Award-winning iPhone photographer Cheryl Bomba teaches you how to capture and edit amazing images with the iPhone. You will learn the best practices for photographing and editing using exclusively the iPhone.

Pre-Assessment: Upon registration and prior to beginning the course, you will complete a brief survey designed to assess their current level of expertise and photography goals.

Materials: Bring your fully-charged iPhone to each session. You will also be asked to download Snapseed, a free, powerful, app for nondestructive photo editing.

Homework: (Optional) You will be invited to submit two photos prior to Sessions Two through Four: a “glow” photo you are particularly proud of and a “grow” photo you would like to improve. We share and discuss submitted photos with the group.

Session One: The Tools in Your Toolbox
Inspirational slideshow of the types of images that can be created with the iPhone, including friends and family, pets, action, vacation, landscape, nature, architecture, low-light, and fine art. Greater emphasis will be placed on the types of photography the group is interested in learning, based on their pre-assessment.

Hands-on overview of the iPhone’s Photos app including straightening and adjust perspective; cropping, rotating, or flipping a photo; adjusting light and color; applying filter effects; using Live photo and portrait mode; undoing and redoing edits; and reverting an edited photo.

Participants will practice using these features, with hands-on demonstration and assistance as needed.

Session Two: Getting It Right In-Camera
“Glow and Grow” session: Slideshow of the photos the participants are particularly proud of and photos where they see an opportunity to improve their skills.

Discussion of how to take the best possible photo in any situation, including both compositional and technical skills. Technical skills will focus on adjusting focus and exposure settings, adjusting HDR settings, and the benefits of using a tripod and a remote shutter control (equipment not required).

Participants will practice these techniques in a shooting session, indoors or outdoors, weather permitting.
Session Three: Enhancing Your Image
“Glow and Grow” session: Slideshow of the photos the participants are particularly proud of and photos where they see an opportunity to improve their skills.

Overview of the Snapseed app and the myriad editing possibilities it offers. Participants will learn and practice two popular post-processing techniques: removing unwanted parts of their image and selective color (i.e., “pop” of color in a black-and-white photo).

Participants will practice using the technical and creative tools in this app, with hands-on demonstration and assistance as needed.

Session Four: Creativity Unlimited
Overview of various apps for creative and fine art photography. Various reasonably-priced apps for creative and fine art photography will be reviewed and demonstrated, including apps for composite photography.

“Glow” slideshow: Each participant will be invited to show and discuss a few of their favorite photos, and the techniques they used to achieve their results.

Instructor Cheryl Bomba
Native New Jerseyan Cheryl Bomba has been a resident of Mercer County for over twenty years. Cheryl became involved with photography as a special education teacher and adjunct lecturer when she bought one of the first digital cameras and began taking portraits of her students with autism. Since then, her interests have expanded to include capturing small moments in nature, architecture, and sculpture.

Cheryl’s work has been juried into many regional, national, and international exhibitions, including those at The Trenton City Museum at Ellarslie, Grounds for Sculpture, the Monmouth Museum, the Pennsylvania Center for Photography, the Philadelphia Sketch Club, the Phillips’ Mill Community Association, and the Salmagundi Club.

Cheryl's work has won numerous awards, most often awards for creative interpretation of themes. Her work is in the permanent collection of the Mercer County Cultural and Heritage Commission and the permanent collection of the Capital Health Regional Medical Center.

Cheryl is a member of Artists of Bristol on the Delaware, Belmar Arts, Bristol Photographers Club, the Guild of Creative Art, the Hopewell Valley Arts Council, New Hope Arts, New Jersey Photography Forum, the Pennsylvania Center for Photography, and the Photographers’ Group (Founding Member).

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