Teaching Curiosity & Creativity Through Photography Copyright Davis Public **Nicole Croy** 

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- Currently teach darkroom/ digital/ alternative process/ AP Photography
- AP Reader for College Board of Education
- 2016 NACS Teacher of the Year
- Guest Writer, Photographer, Artist Spotlight for Davis Publication. Focus on Photography 2nd Edition Textbook.
- Guest Artist, *Guide to Photographic Alternative Processes* by Jill Enfield.



## A little bit about my personal photography...







#### **Overview**

#### This presentation focuses on teaching educators how to...

- Embrace curiosity and inspire creativity in the classroom
- Foster meaningful conversations about art production and criticism
- Help students communicate their ideas and encourage self-expression
- Teach students to embrace the "F" word through discussion and critique. (F= Fail)

















# Embracing the "F" Word (F = Fail)

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#### **Traditional Cyanotype**

(3 Negatives Layered)





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## **Video: How to Make a Cyanotype**



# **Video: Rinsi**ng your Cyanotype



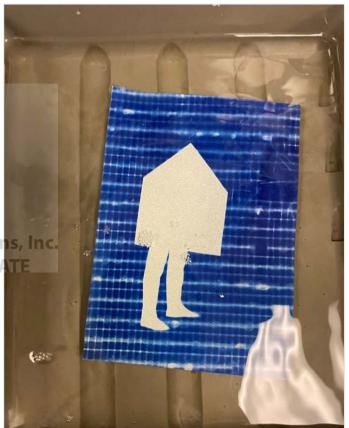
## **Traditional Cyanotype PROCESS**





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## **Colored/ Non-Traditional Cyanotypes**

(with plants/objects/negatives as the subject)













#### **Worktime:**

Let's take some time and make some colored cyanotypes!

While our cyanotypes are drying we will work on another project.

Once our cyanotypes are dry, we will go back and alter them!

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#### **Worktime:**

You received one of the following printed 5x7 images.





Think about how you can PHYSICALLY alter this portrait. Be curious.

Question your every move. Can you cut it? Fold it? Weave it? Sew it? etc.

(20 ish people are all working on the same portrait - push yourself to go above and beyond)

A few examples are on the next page.



## Physically Altered Self-Portraits







#### **Physically Altered Self-Portraits**





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## **Post-It Note Critique**





#### Worktime:

Are the cyanotypes dry?

Think about our critique.

What did you do great?

What did you see from other participants that you loved?

What could you have done better?

You assignment is to physically alter your cyanotypes and create an artwork on the piece of bristol board given to you. Be creative. Push yourself to really question every move. Let your curiosity guide you!

Examples on the next page.



## Physically Altered/ Manipulated Cyanotypes









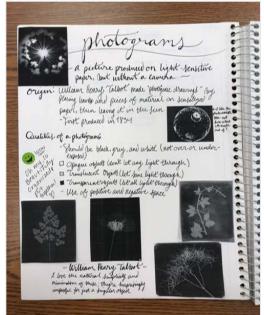
## **Masking Tape Critique**

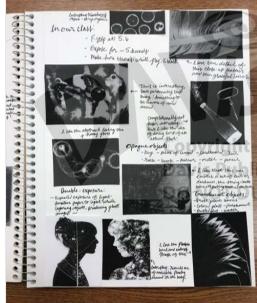


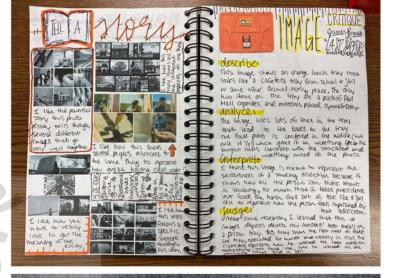


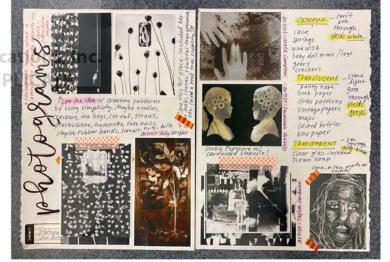
#### **Keeping a Sketchbook**

- communicate ideas
- encourage self-expression











#### **Anaglyphs 3-D Glasses Provided**

Anaglyph: A 3-D effect made by overlapping two digital images that have been put through a red-cyan filter.

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Explain how to take these photographs





#### **Anaglyphs**

#### Instructions (written by a student)

Step 1: Open your left image in Photoshop and re name the word that says "background", on the layers area, to **Left-Red**. (Double click on the word background, re-name and push okay)



Step 2: Do step one, but use your right image and name it Right-Cyan



Step 3: Click *window*, then *arrange*, then *tile all vertically*. Use the move tool on the top right of the screen and drag the right image on top of the other image. Once both images are all on one page, "x" out of the original that only has one image on it.

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Channels: V R

Step 4: Double click on the layer **Left-Red** (Not the name) and un-click G and B, so only R is showing on the channels and click okay.



Step 5: Double click on the layer **Right- Cyan** (Not the name) and un-click R, so only G and B are clicked on the channels and click okay.



Step 6: Put on your 3D Glasses. Click on the move tool and align the main object together. You will have to play for a bit to find the "right" fit. If your images aren't aligned properly, you will instantly get a headache!

## **Displaying Artwork**

Letting the students take ownership









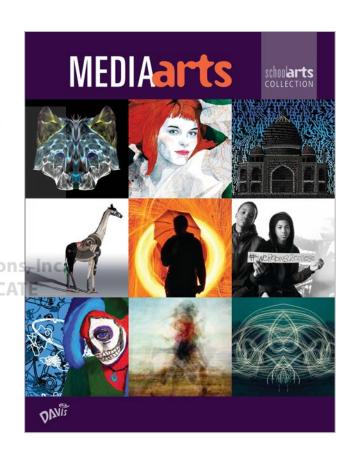
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