



YOUR WORLD

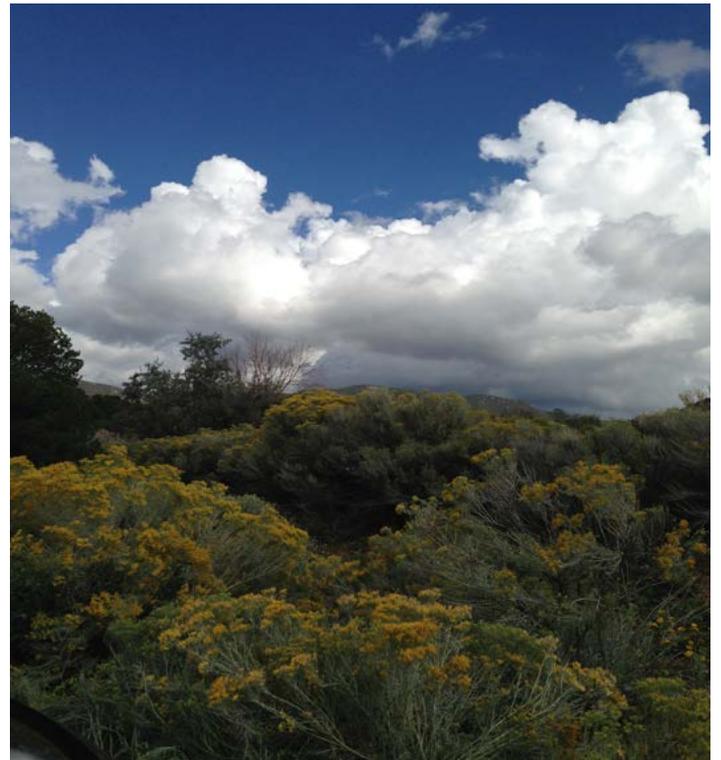
phonetography 101

I have *recently discovered that I am not the only one out here who is allowing her SLR camera to grow thick with dust. I'm sorry but I am in love with my iPhone camera and excited about capturing my world and the world at large with it.*

I didn't really notice that I was neglecting my Nikon until a recent vacation to Santa Fe when I didn't pull it out of the camera bag once. I took plenty of photos, all with my iPhone.

Because I have my phone (and hence my camera) with me all the time I can document the minutia of my life and I do. I share some of my ridiculous photos with my Facebook friends and they put up with it.

Granted, I do go off the tracks sometimes, but that is part of the beauty of spontaneity. Sometimes it is serendipitous and sometimes it is just stupid.



The photo above was taken in the early morning at Ojo Caliente Mineral Springs just north of Santa Fe, NM. The photo to the right is of rabbitbrush meeting the sky at the Santa Fe Botanical Garden.

Your phone is ...

in town

"The best camera is the one you have with you."
Jordan Oplinger

I compare my iPhone camera adventure beginnings with the twitter experience. Both of these communication outlets beg for thoughtless spurts of information. But I think that after the user has a little experience under the belt he or she will become a tad bit more reserved and will put more thought into what s/he is expressing with each medium.

Just the fact that many of us always have our phones with us makes our phones the favored camera. Additionally, many of the cameras we are carrying around in our phones are more than we need to get great shots.

Here is where I would like to address the need for special bells and whistles to take a great photo. A sharp, well-composed photo is a wonderful thing to behold. I also believe that a well-chosen subject and some interesting light mean a lot too. We have all seen boring photos taken with expensive cameras.



The shot on the left is of the watertower in Arvada, CO at sunup. The shot on the right is from Ojo Caliente Mineral Springs in New Mexico. The shot directly above was taken at around 7:00 a.m. at Sloan's Lake in Denver, CO.

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There is a blog called grumblesandgrunts.com owned by a girl named Jamie. She takes lots of photos with her iPhone and posted this:

<http://www.grumblesandgrunts.com/2013/01/how-to-best-iphone-camera-tips-tricks.html>

Her photos are thoughtfully composed with great light and they are interesting, beautiful, and fun. All the while though, they seem so spontaneous.

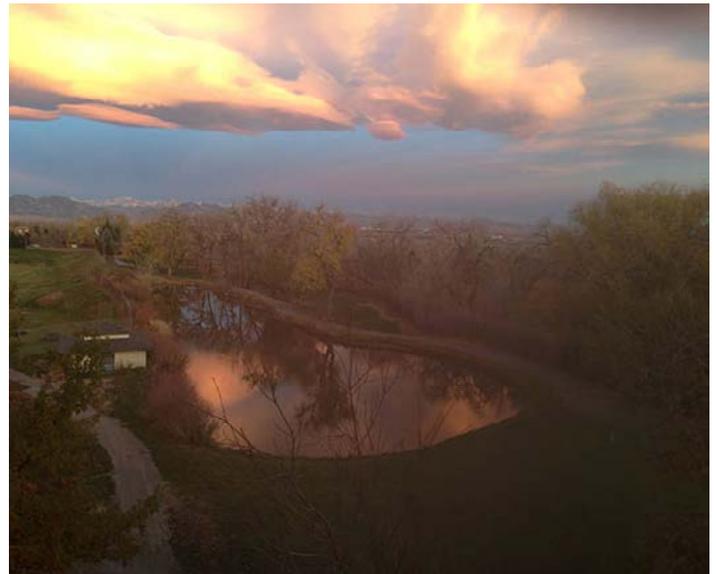
Balance is beautiful thing whether the balance is in the composition of the photo or in the circumstantial details of taking the photo. I am taking more photos now than I had been for a while because I always have a camera with me whenever a photo opportunity appears.

Because of this I am looking at my world from a more thoughtful perspective, which will bring me better shots. Maybe taking better photos is making me more thoughtful. Either way I am rexcited about taking pictures again and I have my iPhone to thank.



EVERY DAY

picturing your life



These photos are from a series I did called "Good morning from Ed's balcony." I posted these shots regularly on Facebook. There is a little lake and a shack and a path and some trees. It faces west and you can see the Rocky Mountains off in the distance. Light coming from different directions depending upon the time of day and the cloud situation depending upon the mood of the sky make each shot of one view distinctly different, fun, and interesting. One morning I went out early to another location and posted "Good morning from Confluence Park." The reaction on Facebook was, "Hey, what happened to Ed's balcony?" iPhone phonetography is oh so social!