

INSPIRATION WEEKEND XIX (2026)

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Agenda

Date	Time	Topic	Description
Day 1: Friday May 1st	1300	Camera Fest	Meeting room opens and anyone who wants to set up their camera and answer questions that afternoon / evening about their camera. You may need to take your camera out of the room that evening to make room for events on Saturday. One pm is when the room opens but people who drift in later that day can set up their cameras as well.
	1400	Why Photography — Inspirational Quotations	A round table discussion on why we do photography, especially large format. And to help prompt this discussion, Carl Hartt will provide several quotations from well-known photographers that tries to address this “why.”
	1545	History of Tintypes	. Eric Nelson talks about the history of the tintype and the current work he and others are doing in this field.
	1530	How to make your own ground glass	Doug Hanson demonstrates making your own ground glass
	1614	Inspiration Weekend 2025 Catalog Unveiling	Diwan Bhathal will show the new publication and explain to people how to order a copy.

	1630	Evolution of baby Deardorff	Discussion by Ken Hough
	1700	Pizza Time	Eat and socialize
	1730	Updates to the MWLFA website	Debejyo Chakraborty show off new features on the resurrected website and talk about future plans
	1800	Photographer Obscura	Rick Tapio presents examples of great but lesser-known large format photographers
Day 2: Saturday May 2nd	0800	Registration	Meeting room opens for registration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Get your name tag. • Sign into log book. • Are you showing prints? • Lunch order form. • Staying for group dinner?
	0900	Introductions	Everyone introduce themselves in a short less than a minute speech.
	0930	Photo review	Randomly decided participants present their printed work that is shot with a large format camera.
	1800	Dinner	At a restaurant
Day 3: Sunday May 3rd	0530	Optional photoshoot	Bring walkie talkies if you have them, and join the team for shooting at the Dunes
