

April Field Trip: Franciscan Monastery Saturday, April 29, 2006

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Franciscan Monastery

Spring is here; it's time to get outside and take advantage of the improving weather and great photography opportunities. Our April field trip takes us to what's been called "...one of Washington's hidden delights" – the century-old Franciscan Monastery.

Don't forget the special photo theme of "architecture" for the May competition; this is a great opportunity for capturing that award winning image.

The photography opportunities are many and varied. From the outdoor gardens, to the arched walkways, to the Memorial Church designed by the Roman architect Aristide Leonori and built in 1899, the "great image" potential is there for you.

The floor plan of the church is the five-fold Crusader Cross of Jerusalem, and it is built in the Byzantine style after Hagia Sophia in Constantinople, with some modified Romanesque influences and beautiful stained glass windows.

The Catacombs, replications of those in Jerusalem, can be viewed and photographed by participating in a formal tour. For the Catacombs it's best to bring fast film or move your ISO to a faster setting; a anti-vibration lens will also help. Guided tours last about 45 minutes.

The gardens, set on a hillside and reached by winding paths, is full of big trees and places to photograph the tulips which (hopefully) will be in bloom.

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9:15AM Leave	Car Pool from Vienna Metro to Monastery (meet at "North" parking area, location nearest townhouses)
10:00AM – 1:00PM	Franciscan Monastery (see web link above)
1:00PM – 2:00PM	Lunch at Washington Restaurant

Spring is here - so grab your camera, enjoy the warming weather, and create some great images.

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