

USING FLICKR

to
Share Photographs
and
Communicate



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Can be seen on http://www.flickr.com/photos/inspirational_sheila/3802213017/

PDF for Participants
in the
Through and From the Lens Telecourses

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Using Flickr

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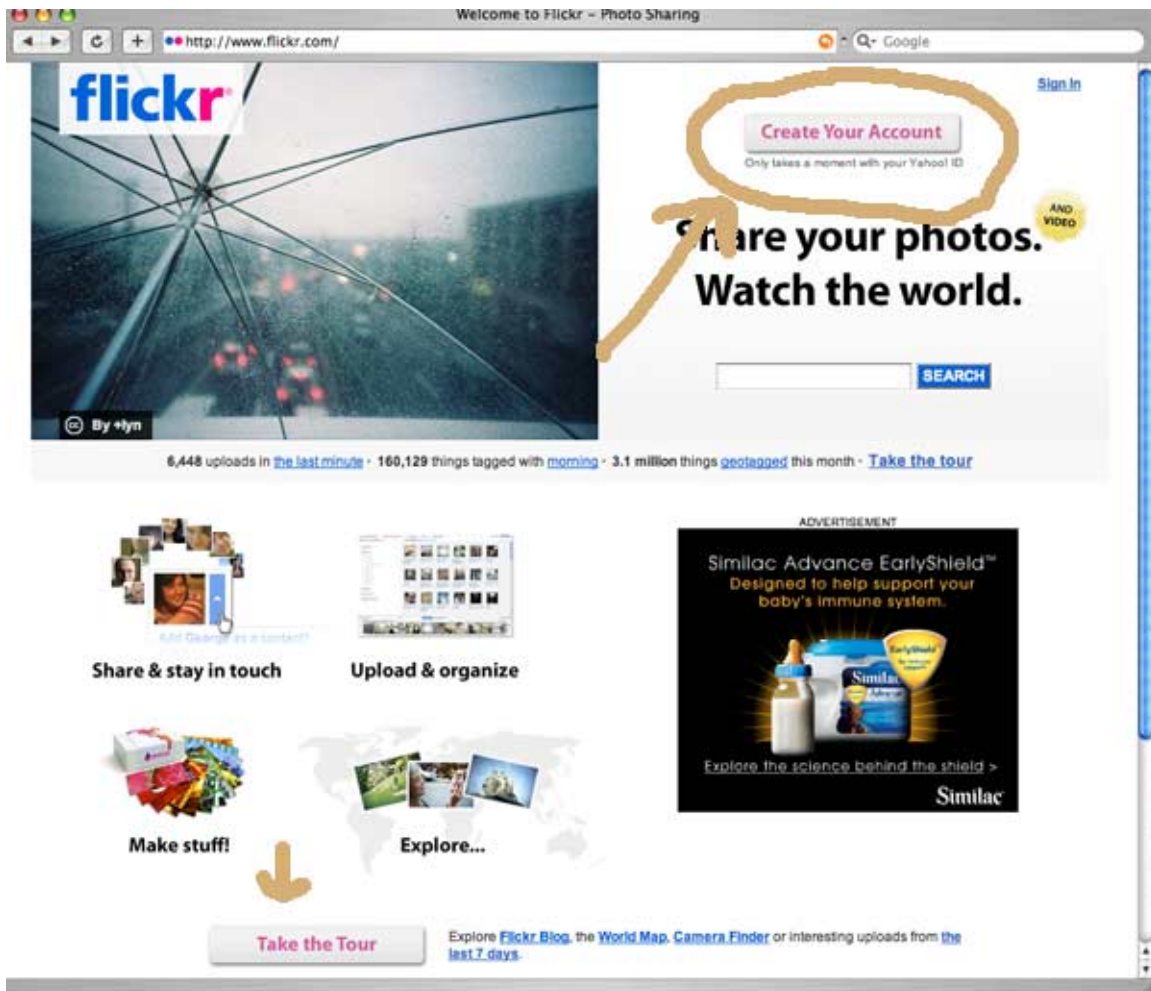
Using Flickr – so we can share photos, see what other course participants are seeing and discuss (not evaluate) them during our follow-up sessions. And, for those interested there is a group discussion option in the TFTL – GROUPS that I form for each class.

