



North
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“COMPOSITION: SHOOTING WITH INTENT”

A Presentation by Mark Battista

Monday January 26, 2026 at 7:30pm (Pacific) *



Why do certain images grab attention, make us think or make us feel emotion in a deep way? Often, it is due to the intentional arrangement of visual elements into a unified, impactful whole ... the underlying compositional structure within an image. When it comes to visual composition, intent is a crucial element. It means making deliberate choices regarding what you include and exclude in your images and how you arrange them.



In this presentation, Mark Battista shares ways of composing inspired by master painters of the past and outlines how to apply those skills to your photographic imagery.

Mark Battista is a Fine Art Photographer and classically trained painter, specializing in still life and portrait imagery. He has worked as an illustrator, fine art artist and art educator for over 35 years.

Mark will share his insights on composition to create images that tell a story, effectively communicate an idea and express an emotion. The presentation will cover a range of topics including: the elements of art; principles of design; creating a focal point through contrast of tone, colour or area of focus; and balance and visual weight vs. 'Rules'.

For more on Mark and his work, please go to www.markbattista.com

* Presentations take place via Zoom. The meeting starts at 7:30pm Pacific Time and the Zoom door opens at 7pm. Each presentation is available to a limited number of non-members with completion of a registration form and advance payment of \$10. Click [guest registration form](#) to go to the registration form; you will find E-transfer instructions there. Once completed you will be sent Zoom access. For information on the North Shore Photographic Society go to www.nspcs.ca