



Gemboree 2026 Themes

Theme	Guidance	Examples	
G1 Natural Textures <i>General & Abstract</i>	<p>Look for compelling natural textures, paying attention to the angle of light for emphasis.</p> <p>Experiment with focal lengths as textures can be found from varied perspectives.</p>	<p>Close-up of tree bark, ripples on water, patterns in sand or snow, weathered rock, spiderweb dew, animal fur in macro, etc., etc.</p>	 Maria Rapoport
G2 At the Market <i>Human & Culture</i>	<p>Capture storytelling and atmosphere in an outdoor or indoor market setting (even supermarkets). The human element should be the primary focus.</p>	<p>Customers selecting produce, a bustling market scene with shoppers and sellers exchanging conversation, a lonely vendor waiting for customers.</p>	 Lyne Brisette



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G3 Cloudscapes <i>Nature & Landscape</i>	Clouds do not have to be the primary subject but should play a central role, enhancing the composition.	Billowing cumulus clouds adding depth to a park scene, delicate cirrus clouds across a fiery sunset, lenticular clouds capping a mountain, etc.	 David Chaitman
G4 Freeze Frame <i>Technical Challenge</i>	Capture a single, decisive moment - where motion is halted and a story is suspended in time. The frozen instant should leave an impression. Use a fast shutter speed. For mobile users, experiment with camera apps that offer manual control or high-speed shooting features.	Splashing water droplets, a person jumping mid-air, speeding bicycle, etc.	 Steve Lash



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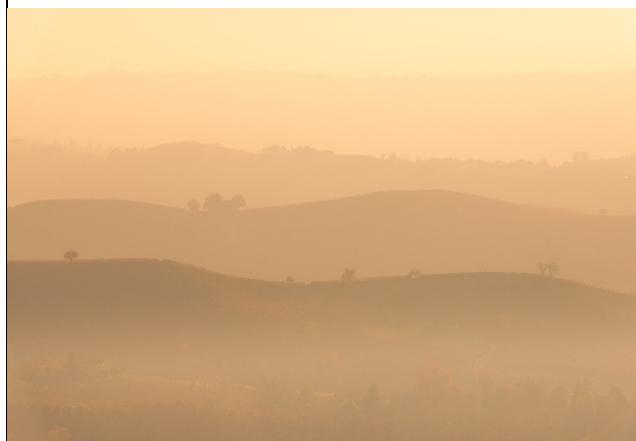
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G5 Industrial Shapes Architecture & Mechanical	Use repeating shapes or patterns to reinforce your composition. Creative techniques such as multiple exposure or ICM are acceptable. Ensure the industrial / manufacturing aspect is apparent.	Silos, factories, warehouses, gears, or machinery components, etc.	
G6 Human Emotion Emotion & Expression	Joy, sorrow, resilience, expressed by gestures or expressions. The image should convey an emotional connection that resonates with the viewer. Respect is essential. Whether capturing candid or staged images, make sure to obtain consent when needed. Use thoughtful composition or focusing on gestures and expressions that tell a story.	Child's laughter, friends embracing in victory, lone figure lost in thought, shadows playing across a quiet face.	

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G7 Golden Hour <i>Light & Shadows</i>	<p>Golden Hour is the time just after sunrise and just before sunset when daylight takes on a soft, diffused glow. It is often infused with warm hues like yellow, pink, or orange. The setting can be anywhere, rural or urban.</p>	<p>City Silhouettes: High-rises backlit by sunset hues, creating dramatic contrast.</p> <p>Golden Fields: Sunlit landscapes or autumn leaves radiating amber tones.</p> <p>Sunset Reflections: A window catching golden light, casting warm patterns indoors.</p> <p>Soft Portrait Glow: Warm light enhances skin texture and expression.</p> <p>Water Radiance: Waves shimmering with soft pinks and oranges at sunrise or sunset.</p>	 Richard Cavalleri