



# FLORA & FORM

A Digital Photography Workshop  
with Stephen Johnson  
September 12-14, 2013

# Flora and Form

A Digital Photography Field Workshop

Thurs. Evening Sept. 12, 2013 7-10pm thru Fri. & Sat. Sept. 13-14, 2013. 9am to 5pm

\$625

**Stephen Johnson Studios & Gallery and Sheldance Orchid Gardens Pacifica, CA.**

Have you ever visited a nursery or greenhouse, and thought about how great it would be to capture the beauty, color, line and form of an orchid, or unusual succulent that inspires you and preserve it in a photograph? Access can be hard, and using a tripod can be impossible and not allowed. Perhaps you hesitated because you felt the need for instructional help with the technical, aesthetic and compositional framework to make it happen.

This workshop is designed to enable careful photography exploring the wonder and beauty of orchids and other-worldly flora. We are lucky to have this exclusive and private access workshop at the very special Sheldance Orchid Gardens Nursery. (*voted Best Specialty Nursery in Northern California by San Francisco Magazine.*)

Filling an evening and two full days, this workshop is designed to help you make stronger photographs by empowering your craft, vision and compositional skills along with some specialized techniques for flower imagery. Tripods are encouraged. All camera formats welcome.

## Workshop Details

**Evening Pre-Meeting:** We will begin at the studio/gallery, from 7pm-10pm the first night, with topics covering: macro and other appropriate lenses, camera settings, ISO, aperture, shutter speed, lighting, depth of field expansion techniques, tripod usage and the important steps in setting up interesting compositions.

**Day 2:** We will meet from 9am-5pm at Sheldance Nursery on Hwy 1 in Pacifica, CA. Sheldance Nursery is a very special place and unique among nurseries, as it is modeled after a tropical rainforest and offers an impressive collection of orchid varieties, cacti, succulents and the largest private collection of bromeliads in the world! We will walk about the rooms, taking full advantage of the compositional opportunities found in the sensuous line and form of the colorful orchids, bromeliads, flowering cactus, otherworldly succulents and architectural features of the greenhouse.

Specialty issued discount coupons will be available at the nursery if you fall in love with your models while photographing and would like to provide a loving home.

**Day 3:** We will meet from 9am - 5 pm at the Studio/Gallery where we will work in our Digital Lab. You will be guided through a workflow process from offloading your photos, to working with RAW processing and image editing techniques.

These two days and an evening will be spent exploring the tools really needed by photographers for fundamental image control in the camera and finishing. Color correction, careful tonal control, and preserving options into archive versions of your files will be our primary concerns. Software concentration will be mainly on Adobe Camera RAW and Photoshop CS6. A number of images with various challenges will be worked through to satisfaction during the course of the workshop. Full lab access is provided. Some previous exploration of Photoshop is useful.



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## FLORA & FORM 2013 WORKSHOP REGISTRATION

Name	Company	
Address		
City	State	Zip
Telephone	Email Address	
Computer experience & equipment?		
Photo printing equipment?		
How did you learn about this workshop?		

Registration fee must be paid in full to secure a spot in the class. Additional information will be sent upon registration. Make check payable to: **Stephen Johnson Photography** or call with a credit card.

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This workshop is financially dependent on adequate class registration. Where minimum enrollment requirements are not met, the class will be canceled, and a full refund given. You will be notified at least one week in advance if a workshop is not going to take place. Student initiated cancellations received prior to one month before the workshop will receive credit for a future workshop of similar value, a 50% credit will be given for notice received at least 2 weeks immediately prior to the workshop (a full credit less a \$50 overhead fee will be given if another student is able to fill the spot from a waiting list). No credit will be given if cancelled less than 2 weeks prior to the workshop. Credits need to be redeemed within one year.