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**Tips & Hints for taking Photographs: Prints and Digital Images**

*A. Get to Know your Camera*

Camera choices today span a huge variation in price, types and suitability to the beholder. So with a few hours plus clip board, pen, camera, and the instruction booklet. Take as many different photos as possible- indoor and outdoor, at every setting that you have. Test settings: Automatic, Landscape, Landscape zoom in and zoomed out, Macro (Close Up). Test the difference between the Landscape (Horizontal angle) and Portrait (Vertical angle). Record the image number with as much information as you can (setting and lighting conditions). Then process or download the photos and using the recorded information – critic the images. Learn what the pre set auto focus distance is i.e. Macro 5- 30 inches, Landscape - infinity.

Another skill to master is 'lighting' - Natural and Artificial (the flash) - Knowing how the camera reacts to the 'light' and how to manage your flash i.e. turn on /off the settings. Understand the limits or distance of your flash e.g. how far away an object is to be light up.

What is the auto focus doing? Where is the Focus Frame in the View finder?  
Is there Face Recognition and or Smile Capture functions?  
Does your camera have a 'mode' which performs special exposure compensation functions?  
Decide what works best for you and your camera and then use those setting most often.

*A Power point presentation with image examples to be presented at the March meeting.*

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