Creating Fine Art Floral Images

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Getting Started ...

The Essentials

- Camera
- Macro lens
- Cable release
- Tripod
- Flash(es)/Lighting
- Softbox
- Tri-fold white foam core board
- White foam core board (for base)
- Vase / Container
- Plamp
- Scissors
- Flower(s)

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Camera

- Any camera will do ...dslr, p/s, mirrorless (even film!)

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Macro Lens

- Not required, but preferred
- Macro lens will allow you to get in close to your subject and fill the frame at minimum working distance

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Tripod

- For camera support and stability
- Helps with composition

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Cable Release

- Eliminates camera shake when pressing shutter release
- Allows flexibility to move around and reposition
- May use self-timer if no cable release

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Flash(es)/Lighting

- Natural light from window source
  - Overcast day provides even lighting
- External Flash
- Softbox

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White Foam Core Boards

- Tri-fold presentation board
- 20” x30” for base

(Staples, A.C. Moore, other craft or office supply stores)

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All the rest ...

- Flower(s)
- Vase/container (different sizes)
- Plamp holds/separates a single flower from the rest
- Scissors – trim flower stems to fit

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Settings

- ISO 400, Manual, 1/250th @ f/8 and adjust up or down as necessary

- Off camera flash set to TTL and place fairly close at about 45 degree angle to subject

Composition

- Arrange the flower(s) to your liking and compose image
- Many different compositions possible
  - Single flower or small group
  - Bouquet or part of flower
  - From above or below
  - Include vase vs flowers only

Sample Compositions

Processing Images

- Open image in PS or Elements
- Plug-in software such as Nik Filters or Topaz, etc to enhance and optimize the image

Creative Process

- Add Texture Overlay(s)
  - French Kiss Textures (http://www.frenchkisscollections.com/)
  - 2 Lil Owls (http://2lilowls.com/)
  - Flypaper (http://flypapertextures.com/)
  - Painted Textures (http://paintedtextures.com/)
  - Create textures using your own photos or scrapbook paper
- You are only limited by your imagination

Before and After

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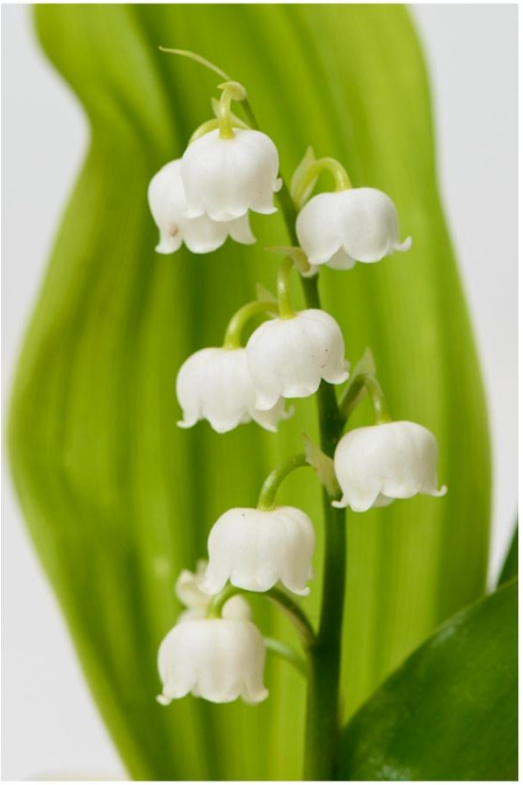

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