

Abstract Photography

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Agenda

- Definition of Abstract Photography
- Why Abstract Photography?
- Form
- Color
- Curves
- Composition
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- Subject Matters



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Form

- Shape of objects in image.
- Core element of image.
- Pleasing , interesting, dynamic shape.
- Wow! Look at that!



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- Strong contrast, perhaps.



Curves

- Adds interest.
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- Adds interest.
- Directs viewer's attention to center of interest, or...
- Just flows gracefully or dynamically.



Composition

- Rule of thirds.



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- No rules.



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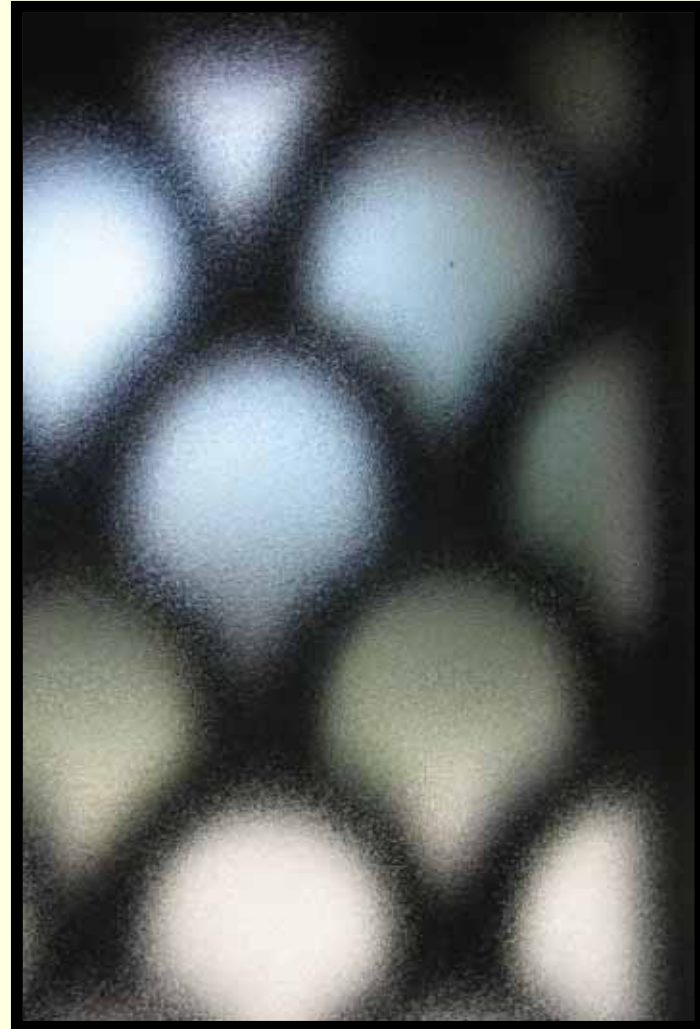
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- Photoshop Effects



Subject Matters

- Plant Life/Trees
- Sand Dunes
- Rocks
- Buildings
- Decorator Objects
- Reflective Surfaces
- Water Surfaces
- Flowing Waters/
Waves
- Water Droplets
- Reeds
- Shadows

Just about ANYTHING!

Sources & Sites

- Ron Bigelow – Abstract Photography

<http://ronbigelow.com/articles/abstract-photography/abstract-photography.html>

- Abstract Photography Gallery

<http://abstractphotography.com/>

- Artspan Contemporary Art

<http://www.artspan.com/abstract-photography>