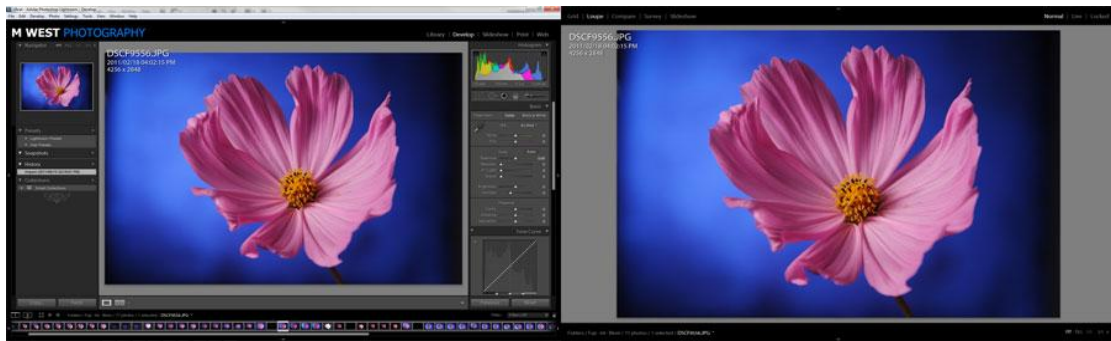# Courses for March 2012

## Beginners Lightroom 3 Course

In this beginners course we will look at the importance of Lightroom as a powerful workflow tool. Explore catalogs and demystify the Library and Develop modules.

As always included will be a training video cd which will cover everything learned on the day. An invaluable reference tool for future references.

**The following will be covered:**
· Importance of Lightroom – What its all about!
· Shortcuts to make your workflow that much faster
· The Interface
· Importing images into Lightroom
· The Library Module: Speed up your workflow by better management of your images
· The Develop Module: Cropping, Retouching, Curves, etc etc
· Exporting your images to Photoshop
· Exporting your images to the final product



*(Lightroom 3.2 Dual Screen View)*

**Date:** Saturday 31st March 2012
**Time:** 09h00
**Venue:** Protea Village, Brackenfell (classes are limited to 4 people to ensure personal attention)

**Course Fee:** R495 per person

# creative LIGHTING

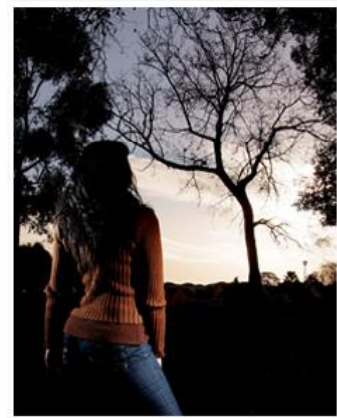**FULL DAY PRACTICAL COURSE**      **24 March 2012**

Learn to use light creatively in this full day practical course. We will do different setups for a variety of shots where everyone will have their chance to play and take pictures. *A video DVD will be supplied on the day for future references after the course.*

## We will cover the following:

· The gadgets and accessories
· Creating your own accessories
· Using gels
· Balancing ambient & flash light
· Studio lighting
· Off camera flash
· Back lighting
· Still life using flash
· Capturing waterdrops
· Long exposures

A SLR camera is recommended for this course. Understanding manual exposure is important.

**Date:** Saturday 24th March 2012
**Time:** 09h00 - 16h00
**Venue:** Protea Village, Brackenfell
**Course Fee:** **R925-00** per person
Class is limited to 4 people to ensure personal attention.

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## Beginners Photoshop Course - for Photoshop CS & Elements

This course is presented as simple as possible by only teaching the tools and techniques that you will really use to finish your image. The course will be presented for both Photoshop CS and Elements.

