“Essentially what photography is is life lit up.”

- Sam Abell

Where there is light, there are certain to be shadows. As photographers, we are constantly searching for the ideal lighting conditions to capture the drama that can help portray a certain atmosphere in a photograph. Next year theme will hopefully have you chasing that perfect light, but not the light itself, but for the shadows it creates.

This assignment may take some time and patience but the purpose here is to watch the world around you and how the light develops shadows. Take notice of how the angles of the light change the directions of the shadows.

We will want to see images where there is vast detail in the difference between the light and the shadow it is creating. Look for scenes that are going to give an opportunity to shoot the same subject from many different angles as the light changes around you. This will also be an excellent exercise in contrast. The more light there is the more shadow it can create and thus making for a more dramatic photograph. This should also create a mood for your photograph. And before you leave the scene that you have been capturing take the time to turn around and look at the light behind you, you never know what you might find.

Remember, you want to show us the world as we have never seen it before. Show us the drama and mood that shadows can create in this world around us.

Note: Entry forms for the 2020 Iowa State Fair Photography Salon will be available April 1, 2020 at www.iowastatefair.org