**Photography Tips**

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Dear Friendship Force Friends,

It has been my pleasure to have written about photography this past year and this will be my last column. Therefore, I wanted to include some information to help you continue improving your photography.

First, books. The library has many books and magazines you can borrow or read online. I recommend *Read This If You Want To Take Great Photographs* by Henry Carroll and Popular Photography's *The Complete Photo Manual*. *Outdoor Photographer* magazine has useful tips in the magazine and on their website.

Second, take a class, either in person (St. Petersburg College has a great photography department) or on line. [Groupon.com](https://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001Lxc8enhlvoPbAMn8WI2al30nILoPv-fd1Q2NVYJHRv7ymjowk8HJPfU7B1FbUBSK0IRU5sUhyc_rkMd5dY4evrKTKQO9cOt6oV6pUbfsUl560zgdH2Y4V9fba33ODYYyYNOwqjFbBYY=&c=5ZPPe8l1ZCNfKkNM5ReGdEWxshvYXFcu02FiHZPDKEUaeO44giTEgQ==&ch=uxpAH63AuQPKEwZjCkLjiCgtMfcF0yrLK8sIXSXugR2oESs8ouJYqQ==) sometimes has reduced offerings. Online: Udemy ([udemy.com](https://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001Lxc8enhlvoPbAMn8WI2al30nILoPv-fd1Q2NVYJHRv7ymjowk8HJPfU7B1FbUBSK-6P50IRG0nR5mlKgyre7PJx8tstoPDTWZfuKOXf9gYYk4i6qd3hfaMZimBtjDmu06JIvB-5l0zE=&c=5ZPPe8l1ZCNfKkNM5ReGdEWxshvYXFcu02FiHZPDKEUaeO44giTEgQ==&ch=uxpAH63AuQPKEwZjCkLjiCgtMfcF0yrLK8sIXSXugR2oESs8ouJYqQ==) – type free photography courses in the search bar for free and low cost) has both free and paid courses. Youtube ([www.youtube.com](https://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001Lxc8enhlvoPbAMn8WI2al30nILoPv-fd1Q2NVYJHRv7ymjowk8HJPfU7B1FbUBSK_V7syKpstEEbhWJ_pSn4Ze9DY97m3-cKwq700WkBM60kQ9JxKHxwranRKiM_ThIhG0Ld3nlLxTFYpHzldxp2jQ==&c=5ZPPe8l1ZCNfKkNM5ReGdEWxshvYXFcu02FiHZPDKEUaeO44giTEgQ==&ch=uxpAH63AuQPKEwZjCkLjiCgtMfcF0yrLK8sIXSXugR2oESs8ouJYqQ==)) has many free tutorials and helpful information. You can look up how to take pictures using a specific camera or phone or general photography tips.

Third, camera stores in New York offer equipment at great prices (Best Buy sometimes will match the price), in addition to free classes ([https://www.bhphotovideo.com/find/EventSpace.jsp?origSearch=event%20space](https://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001Lxc8enhlvoPbAMn8WI2al30nILoPv-fd1Q2NVYJHRv7ymjowk8HJPfU7B1FbUBSKC32VVinNpE3vIZoVA0RHPNoa-SDRiTR2qF4XdmRmTfp-qC8xZHVeDF_KDDVGBtTpecdYLtAGMxpiJmDX8o4Gcmf8mC_zlKx3EuJhul5wlzOJQeAgqPjDQSnu3EjvnfBsbQV6rQq1_tQw-FO3AAeylFWia84z6hHS&c=5ZPPe8l1ZCNfKkNM5ReGdEWxshvYXFcu02FiHZPDKEUaeO44giTEgQ==&ch=uxpAH63AuQPKEwZjCkLjiCgtMfcF0yrLK8sIXSXugR2oESs8ouJYqQ==) and [www.adorama.com/alc](https://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001Lxc8enhlvoPbAMn8WI2al30nILoPv-fd1Q2NVYJHRv7ymjowk8HJPfU7B1FbUBSKHlcM_NjCMHLjzmjEAbRRuF8lURtS_RBwnYWMAE-KNArCqWcS2Ur-k9hRN8C4w9XpyLBEGzUdHjAy2h8wE21YQg==&c=5ZPPe8l1ZCNfKkNM5ReGdEWxshvYXFcu02FiHZPDKEUaeO44giTEgQ==&ch=uxpAH63AuQPKEwZjCkLjiCgtMfcF0yrLK8sIXSXugR2oESs8ouJYqQ==)).

Fourth, join a photo club (look on [meetup.com](https://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001Lxc8enhlvoPbAMn8WI2al30nILoPv-fd1Q2NVYJHRv7ymjowk8HJPfU7B1FbUBSK7VFJJKyfcFbP92rM8SR9XPFWgqnWxLws91oHQ_LqvNi3HtOwDvH8oNpF_Jp8lIVA1elkEgYmCPo=&c=5ZPPe8l1ZCNfKkNM5ReGdEWxshvYXFcu02FiHZPDKEUaeO44giTEgQ==&ch=uxpAH63AuQPKEwZjCkLjiCgtMfcF0yrLK8sIXSXugR2oESs8ouJYqQ==)) to connect with other photography enthusiasts.

Fifth, take pictures and practice!