

# Composition

“ the pleasing selection and arrangement of subjects within the picture area”

# Guidelines for Good Composition

- Keep it simple
- Use rule of thirds
- Look for lines
- Vary perspective
- Avoid mergers
- Look for framing
- Leave some crop space

# Keep it Simple

- Highlight main subject
- Put main subject slightly off-center
- Move in closer
- Use uncluttered background

# Keep It Simple - Examples



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# Use Rule of Thirds

- Think tic-tac-toe

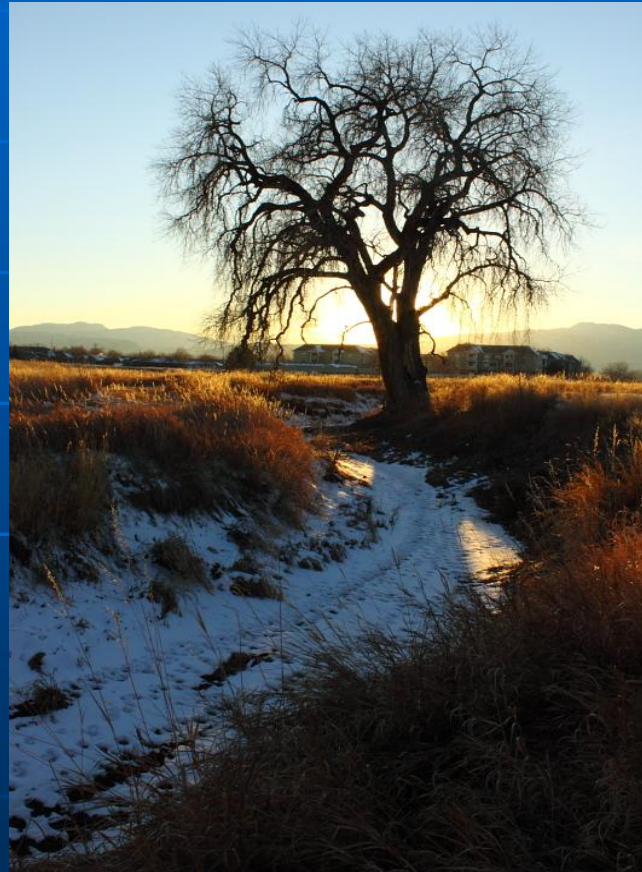


# Use Rule of Thirds Examples



# Look for Lines

- Leading lines, diagonals will engage viewer
- S-curves



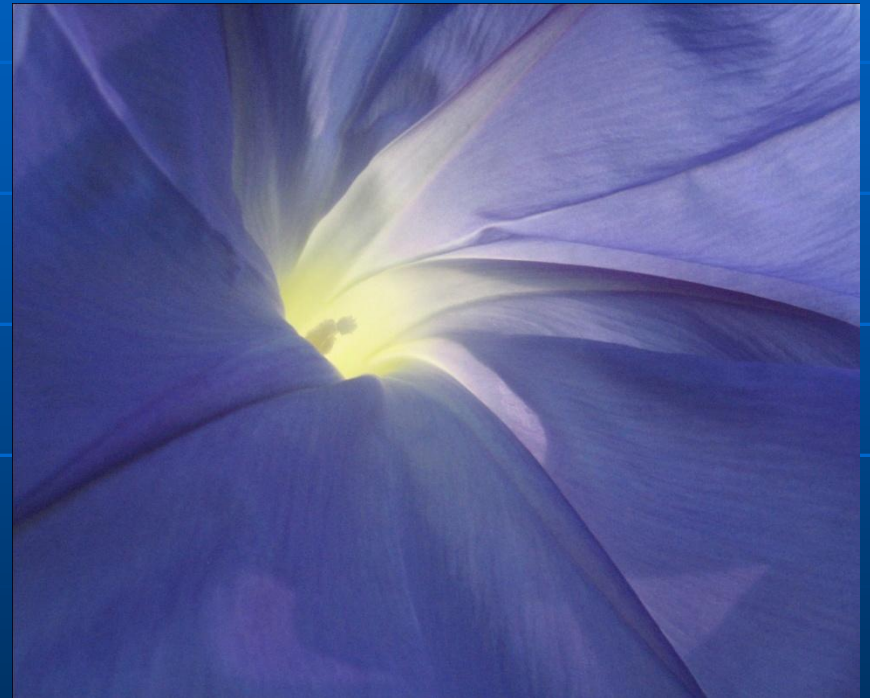
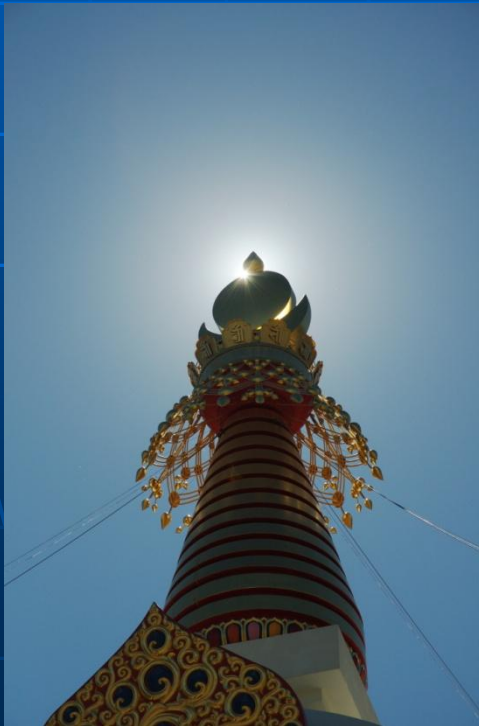


# Look for Lines - Examples



# Vary Perspective

- Shoot from low angle, high angle, close-up, vertical photo



# Avoid Mergers

- Use plain background
- Watch borders





# Look for Framing

- Use foreground objects
- Use something to surround subject (eg, branch, window....)



# PRACTICE, PRACTICE, PRACTICE!

...till use of guidelines becomes second nature.

“There are no rules for good photographs, there are only good photographs.” ....Ansel Adams