I have made a recording of earlier instructions for those who have an easier time with audio –

<http://sheilaf.audioacrobat.com/download/FlickrUsing.mp3>

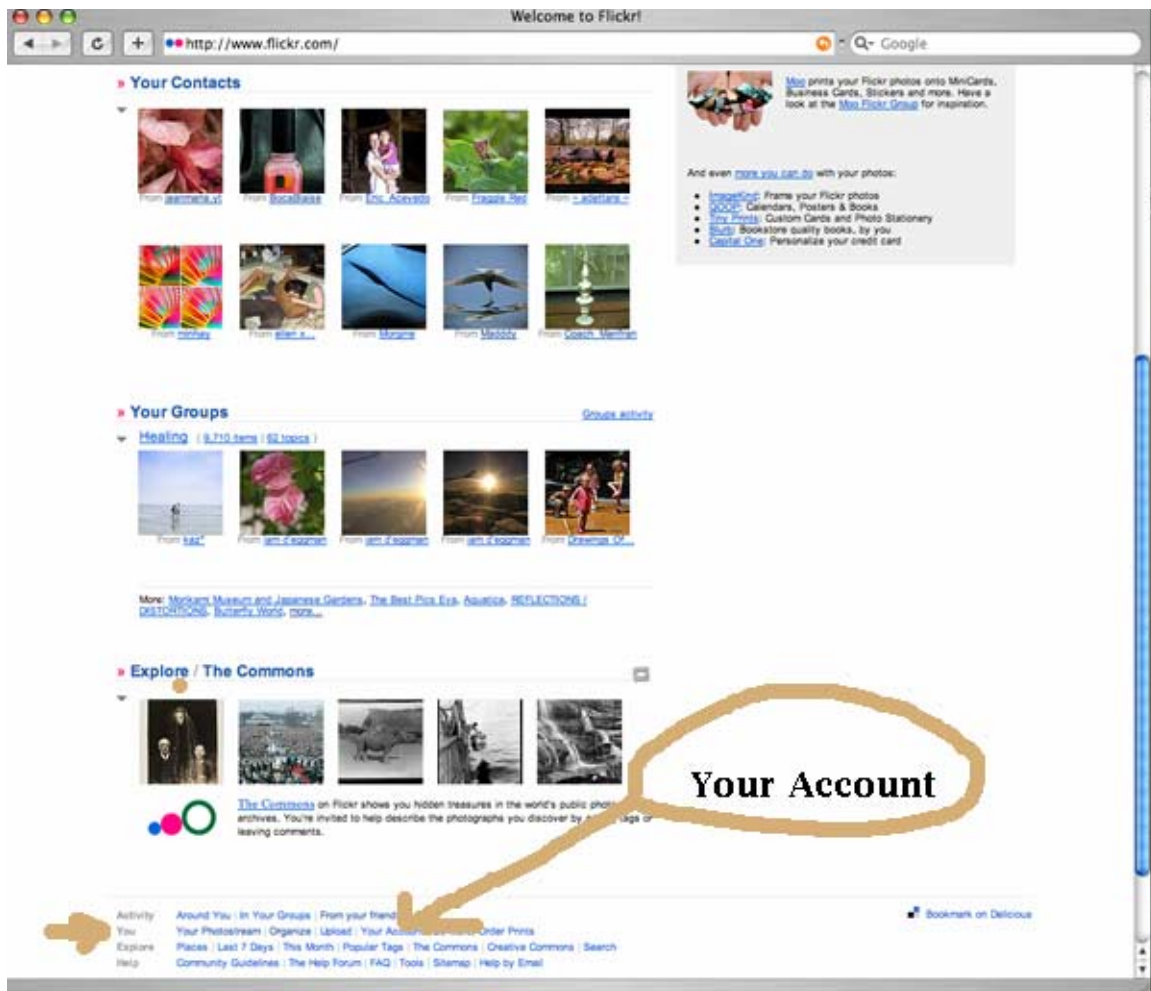
I've talked slowly on the recording and there may be times that you wish to PAUSE on the recording so you can complete some steps.

If you do not yet have a Flickr account, please go to <http://www.flickr.com> You will be asked for your Yahoo ID. If new to Yahoo, you can sign now.



Once you are in you will note that there are 2 different areas where Flickr has "menu" links, on the Top as well as along the Bottom of each page.

Before continuing with uploading, I recommend clicking on **"YOUR ACCOUNT"** at the bottom of the page in the second row marked YOU.



Fill in your Personal Information AND then toward the top next to Personal Information is the **Privacy & Permissions** link. Unless you want otherwise, for family or friends, I would urge you to Edit and check ONLY YOU, for who can print your photos.

Under "What license will your content have" I suggest All rights reserved © I think the rest of my settings are pretty much default.

http://www.flickr.com/account?tab=privacy

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Menu Links

Your account

Your account has been reviewed as **safe** by Flickr staff. ([What does that mean?](#))

You have a Flickr **Pro Account**. It expires on **14th February, 2010**.
 You can [extend your Pro Account](#), [give the gift of pro](#), [view your order history](#), or view a list of all the [gifts you've purchased](#).

