

## Photographer's Desiderata

**GO PLACIDLY** amid the noise and the haste and remember what peace there may be in using auto mode. As far as possible, without surrender, be on good terms with your camera.

Take your shots quietly and carefully; and learn from other IACC members, everyone, beginner to advanced, they too have their story.

Avoid I-pad photographers, they are vexatious to the spirit. If you compare yourself with others, you will become better, for always there will be helpful colleagues to learn from.

Enjoy your achievements as well as your failures. Keep interested in your own style, however humble; it is a real possession with all the changing expectations.

Exercise caution in your focusing, for each lens is full of trickery. But let this not blind you when buying camera equipment; everywhere more money can be spent.

Be yourself. Especially do not dismiss recognition. Neither be cynical about your images, for in the face of all judgment and critiquing, your opinion is what matters.

Take kindly the counsel of your peers, gracefully surrendering to the newest software.

Nurture strength of spirit to shield you when you are competing. But do not distress yourself with ISOs. Many fears are also born because of apertures and shutter speeds.

Beyond a wholesome discipline, be gentle with yourself. You are a talented member of this Club, no less creative than anyone else; you have a right to be here.

And whether or not it is clear to you, no doubt your photography is unfolding as it should. Therefore, be at peace with yourself, even if you don't use manual mode. And whatever your knowledge and skills, in the noisy confusion of rules, keep your favourite shots. With all our photo ops, it is a beautiful world. Be daring. Shoot to be happy.