

Hu3a-Photography Group - Meeting Report - Monday 22 May 2023

Dear Member,

1. Our Meeting.

The 22 May meeting was well attended with 12 in the Hall, and 5 on Zoom.
At the end of this report are links to our previous presentations and competitions.

2. Presentation - "*Gestalt Theory and Photography*" By Brian

In the 1920's, some Germans had developed a branch of psychology that dealt with all forms of Art and Design including photography.

Its main principles were *Figure to Ground, Similarity, Continuation, Closure, Segregation, Proximity, Emergence, and Common fate* and was presented with example photos.

This presentation was based on one prepared by Jane Allan, a professional portrait photographer and founder of "The Lens Lounge".

You can view her complete presentation at
<https://thelenslounge.com/gestalt-theory-in-photography>

It was a challenging topic to absorb in 25 minutes and it would be worthwhile for members to further investigate this subject.

3. How to enter your competition photos - A reminder

Some Photos have been entered with a name like DSC-4355.jpg, which can lead to confusion when Andrew adds the photo to Google Album with its correct title. So ensure your photo entry has been named with its title.

Then for each competition submit one email with your three titled images attached
e.g. *Hi Andrew,*

Here are my three entries for "Song Titles"

Attached are

- *Raindrop keep falling on my head.jpg*
- *Tulips from Ams- No Sainsbury.jpg*
- *Daisy, Daisy Give me you answer do.jpg*

Kind regards

Brian

4. Competition Results - Close-ups - 40 entries

A wide variety of excellent and imaginative photographs were submitted

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Title - Close Ups	Photographer	Pos	Votes
Dandelion Clock	Andrew Longhurst	1	15
Nutmeg	Freda Longhurst	2	14
Fountain Pin Nib	Ian Brown	3	11
Newly Hatched Damsel 1	Len Fenton	4	10
Newly Hatched Damsel 2	Len Fenton	5	8
Pin Sharp	Brian Hillier	6	7

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Wasp Wing	Sue Finch	7	6
Tightly Curled	Sue Finch	8	5
Yellow-Trailing Pincushion	Karol Schlacter	9	4
Is it a weed	Malcolm Barwick	9	4
Biro Tip	Brian Hillier	9	4
Hibiscus	Margaret Dorigan	10	3
Spring Lizard at Hungerford	Freda Longhurst	10	3
White Tail	Norma Shirley	10	3
Float Away	Mark Buckingham	11	2
Flower	Mike Briskman	11	2
Storksbill in th grass verge	Mick Madigan	11	2
A bluebell in Perivale Nature Reserve	Janet Nicolas	12	1
Flower in the Rain	Mike Briskman	12	1
Orange Tip Butterfly	Andrew Longhurst	12	1
Apple Blossom	Mick Madigan		0
Blue Geranium	Susan Madigan		0
Chase	Jothy Rainbow		0
Coronation Blooms	Karol Schlacter		0
Cymbidium orchid	John Bentham		0
Gold Flake 40mm	Brian Hillier		0
Iris	Sue Finch		0
One Leaf	Mike Briskman		0
Orchids in The Alpine House	Mick Madigan		0
Pansy	Margaret Dorigan		0
Pink Flower	Ian Brown		0
Pink lewisia	Susan Madigan		0
Poppy	Margaret Dorigan		0
Primrose	Malcolm Barwick		0
The King's Oath	Karol Schlacter		0
Time for Tea	Norma Shirley		0
Tulip Sarratt	Malcolm Barwick		0
Tulipa Stigma	Norma Shirley		0
Yellow Flower	Ian Brown		0

4. Competition Results - Shot of the Month - 41 entries

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Title - Shot of the Month	Photographer	Pos	Votes
Tranquility	Susan Madigan	1	14
Falling	Elisabeth Curran	2	10
Spring Lamb	Ian Brown	2	10
The way we were	Margaret Dorigan	2	10
European Eagle Owl	Sue Finch	3	9
Peek-a-boo	Ian Brown	4	6
Relaxing in Little Venice	Mark Buckingham	4	6
A Royal Red Letter Day	Brian Hillier	5	5

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A Stroll Amongst the Bluebells	Janet Nicolas	6	4
London Scene	Elisabeth Curran	6	4
Spot the winner	Mick Madigan	6	4
Black Prince	Jothy Rainbow	7	3
Ring a ring of Tulips	Mick Madigan	7	3
Robin	Norma Shirley	7	3
Cherry blossom time	Susan Madigan	8	2
Magic Moments	Denise Buckingham	8	2
Messing about on the water	Denise Buckingham	8	2
Perfect Tulips	Mark Buckingham	8	2
Sliced apple tree	Malcolm Barwick	8	2
Tangle-Yew	Karol Schlacter	8	2
Tulip festival at Hampton Court	Denise Buckingham	8	2
Morris Men and Pub	Malcolm Barwick	9	1
Our Mascot	Andrew Longhurst	9	1
Two Way Traffic	Andrew Longhurst	9	1
"All Saints Bright and Beautiful"	Karol Schlacter		0
A Beefeater in Ickenham	Margaret Dorigan		0
A walk in the park	Mick Madigan		0
Angles	Elisabeth Curran		0
At the seaside	Susan Madigan		0
Bluebells and Whitebells	Margaret Dorigan		0
Bluebells from my Garden	Janet Nicolas		0
Hampton Court Clock Tower	Norma Shirley		0
KC 3 In Hillingdon-Really!	Brian Hillier		0
Lord Nelson and King's Banner	Sue Finch		0
Perfection in Perivale	Janet Nicolas		0
Spring has Sprung	Karol Schlacter		0
St Nicholas between yews	Malcolm Barwick		0
Suncatcher	Norma Shirley		0
Tall and Small	Sue Finch		0
The Royal Airforce	Brian Hillier		0
Wait for Me!	Ian Brown		0

5. Our next Photography meeting will be Monday 26 June 2023

Presentation will be "*The Photographic Collectors Club of Great Britain*" by Steve

Members may wish to bring some of their old photographic equipment and talk of its former use with other members.

6. Monthly competitions

The Main competition theme is "*Gestalt Principle - Similarity*"

- Your photo will have at least two objects that have similar features of colour and shape, though not necessarily the same colour or size.
- You may wish to Investigate this topic for more guidance and assistance

Also, there will be "**Shot of the Month**"

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7. Technical problems at the meeting

There were no technical problems and the meeting ran smoothly.

8. To see past presentations and competitions

Tony has updated the U3A Website with the Presentation and winning photos.

To see these on the U3A web site, follow these links

- <https://u3asites.org.uk/hillingdon/>
- Then-> Groups -> Photography
- Competitions - 2016 to 2023 Gallery
- Photography Meetings
- Photography Presentations
- Shot of the Month - 2018 to 2023 Gallery

9. Finally, thank you to

- Sue for taking the Attendance Register
- Elisabeth and Judy for preparing Teas and Coffees
- Andrew for chairing the Competitions

The meeting ended promptly at 4pm.

Kind regards,

Brian Hillier

Photography Group Leader