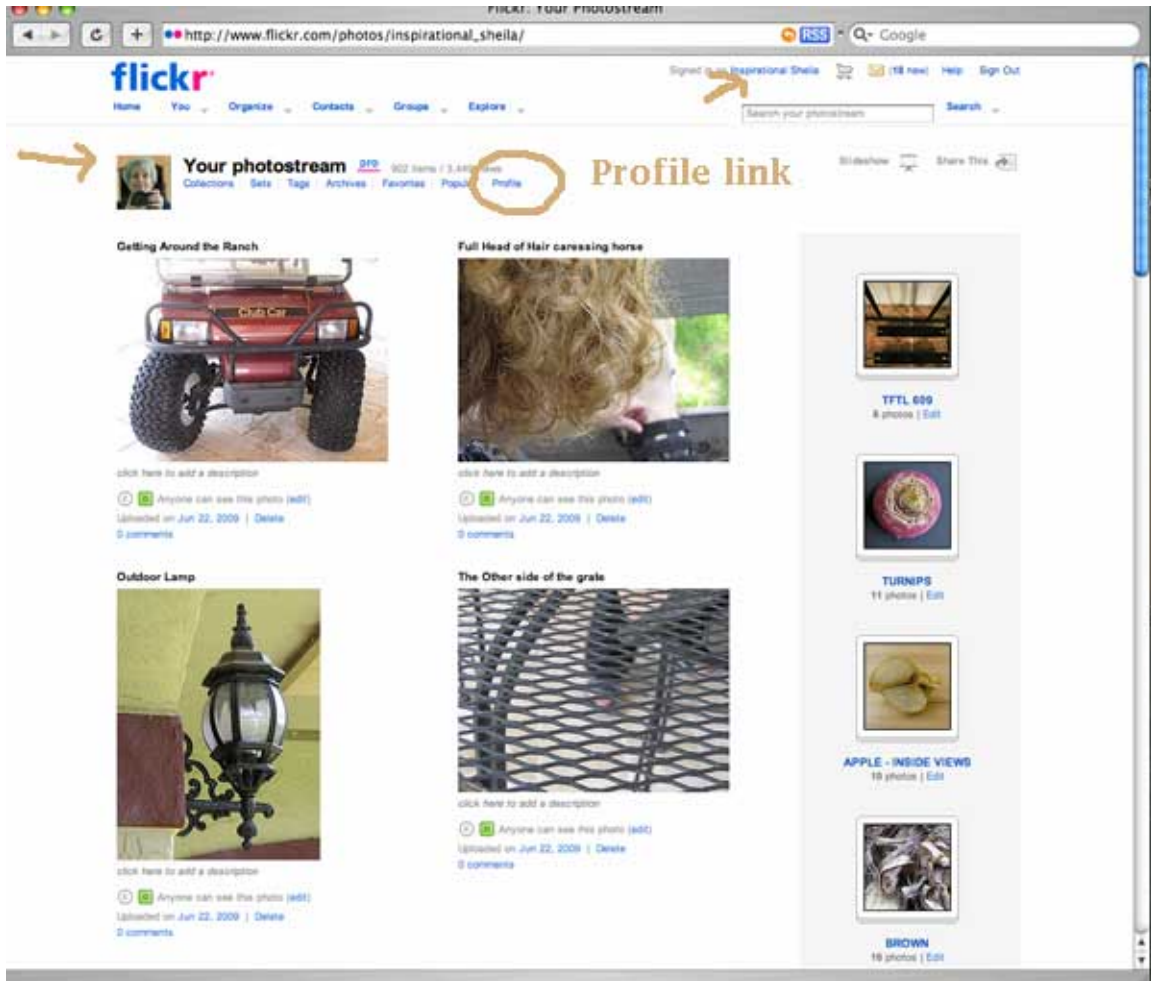
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Global settings

Who can download your stuff	Only you	edit
Who can share your photos or video?	Any Flickr member	edit
Who can print your photos	Only you	edit
Who can blog your stuff	Any Flickr member	edit
Hide your EXIF data [?]	No	edit
Hide your stuff from public searches [?]	No	edit
Hide your profile from public searches	No	edit
Who can see what on your profile	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Email address: Your contacts (sheila@eteletours.com) IM names: Your contacts (n/a) Real name: Anyone (Inspirational Sheila) Current city: Anyone (Boynton Beach, FL) 	edit
Make your photos eligible for invitation by Getty Images? [?] NEW	Yes	edit
Share your public photos on Yahoo!	No	edit

Your Profile -

Click on **YOU** on the Top Menu Links -



Click on PROFILE from your Home Page (next illustration).
Clicking on your screen name, at the top,
(Inspirational_Sheila – mine) will also take you to YOUR
ACCOUNT page.

On YOUR ACCOUNT PAGE you can edit everything that I am
showing you on the next page.

