

Lavant Horticultural Society

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Garden Photography - Mark Saunders

After a resumé of the range of cameras, from phones to SLRs with interchangeable lenses, and the added possibilities that each could bring, Mark stressed that the most important thing was not what you have, but what you do with it, citing photos taken with phones that had won major prizes.



Be prepared – make sure that the lens is clean, the batteries are OK and that there is space on the memory card – often what you wanted to photograph may have changed or disappeared by the time you change batteries.

Mark covered light, subject, shape, perspective and framing, all illustrated by some of his truly magnificent photographs.

For composing photographs he recommended the rule of thirds: dividing an image into thirds, both horizontally and vertically, to give nine segments and placing the main point of interest on one of the edges of the central segment (as shown in the dahlia photograph above), rather than in the very centre.

Both spring and autumn sunshine can provide excellent lighting effect for photographs. However, in summer cloudy days can be better for taking pictures of plants to ensure that they do not reflect too much light.

If all your photos are stored just on your PC, laptop or tablet, back them up onto an external hard drive, so that you do not lose them if you have a problem with your computer.

Just a few jottings that do not do justice to a much more informative talk.