TGP3M – Vercruyssen – Macro/Portrait Photography Assignment

Due – April 16th – End of Period

At this point in the course you have acquired several photography skills. This is when we want to start to enhance our skill and push ourselves to try different things.

Using all of the lighting skills and your new Macro, Product and Portrait concepts, choose either Macro or Portrait Photography and work towards 4 exceptional shots. You are free to do 2 portraits and 2 macro; or focus your attention on one area. Either style of photography will require you to think about lighting and composition. Each of your 4 shots will require a write up.

Tips

Macro – look for texture, things that you can shine light through as well as on! Bring in props, use light boxes. Push yourself to get something you will be proud of. Look for colour!! Colour can enhance any image, contrasting and complimenting colours will add interest. Try shooting outside – the weather is finally better, look for insects, water drops, etc.

Portrait – know your subject! This will enhance the look of the portrait. Experiment with makeup, props and hair to get some interesting looks. We also have stage make up in class that can be used for dramatic effects. Try shadows, they can help to create some incredible images, not just shadows on the face but in the background. Remember that a portrait is more than just a pretty picture of someone.

Write Up Requirements:

Macro – What lighting styles did you find the most effective? What were your challenges? What image is your favourite and why. Does this style of photography appeal to you? Why or why not?

Portrait – What styles of lighting did you experiment with? Which did you find the most effective and why? What did you learn about your main subject in order to capture them accurately in a portrait? What image is your favourite and why. Does this style of photography appeal to you? Why or why not?

Submission:

Save your images in a folder in your H Drive. Print your written portions and include your name, folder name and location on your H Drive.