Your **PROFILE** –

The screenshot shows the Flickr profile page for 'Inspirational Sheila / Sheila Finkelstein'. The page includes a profile picture, a bio, and various links. A yellow arrow points from the 'Edit Profile', 'Buddy Icon', and 'Screen Name' links to a text box on the right.

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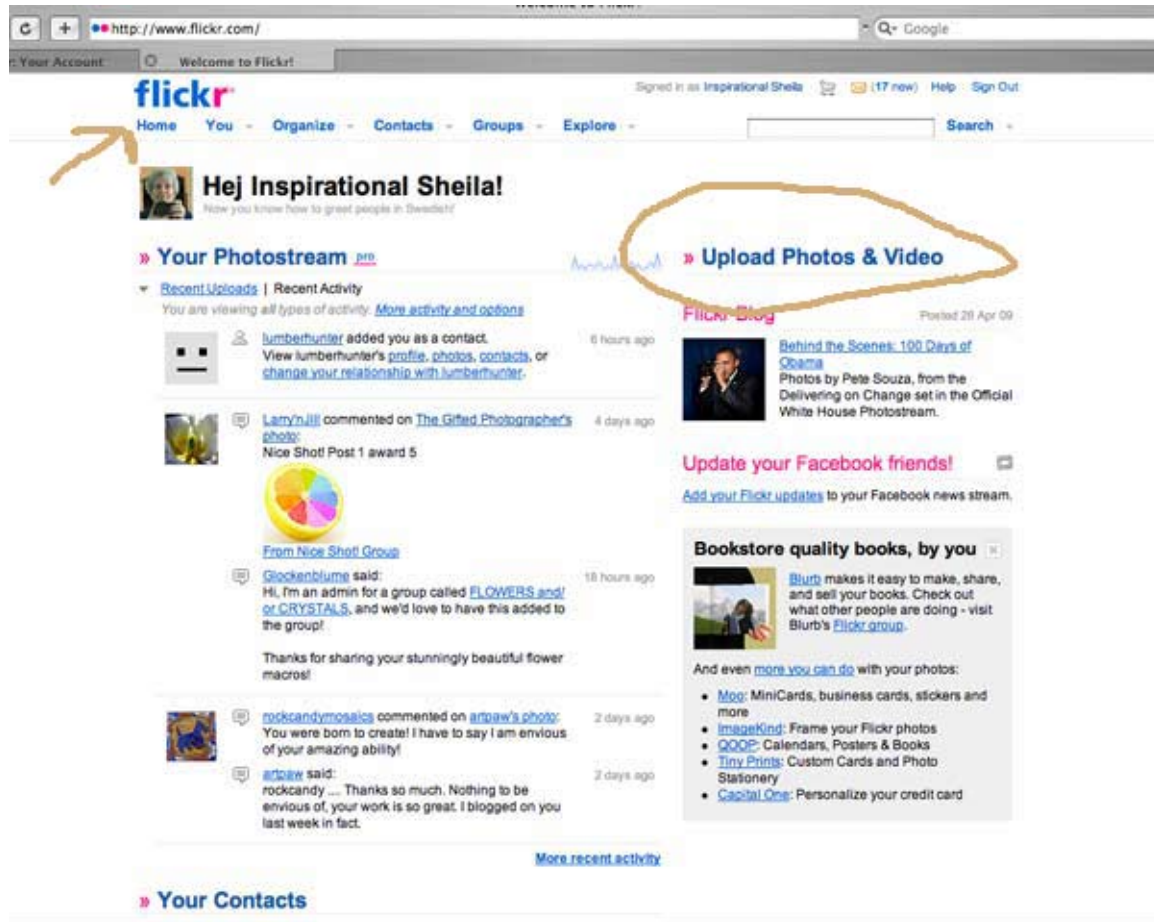
Click on **EDIT PROFILE** to check on and fill in basic information and to describe yourself.

Click on **BUDDY ICON** to remove the smile/sad face avatar and upload a photo or image to represent you, from your computer, Flickr or on the web. I suggest a photo of you, in person, so we get to know your face.

Click on **SCREEN NAME** to confirm or change, if you wish, your screen name, that which goes under your image and is the last, identifying, part of your Flickr address.