With the course you will receive a **Training Video cd** that was especially made to assist you if you struggle. You don't need to have any previous experience of Photoshop. You will be be able to apply these skills immediately and see a big difference in your photography. The following will be covered in the course:

- Photoshop Menus
- Levels
- Hue Saturation
- Black and White
- Cropping for Prints
- Adding Canvas
- Cropping for Digital
- Resizing for Digital

- Straighten Horizons
- Removing Red Eyes
- Spot Healing with content aware
- Healing Brush
- Patch Tool
- Sharpen - Smart Sharpen
- Typing on your Images (Copyright)
- Free Transform Tool
- Borders

**Date:** Wednesday 14th March 2012
**Time:** 18:30
**Venue:** Protea Village, Brackenfell (classes are limited to 4 people to ensure personal attention)

## Course Fee: R495 per person

## Advanced Photoshop Course for Photoshop CS

This course builds on the Beginners Photoshop Course by working in layers, learning to use layer masks which are crucial to edit an image in a non-destructive manner. You will learn how to make collages and effects. Making an image black and white and only leaving certain objects in colour, editing it in a manner which can easily be changed at a later stage.

Learn to blend images to achieve a higher dynamic range. Write your own actions to save time as well as batch process a ton of images on the go. Learn new handy shortcuts. **Included with the course is a cd with videos explaining how everything is done so you'll have a 24 hour tutor on hand.**

**Course Outlay:**

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| Levels Advanced | Layer Masking |
| Black & white and colour images with layer masks | Dodge and Burn |
| Blending Exposures – Getting a higher dynamic range | Creating Collages |
| Vignetting Effects | Learn to write your own actions |
| Advanced Layer Styles | Save time – batch process |



Learn to convert an image to black and white and using a layer mask paint the colour back in a non destructive way allowing you total freedom.



Learn to blend images with layer masking to achieve a higher dynamic range.



Learn to add vignetting around your image to put the focus on the person.

**Date:** Wednesday 28th March 2012
**Time:** 18:30
**Venue:** Protea Village, Brackenfell (classes are limited to 4 people to ensure personal attention)

**Course Fee:** R495 per person

**Feedback from people who attended the courses:**

Dankie vir 'n insiggewende Photoshop aanbieding. Ek glo almal het dit net soos ek geniet. Kan nie wag om the begin 'speel' nie. Money well spend!!" Piet van Wyk (Tafelberg Fotografieklub)

"Thank you Marius for showing me some light on photoshop. I find the CD very usefull to refer back aswell and makes it easier to concentrate in class when you explain something. I find your course direct to the point and will for sure refer other students to your classes!" Nadja Willis (Durbanville Photography Club)

"Die beginners kursus in Photoshop is 'n moet vir enige ou wat sy foto's wil mooi maak. Ek beveel dit hoog aan." Letitia Willemse.

"Just wanted to say thanks very much for the course, I feel like I have gone from zero to 100 in just getting past the mystery around photoshop. I recommend that everyone wanting to just get started, should consider attending your course." Paul Gomes – Creative Camera Club

"The course was well presented and Marius knows his stuff.  The pace is well suited, even if you have not worked with Photoshop previously." Ettienne Kotze (Tafelberg Fotografieklub)

"Wow! Gee whiz! Sjoe! I cannot wait to learn more… I was so proud of myself the next day when I could remove an unsuitable section of a photograph in one go to the great admiration of my staff ;-)" Marelize van Rooyen (Tafelberg Fotografieklub)

"Die kursus was aangebied in 'n maklik verstaanbare styl. Ek het 2 Photoshop CS 3 boeke wat ek gebruik om uit te leer, maar hulle verduidelik dinge asof mens al klaar die basies weet, dan vat iets maklik my 30 minute om uit te figure. Met Marius se aanbieding en cd vat dit eerder onder 5 minute om te verstaan en toe te pas". Chantelle Grobbelaar (Tygerberg Photographic Society)

"The course was presented well. The small group was nice in the sense that you were able to receive personalized attention. The price was good value for money given the time of 3 hours." Johan Benade (Tafelberg Fotografieklub)

"Big help to starters." Nico Rossouw (Tafelberg Fotografieklub)

"Ek het kusrus baie geniet het. Dit is baie eenvoudig en sistematies opgestel. Die DVD is goed om na terug te gaan en weer te kyk as jy onseker is oor iets." Judy Visagie

"Having the CS3 manual is great , but the course is so much more practical and easier than the manual. Would like to go on another" Johan Nel

"I really enjoyed the course, and it was exactly to my need specific! " Jenny van Niekerk

"Loved that we were only 2, gave me a chance to ask what and when I wanted to. Learned a lot and found all the tips and shortcuts usefull and easy to apply in everyday jobs" Janie Slabber