



"I don't need a friend who changes when I change and who nods when I nod; my shadow does that much better." Plutarch.

April 2019 Theme: **Shadows**

- _ The main focus of the image must be of the shadow(s). Essentially recording patterns of light, shade or color.
- _ Highlights and shadows are the lightest and the darkest parts, respectively of a scene or image.

Dictionary definition:

1. a dark figure or image cast on the ground or some surface by a body intercepting light.
2. shade or comparative darkness, as in an area.

Please remember that a silhouette is not considered a shadow for this theme.

The first site that I would recommend visiting is How to Get Amazing Images from Shadows. The pictures are passable but the article by Kent DuFault, gives good insight as to what makes an effective shadow in a picture. Even for those who are not "cat people," there is an excellent shadow picture cast by a feline within this article.

<https://www.lightstalking.com/photographing-shadows/>

This same cat seems to have traveled to the next website I recommend. The site is My Modern Met and the article is entitled "How to Capture Bold and Beautiful Photographs Using Shadows." The author is Kelly Richman-Abdou. The image "Light" by Rui Veiga is worth the visit.

<https://mymodernmet.com/shadow-photography-how-to/>

A great YouTube short video involves creating your own light using a "biscuit box and flash equipment." Simple, cheap but with effective results.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vDsyFHfpptM>

If you are just looking for ideas on shadow images to get creative juices going, Pinterest has a mittful with some stunning examples. Some good examples here demonstrating what is a silhouette vs. what is a shadow.

https://www.google.ca/search?sa=G&q=Pinterest+pictures+on+shadows&tbm=isch&source=univ&hl=en&ved=2ahUKEwiDOK-m-fzgAhWUrZ4KHV3NC4AQsAR6BAgFEAE&biw=2048&bih=1010#imgrc=AprwLe_uIV09BM:

Keep your eyes open for Coppi Barbieri images. He has a number of stunning shots of Chrystal Glass/Shadow pictures which are quite remarkable. He is featured on this Pinterest page:

https://www.google.ca/search?q=Pinterest+pictures+on+shadows&hl=en&tbm=isch&tbs=rimg:CY_1dQFnHIdoYljy5Mh-iGFh-DYq7jqAyqt2iYt_1Q28robvhol1bUiiLbD84dx8BHj9ceviBuDe5mf_1UsV3dt9onOioSCbLkyH6IYWH4EXhpd8GvY_1PtKhIJNiruOoDKq3YRk5a2zOz6crMqEgmJi39DbyuhuxEJrduGxQfi7SoSCeGgjVtSKItsEXhpd8GvY_1PtKhIJPzh3HwEeP1wR5rLmal40BXggEgI6-IG4N7mZ_1xEgkGyX5XnmaioSCdSxXd232ic6EfeOJz3e59or&tbo=u&sa=X&ved=2ahUKEwiehbaJ-zgAhUWHjQIHUI7DQYQ9C96BAgBEBs&biw=2048&bih=1010&dpr=1.25#imgrc=nIYxofqeT04bJM:

There is certainly lots of photoshop going on here but the idea of shadow and light works well.

Let the darkness into you life (at least momentarily)!