Uploading Photos –

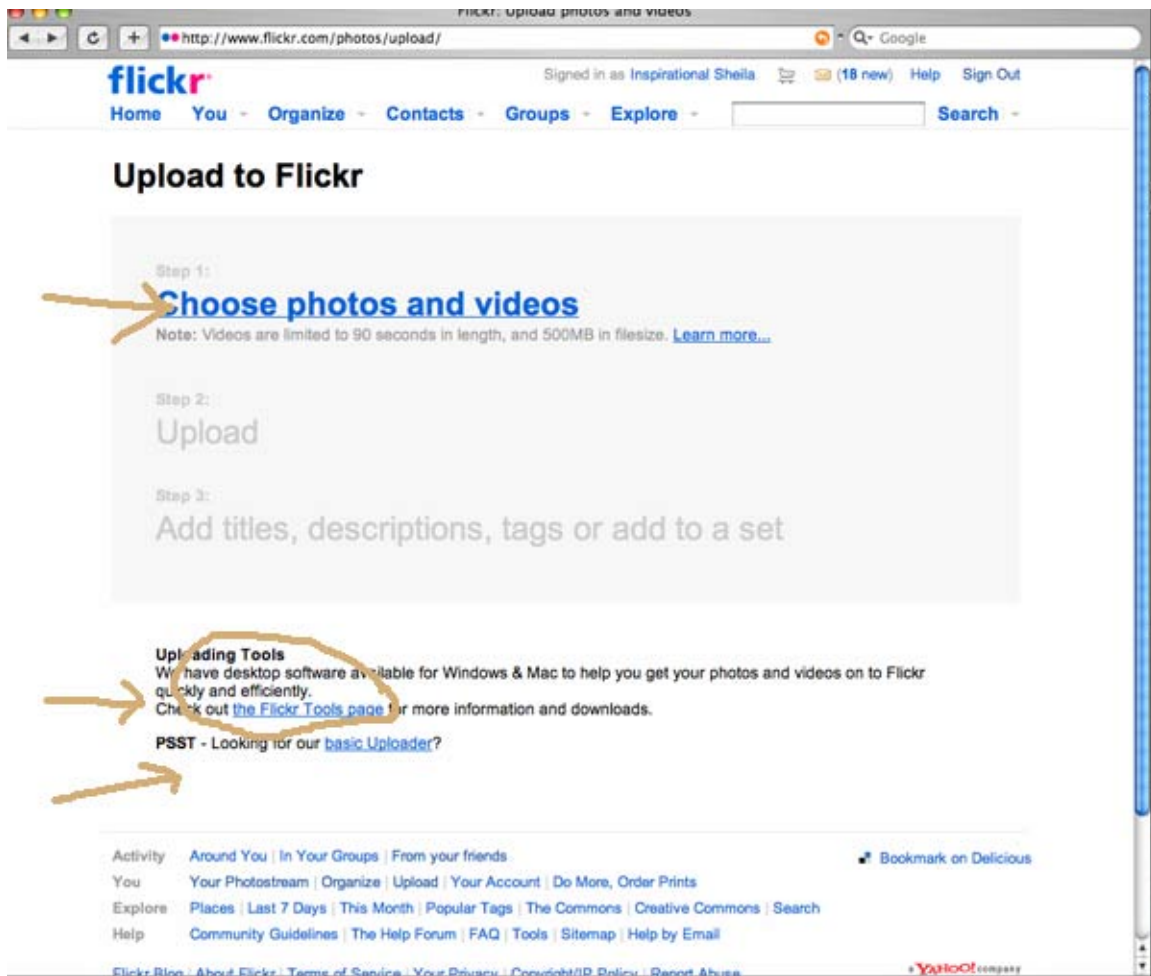
There are several ways to upload photos to FlickrR. To get started -



