

2019 Iowa State Fair

Photography Theme Class

It's All About the 8's

Next year is the 80th Anniversary of the Iowa State Fair Photography Salon, so we are going to focus on the 8's. This isn't about just taking photos of the number 8. The challenge here is to look at the world around you. What do you see? Now, you might say as photographers we do already, but did you really take notice of that something next to you that may be in the shape of an 8? Or maybe, you come across a subject in your travels that is in a grouping of 8.



The judges are not going to want to see photographs that are staged. They are going to want to see photographs that not only show us the world as we have never seen it before, but have a sense that you came across your subject naturally.

A few tips to help you with this assignment. First, remember that the number eight can come in all shapes, sizes and directions. Second, if the subject is in a grouping of eight, try taking photos of the grouping at all different angles. This would be a great opportunity to set your camera on Aperture Priority to learn how to shoot with a depth of field. Third, it might be an ever greater challenge for this assignment, but it might be possible for you to come across a group of eight items that is also in the shape of an eight.



As with most great photographs, the key is to think outside of the box. Remember, your photographs should display the *art of photography* and they should go beyond just being a *snapshot*. They should show creativity and hopefully inspire not only other photographers and next year's judges, but the thousands of visitors to the exhibit. Last but not least, *just have some fun with it!*

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NOTE: Entry forms for the 2019 Iowa State Fair Photography Salon will be available April 1, 2019 at www.iowastatefair.org