

## Close-up Photography

Close-up photography basically requires an observant and discerning eye. One of the best things about this kind of photography is that it can be practiced anywhere. There is a learning process in close-up photography. As with all photography it takes patience and practice, and of course, good information on the tools and techniques required. Some tips for close-up photography are:

- 1) Respect and understand “nature.”
- 2) Use the best lenses and accessories you can afford.
- 3) A good tripod is a must.
- 4) Visualize your composition.
- 5) Watch your depth-of-field carefully.
- 6) Watch your plane of focus
- 7) Watch your backgrounds.
- 8) Be careful about movement at high magnifications.
- 9) Use flash when: a) subject is in motion, b) handholding camera is only way to work, or c) a dramatic background is desired.

The beauty of close-up photography is the increased awareness and appreciation we obtain for things in nature. We not only stop and smell the flowers, but we notice their relationships with the rest of nature.