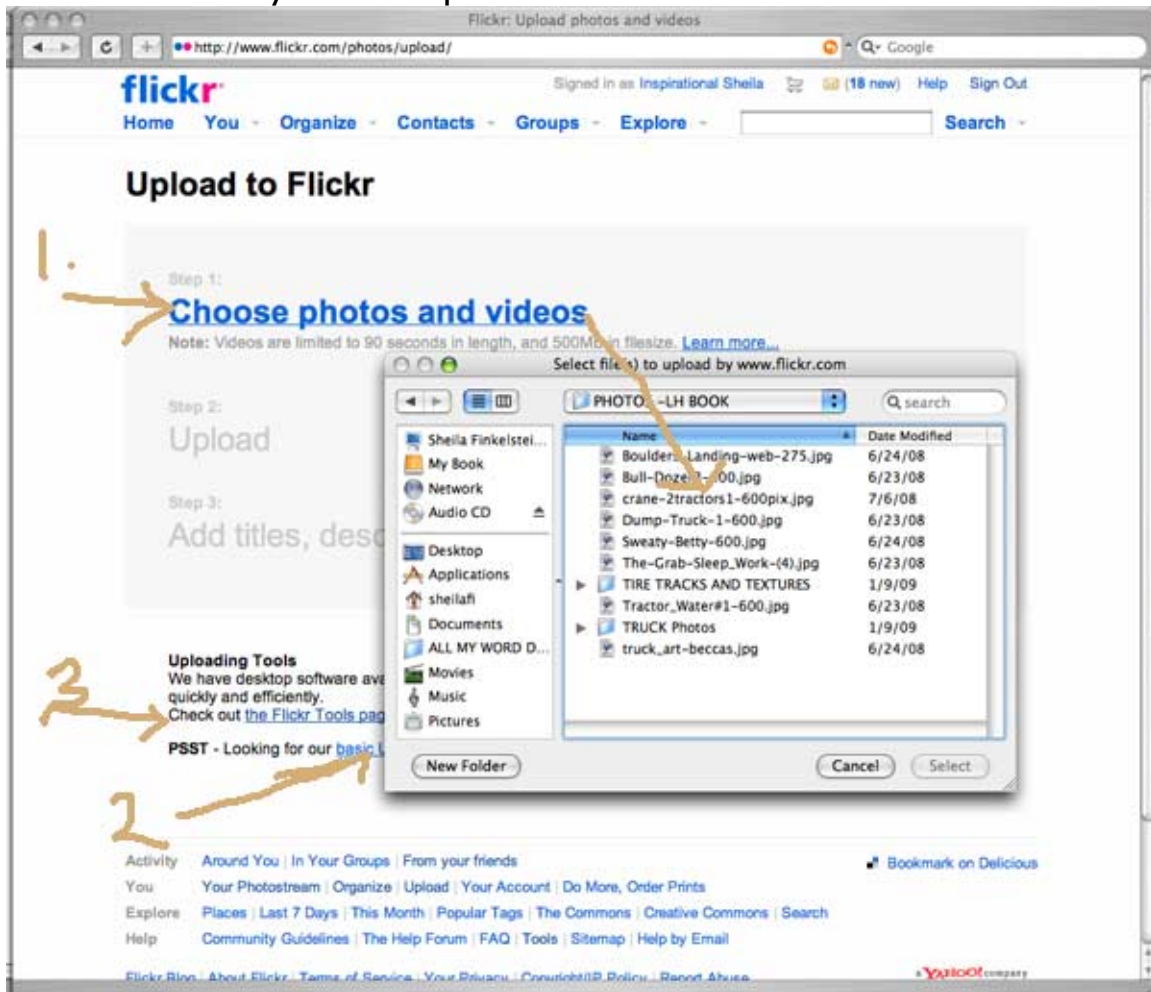
On your **HOME** page (link, top left on any of your pages) simply click on **UPLOAD PHOTOS** on the right. You will be presented a variety of ways to upload.

Or

Go to <http://www.flickr.com/upload> You will be taken to the page we see next.



1. The **CHOOSE PHOTOS** will open up the **UPLOAD TO FLICKR** page that allows you to **select** photos from any of the folders in your computer.



After uploading you can tag and title your pictures and add them to existing, or create new, sets. Your .jpeg title will be the default title unless you change it.

If you are interested in your photos being found in the Flickr community, or by search engines, then certainly tag your photos with the subject and your key words.

2. The **BASIC UPLOADER** gives you a page where you can BROWSE and select photos one by one from your computer. To upload, simply drag the .jpg, or other title of the photo(s) you want into the white column on the left and click the UPLOAD icon on the bottom right when all your photos are listed.

The screenshot shows the Flickr 'Upload photos and videos' page. At the top, there's a navigation bar with the Flickr logo, a search bar, and links for Home, You, Organize, Contacts, Groups, and Explore. The main heading is 'Upload photos and videos to Flickr'. Below this, there are two columns. The left column, titled 'Uploading tools', contains text about uploading tools for Mac and Windows, a link to download the free Flash player, and an Adobe Flash Player logo. The right column, titled 'Find the file(s) you want on your computer', lists six 'Choose File' buttons, each followed by 'no file selected'. Below this is a section for 'Add tags to the whole batch?' with a text input field. Then, there's a 'Choose the privacy settings' section with radio buttons for 'Private (only you see them)', 'Visible to Friends', 'Visible to Family', and 'Public (anyone can see them)'. A link for 'Show advanced settings...' is also present. At the bottom of the right column is a large blue 'UPLOAD' button. Below the button, there's a link to 'cancel and return to your photostream'.

Flickr: Upload photos and videos

http://www.flickr.com/photos/upload/basic/

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Upload photos and videos to Flickr

Uploading tools

We provide tools for Mac and Windows to make it easy to upload a batch all at once.

PSST - There's a much slicker version of our Uploader that you can use if you have JavaScript enabled and the latest version of Flash software installed. You can [download the free Flash player here](#). Once you've installed it, come back here to see [the flashy version of our Uploader](#).

Get ADOBE FLASHPLAYER

Find the file(s) you want on your computer

No more than 20MB per photo, and 500MB per video. Video playback will be limited to 90 seconds in length.

