

Winter Photography

INSTRUCTOR

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COURSE OVERVIEW

This Winter Photography class will take place at different historical locations in Berrien Springs. We will learn how to take professional-looking photos of buildings, nature, landscapes, humans, architectural details, historical artifacts, and close-ups – all from a winter perspective. This is your time to learn new techniques, be creative, try different angles and perspectives, learn from others, share ideas, and try to capture amazing and unique photos of Berrien Springs and its history in winter. We will also learn about some of the fascinating history of Berrien Springs that will inform and inspire our photography.

A special collection of our best photographs will be submitted to the Berrien Springs History Center for posterity so that future generations – decades or even centuries from now - can see the photos you have taken. Our best photos will also be submitted to the Journal Era, the Berrien Springs newspaper, which coincidentally is also the oldest business in town.

A parent, grandparent, or guardian is welcome to accompany you. A parent or guardian must accompany those aged 8-12. Friends or siblings must be registered for this class with the parent partnership to participate.

REQUIRED MATERIALS

- a camera, or phone/tablet camera (it doesn't have to be fancy)
- a good pair of cold weather walking shoes
- and warm clothes suitable for being outdoors during winter.

COURSE SCHEDULE

WEEK 1 – JANUARY 21-23	PHOTOGRAPHING HISTORY
Old Courthouse Building 313 N Cass Street, Berrien Springs	This week we will photograph buildings and artifacts in the Courthouse square.
WEEK 2 – JANUARY 28-30	PHOTOGRAPHING DOWNTOWN AND THE RIVER
Journal Era Building 101 W Ferry Street, Berrien Springs	This week we will photograph the downtown area.
WEEK 3 – FEBRUARY 4-6	PHOTOGRAPHING NATURE
Fernwood Botanical Gardens 13988 Range Line Road, Berrien Springs	This week we will photograph natural winter settings.
WEEK 4 – FEBRUARY 11-13	PHOTOGRAPHING SCHOOL
Andrews University Globe Statue JN Andrews Boulevard, Berrien Springs	This week we will photograph Andrews University.

WEEK 5 – FEBRUARY 18-20	PHOTOGRAPHING HISTORICAL HOMES
Journal Era Building 101 W Ferry Street, Berrien Springs	This week we will photograph some of Berrien Springs's oldest Historical Homes.
WEEK 6 – FEBRUARY 25-27	PHOTOGRAPHING PEOPLE
Wolf Prairie Park 616 S Main Street, Berrien Springs	This week we will photograph people in Wolf Prairie Park.
WEEK 7 – MARCH 4-6	PHOTOGRAPHING HISTORY MAKE-UP CLASS
Old Courthouse Building 313 N Cass Street, Berrien Springs	This is a make-up class for students who missed Week 1 at the History Center because of the weather. Students who did attend class in Week 1 are also welcome to join us again.
WEEK 8 – MARCH 11-13	PHOTOGRAPHING THE WILD
Love Creek Nature Reserve 9292 Huckleberry Rd, Berrien Center	This class will be held at Love Creek Nature Reserve. Here we will see what Berrien Springs' terrain may have looked like when European settlers set up the Village in 1831.
WEEK 9 – MARCH 18-20	PHOTOGRAPHING SPRING
Fernwood Botanical Gardens 13988 Range Line Road, Berrien Springs	This week we will visit Fernwood Botanical Gardens again to see the garden wake up and start its Spring bloom.
WEEK 10 – April 6 – 2pm-4pm	PHOTOGRAPHING ARCHAEOLOGY
Tarragindi Archaeology Dig 6161 Pheasant Court, Berrien Springs	This is the open day and pre-dig party of the Tarragindi Archaeology Dig. that Dr Sigvartsen is directing. He would like to have his photography students there too so they can be a part of this Berrien Springs historic event and the official photographers day.

YOUR PROJECT

Talk to your instructor for project ideas – there are plenty in photography!

ABOUT YOUR INSTRUCTORS

Jan Sigvartsen PhD has taught Archeology and Ancient Religion classes at Andrews University, Michigan, and the Theologische Hochschule Friedensau, Germany where he was also their PhD Programs Coordinator and Associate Director of their Institute of Biblical Studies and Archeology. He has participated in archeological digs in the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan. A lot of archeology is carefully photographing artifacts and building ruins for posterity and historical records. He has traveled to every continent, except Antarctica (it's on his bucket list), photographing historical sites, cultural sites, and the modern people who inhabit the areas in and around them.

Leanne Sigvartsen trained as a psychologist in Australia and spent many years as a counselor and academic advisor for teens and young adults. She currently works with the Chicago-based *Center for Collaborative Study for Trauma, Health Equity, and Neurobiology*. She is a triple citizen of the United States, Australia, and Malta, and has lived in the United States, Australia, and Germany. She has a passion for photographing castles, cathedrals, and cottages – not just to capture their beauty, but also the lives of the people who lived in them.