

2026/2027 Inspiration Photo Challenge

Check out the following 6 themes for photography.

- Between August 2026 and March 15, 2027, capture images that fit the themes (your interpretation of the themes). It is always interesting to see how everyone interprets the same themes differently. You may do **all or some of the themes**. There are many benefits to having photography projects. They provide creative focus, self expression, skill development and allows the sharing of your work especially if you don't compete.
- Have fun! Try something you've never done before.
- Resist the urge to dig into your archives for images; the point is to get everyone out shooting! Photos must be taken between August 2026 and March 15, 2027.
- Cell phone photos are welcome.
- Once you have covered all your desired topics, pick your best one from each category and **resize them to 1920 pixels (wide) x 1080 pixels (tall)**.
- Save your images as JPGs, sRGB colour space.
- Name your images with the theme # (1-6) and your name. Example: 1_Jane Smith
- Email your 6 images to mstranges@niagaraphoto.org no later than midnight, March 15, 2027.
- All the submissions will then be compiled into a slideshow and showcased at our April meeting.
- There is no cost to participate.
- Submissions are open to everyone, not only camera club members.
- Submissions will not be scored- no competition pressure.

Please reach out to Ruth Wanless rwanless@cogeco.ca or Michelle Stranges mstranges@niagaraphoto.org if you have any questions

HAPPY SHOOTING EVERYONE!

Below are some ideas for each theme, but your imagination is the limit!

1. Flat lay:

- Can use a light pad
- Composition and lighting are important

[Flat lay photography: A beginner's guide - Adobe](#) (control/command click to open link)

2. My Home Town:

- Photograph an iconic spot in your hometown
- Visit different neighbourhoods, parks or landmarks that resonate with you; find unique angles or perspectives

3. Pets:

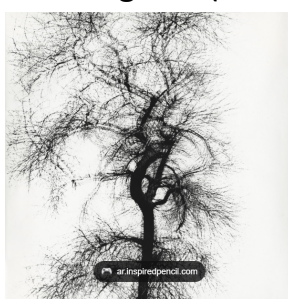
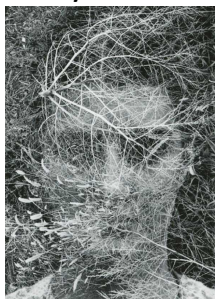
- Yours or others
- You can be creative with your idea of a pet

4. Feature a Colour:

- In a location or create a scene featuring your chosen colour
- Use colour to create an emotion: **Warm colors** (reds, oranges, yellows) feel energetic, passionate, and inviting, they seem to come toward the viewer.; **Cool colors** (blues, greens, purples) feel calm, serene, or melancholy. They recede visually, creating a sense of distance and space. ¹

5. In the Style of Harry Callahan:

- Harry Callahan was a pioneering American photographer known for his innovative approach to capturing everyday life, urban landscapes, and intimate portraits, particularly of his wife and daughter (he had a very diverse style!)



[harry callahan photographer - Search Images](#) (control/command click to open link)

6. Pick an Every Day Object and Photograph in a Unique Way

- Think in the bathroom
- Kitchen Utensils
- ???

¹ <https://photographyicon.com/color-in-photography/Color in Photography: Complete Guide to Using Color Creatively>