1. Choose File no file selected
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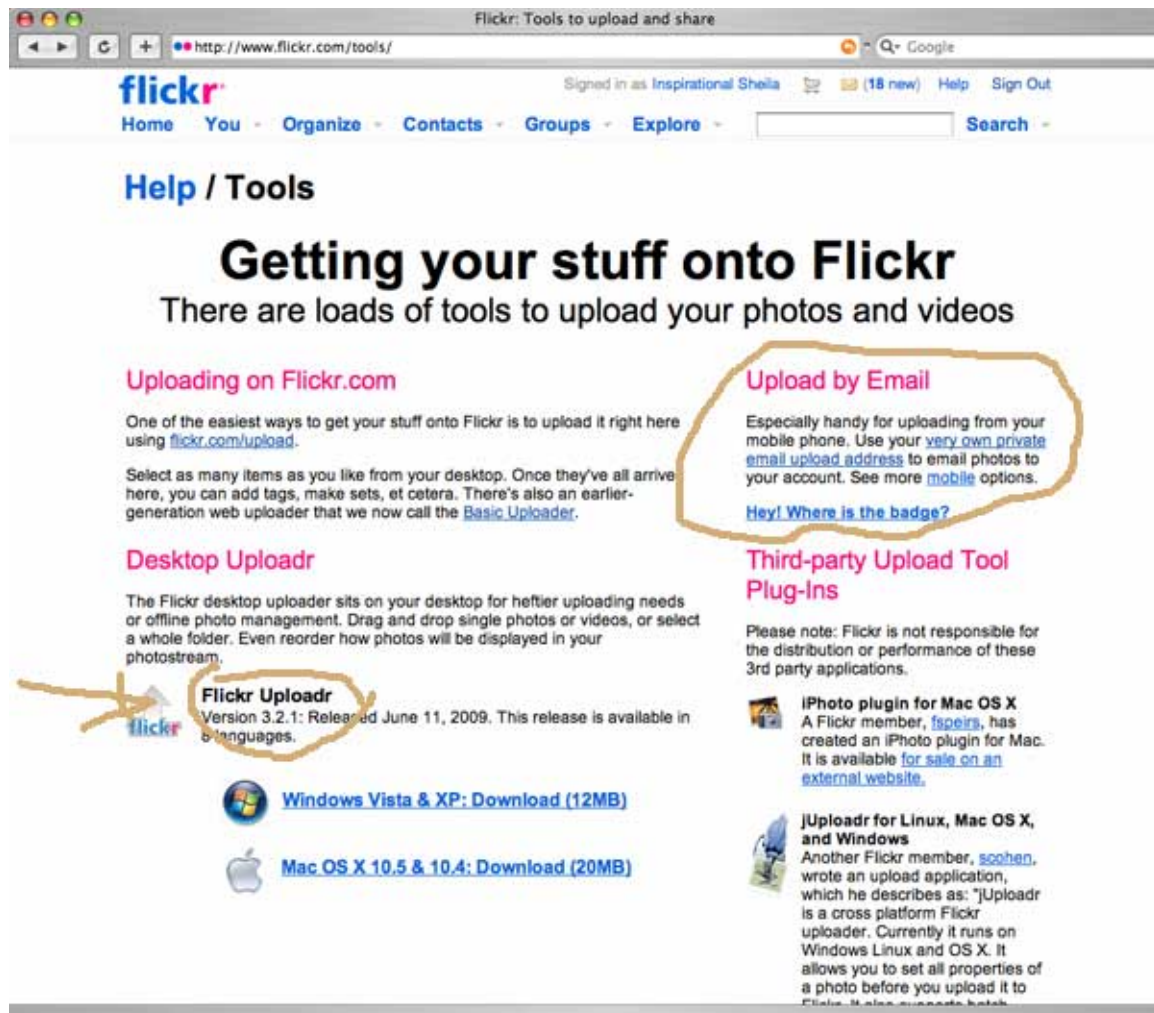
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3. Or you can go to the **FLICKR TOOLS PAGE**, <http://www.flickr.com/tools/> and get **either of the above** choices, plus the **Flickr Uploadr** as well as a **Unique EMAIL ADDRESS**. (Link under "Upload by Email" on the right).



The **FLICKR UPLOADR**, which will give you an application/icon with which you can easily upload and tag at the same time.

As of this writing, I strongly recommend that you take advantage of your **unique email address** that Flickr provides on the tools page to **upload by email** and that you use **Picasa**, <http://www.picasa.com>, for this. I have found

it to be very fast in resizing photos, even full batches, and quickly sending them through the Internet.

At one time FlickrR had a 200 photos/month limit for a free account. With the new cameras that have such large digital images, the restrictions now are measured by size, allowing two 90 second videos and 100 MB worth of photos/month.

