

SMARTPHONE

PHOTOGRAPHY





Intro & Agenda

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The Jefferson County Photography Club meets every month, on the second Tuesday at 7 PM at the Firehouse Gallery in Charles Town. All skill levels and equipment are welcome to join!

Today We Will Cover

- 📷 Why You Should Love Smartphone Photography
- 📷 Basic camera functions and edit modes
- 📷 Basic composition rules
- 📷 Practice together

All photos in this presentation were taken by Suzanne Bowers with her Samsung Galaxy smartphone





Let's See Those Phones!

- ➊ What kind of phone do you have?
- ➋ How comfortable are you with taking photos on your phone?
- ➌ What do you like to photograph?

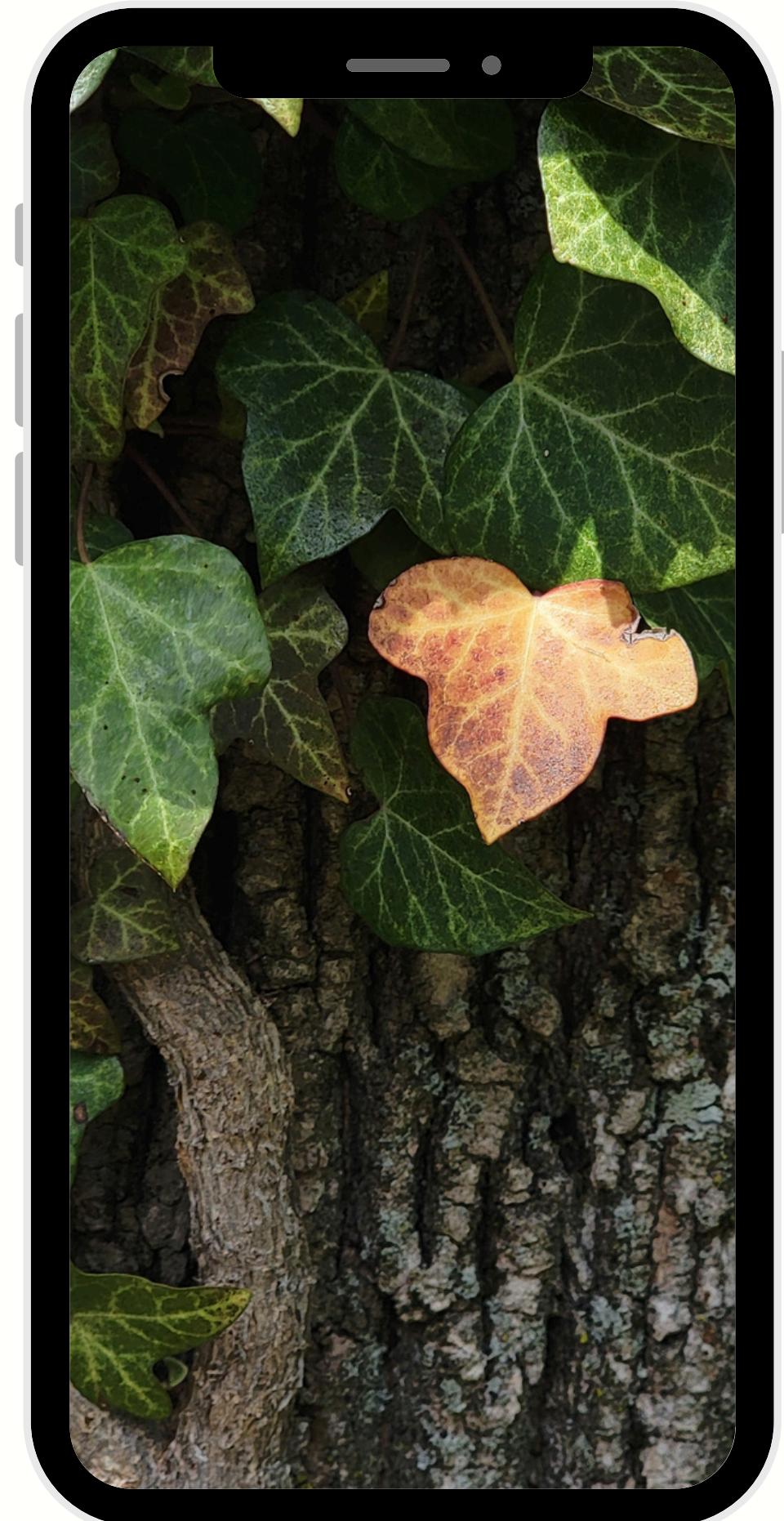
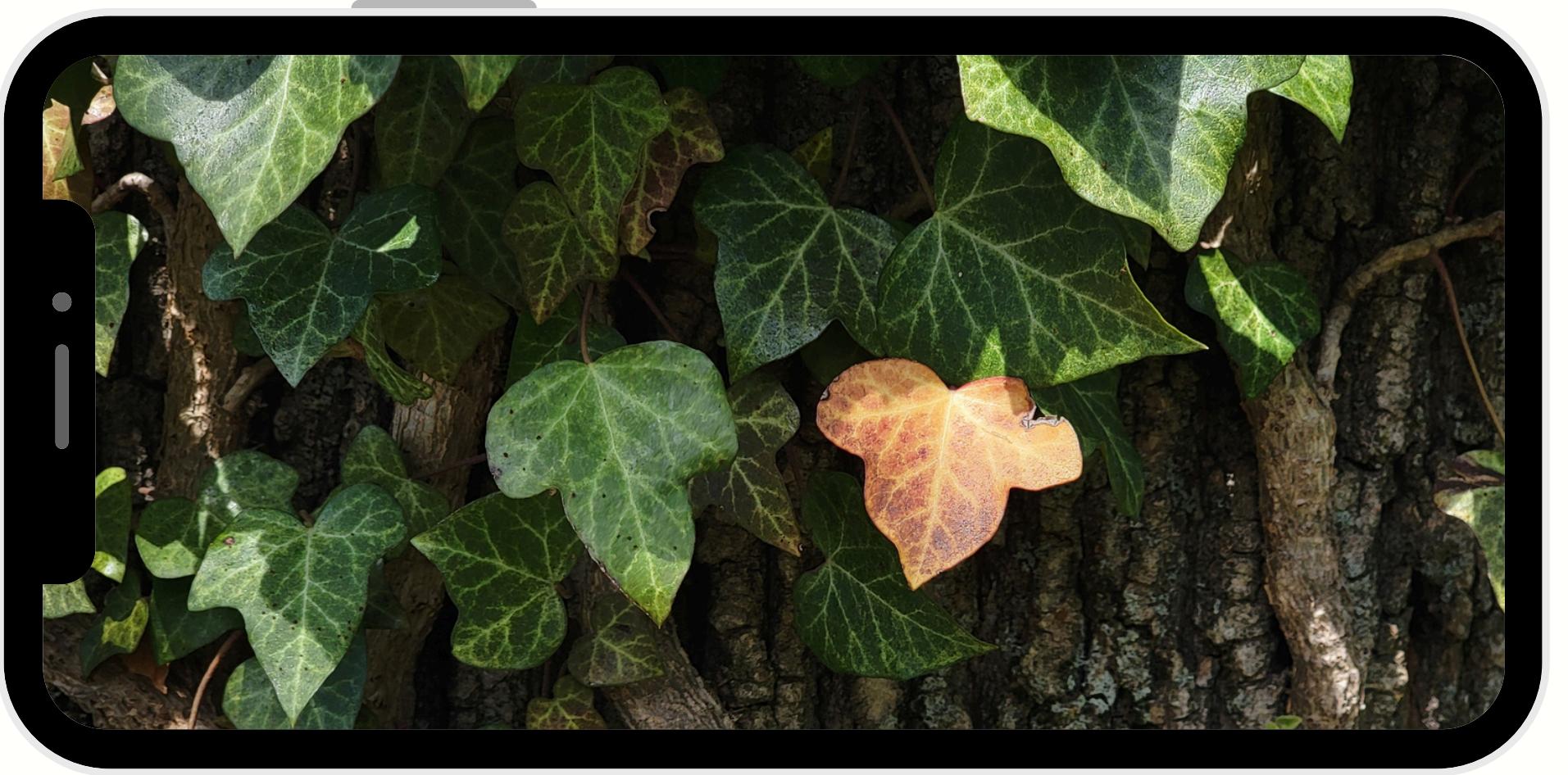


