

The Seeing, Not The Taking

The essence for photographers and visual artists

Push a button, take a picture. But, how do you SEE an image and then use your equipment, skills, and creative decisions to convey the feelings, message and impression you had at the moment of creating the photograph? It's the seeing, not the taking, that is critical. The lessons apply to life, not just art.

Listen...and see...

- How to re-think the act of photographic creation, based on light and vision: We must see first to create.
- Create anew with techniques that encourage seeing fully using all five senses.
- Develop your work by including resources like literature and poetry to improve the breadth and depth of your vision.

First, there was the workshop, then came the book and then the inspirational presentation on seeing using all of our senses. Whether a photographer, other visual artist or simply someone interested in seeing their world...the answer is **The Seeing, Not the Taking**.

Dion McInnis has taken his love of words and images through a variety of careers, all of which have been built on listening, and then celebrating what he heard through his abilities as a writer, photographer and speaker. Passionate, enthusiastic, optimistic and hope-filled for life and living, Dion carries his messages to a variety of audiences. Hearing him will change the way you think.

Dedicated to the stories of the oft-unheard, Dion celebrates the wisdom and truth of women, fathers, children and other "silent" groups (including employees and customers), as well as inspires creativity for everyone

He is a regular instructor at Houston Center for Photography and a founding reviewer with Houston Photography Study Group, and a frequent presenter and portfolio reviewer for Houston Photographic Society, Houston Photochrome Club, Houston Northwest Camera Club and many more. He has also become a regular instructor at ArtCamp at the University of West Bohemia in Pilsen, Czech Republic.

Published in national photography magazines as well in AdvantEdge Magazine, produced by leadership/management leaders Nightingale-Conant, Dion's writings have touched thousands throughout his career. His newsletter, titled "Listen to Life: Wisdom in Life's Stories" inspired a book by the same name. He has also published "Daddin': The Verb of Being a Dad," and four photography books.

