signing the Waiver and Release, you agree that you are solely responsible for what happens to you during the workshop. ***In order to participate, you must bring the signed form to the first session on Thursday evening.***

Additional Information

A large map of Cuyahoga Valley National Park is available [online](#), in addition to [GPS coordinates](#) for the Hines Hill Conference Center.

Every effort is being made to ensure a great photographic weekend. If you need any additional information or have further questions, please send an email to info@cvps.org or leave a message with the Conservancy for Cuyahoga Valley National Park office at 330-657-2909, ext 100. We will get back to you promptly. We look forward to seeing you in August!

[CVPS](#), an affinity group of the Conservancy for Cuyahoga Valley National Park, promotes CVNP through the photographic arts. For updates, visit our website and like us on [Facebook](#)!

CVPS Photography Workshop Gear List – Suggested Items

Photo Equipment	Clothing and Gear Protection
Camera Body/s	Sturdy shoes or boots with good tread for walking over potentially muddy terrain
Tripod with head	Waterproof boots for (possible) stream wading
Range of lenses from 20 mm to 300mm +, macro to wide, depending on what you have	Comfortable change of shoes for classroom
Polarizing filter plus any other filters you may use such as graduated neutral density filters	Raincoat/Poncho
Flash and accessories (if you have them)	Rainpants, knee pads, or change of pants for kneeling in dewy grass
Diffusion disc and reflector	Rain cover for camera and lenses: plastic bags, umbrella, etc.
Spare batteries and chargers	Clothing layers to accommodate a wide range of temperatures and conditions.
Cable Release	Hat for warmth and/or sun protection
Extra memory cards	Small towel to dry off gear
Instruction manuals for camera/gear	
Computer & Critique Equipment	Miscellaneous
Laptop with downloading software if you want to download your images at Hines Hill (there are no computers at the conference center)	Water and snacks to keep in your car (there will be drinks and snacks available in the conference center for classroom sessions)
All necessary laptop cables and power cords	Cell phone and charger
Card reader	Waiver and Release Form (bring Thursday night)
Back-up, external drive	Up to 5 digital images for critique of previous work, <i>as time permits</i>
Note-taking materials	Cash (\$10) for optional group pizza dinner on Saturday evening
	Please help our sustainability efforts by bringing your own mug for coffee/tea to use in the classroom