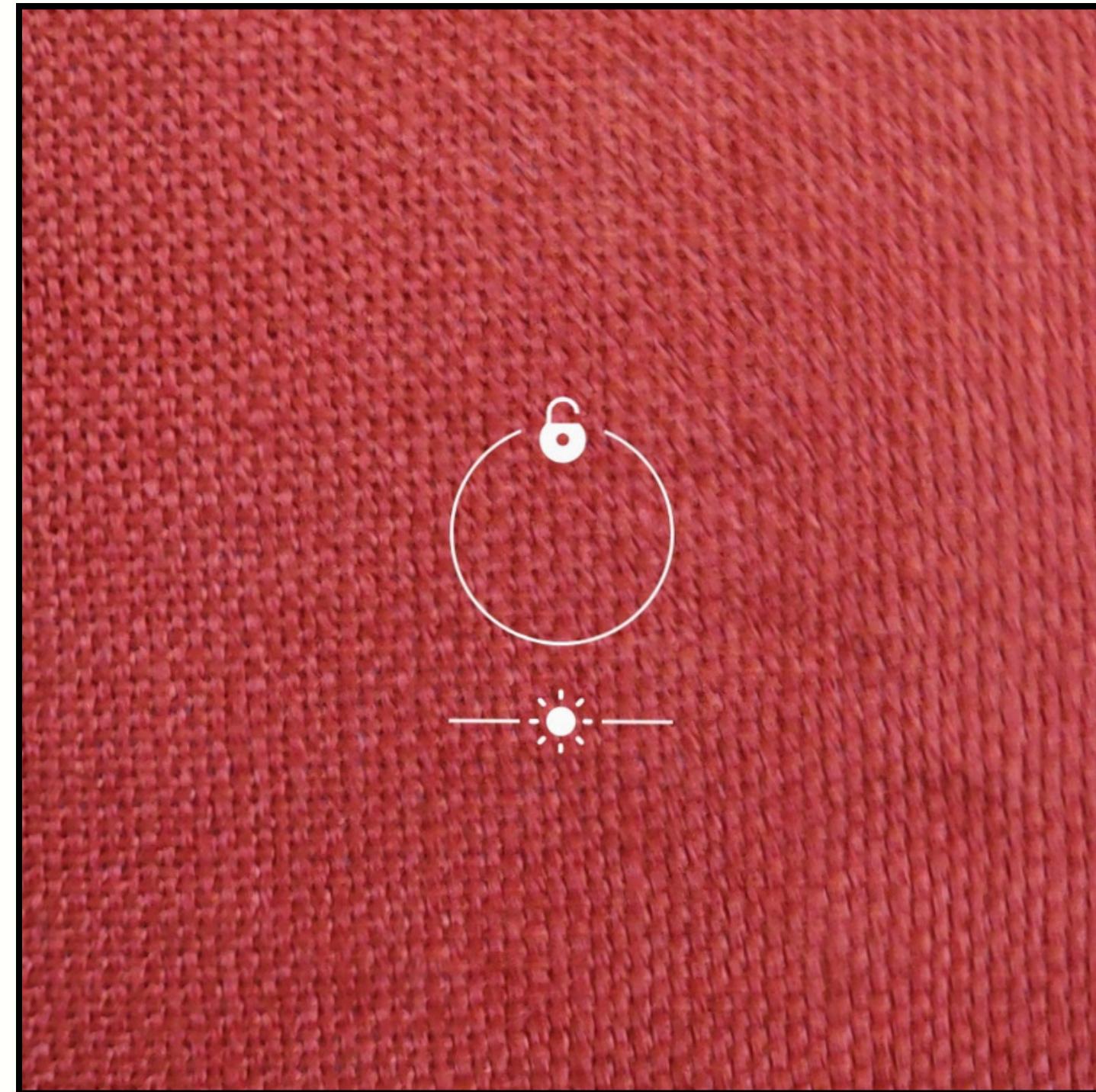
Why You Should Love Your Phone's Camera

- The lenses
 - Wide lens
 - Ultra wide lens (as wide as 7mm)
 - Macro
 - Telephoto
- The convenience
 - Lightweight
 - Less intimidating to others
- There's beauty in the mundane, and a phone helps to capture these fleeting moments

Orientation & Cleanliness

- ◉ Portrait vs. Landscape
- ◉ Hold your phone properly: two hands, elbows in, and keep fingers off the lens!
- ◉ Clean your lens — smudges and fingerprints can ruin a great shot





Focus, Exposure & Lock

- ➊ Tap to focus
- ➋ Slide to adjust exposure (brightness)
- ➌ Lock it in!

Zoom & Crop With Caution

- ◉ Zooming in can be tricky,
don't over zoom!
- ◉ Zoom with your feet!
- ◉ Crop to straighten and/or to enhance
slightly, but avoid stretching your pixels





Composition: Seeing Like a Photographer

- ➊ Composition means how we frame our image.
- ➋ Use the grid settings. Helps with the Rule of Thirds: place your subject off-center for a more interesting photo.
- ➌ Try different angles! Don't just shoot at eye level.
- ➍ Check your corners. Are there any distractions (like lamp posts or trash cans)?
- ➎ Keep the horizon line straight. Tilting the photo can feel disorienting.

Built in Modes



Portrait

- Focuses on the subject and blurs the background
- Great for people, pets, flowers, etc.
- Creates a soft, professional-looking photo
- Tap to focus, then hold steady and shoot



Night

- Helps take better photos in low light
- Blends multiple shots to make one brighter image
- Works best when you hold the phone steady
- Look for a moon icon or timer on screen



Pro

Gives manual control over settings like:

- ISO (light sensitivity)
- Shutter Speed (motion or light)
- White Balance (color tone)
- Manual Focus
- Exposure
- Great for creative control and tricky lighting

Simple Edits

Crop & Straighten

Careful not to over crop & straighten horizon.

Color Treatment

Toy with black & white, muted colors, and hue changes. Get creative here!

Adjustments

Adjust brightness, contrast, black point, dehaze, ect.

PRACTICE BREAK: LET'S TAKE A PHOTO WALK

Walk around the Beallair Manor
and practice something new.

Ask questions!



Thank you!

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