For those who grow to enjoy FlickrR, appreciate participating in groups, developing communities and new friends, I recommend the PRO FlickrR account - \$24.95/year which includes unlimited photo storage.

I think that this pretty much covers the very basics that we will need for initially sharing photos.

- CONNECTING ON FLICKR -

Please add me as a Friend on Flickr so that I can invite you to the group I've set up. My Flickr identity is http://www.flickr.com/photos/inspirational_sheila If I am not already your friend there will be an option under Inspirational Sheila to add me as a CONTACT. If you intend to restrict your photos to Friends or Family, please click FRIEND, at least until the course is finished.

You can also go to my **PROFILE** and click on some of my **CONTACTS**. Look at some of their photography and add those whose work you appreciate as contacts for you.


Whenever they add new work, their last uploaded photograph will show up on your HOME page and on your CONTACTS page.

See screenshots below of the above, described process.

http://www.flickr.com/people/inspirational_sheila/

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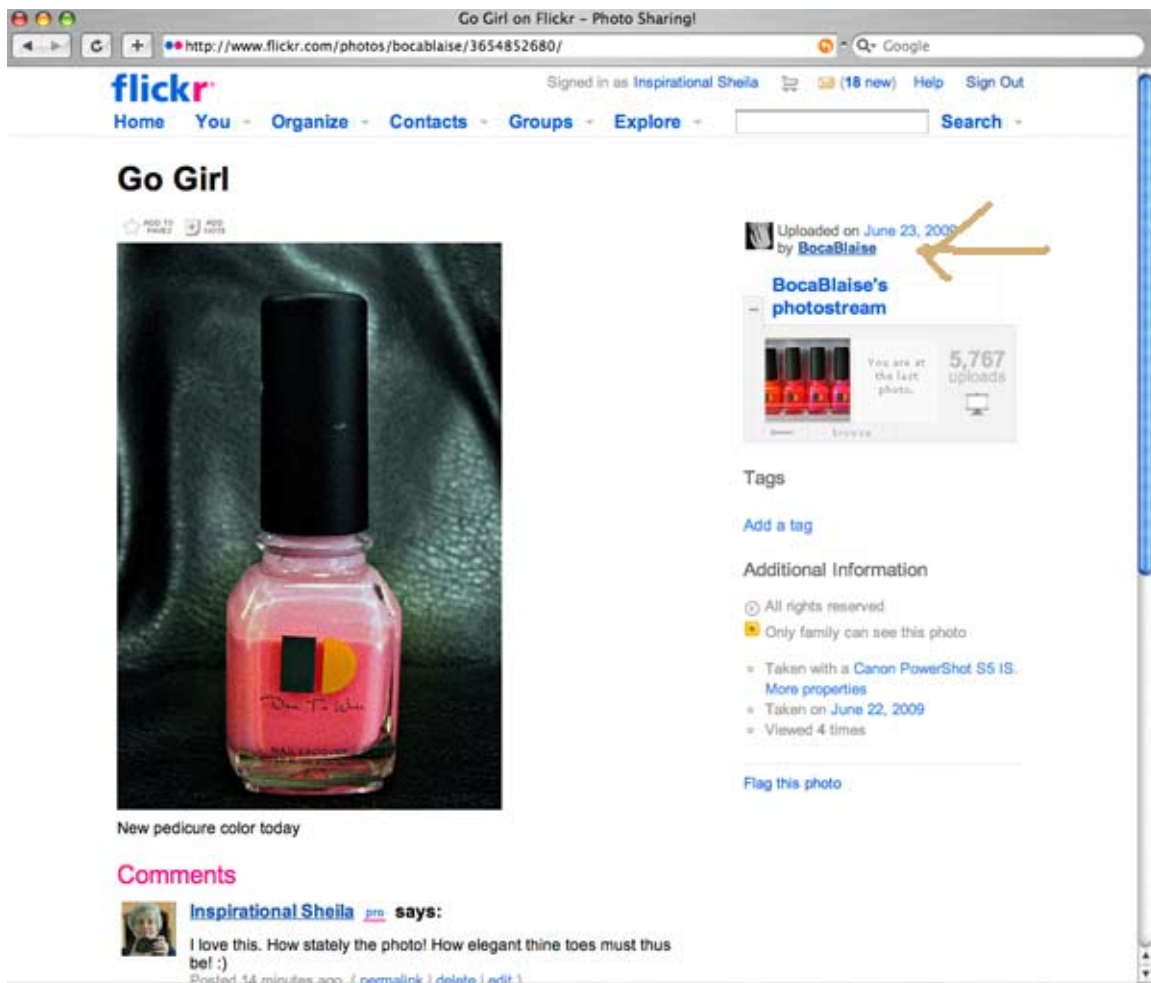
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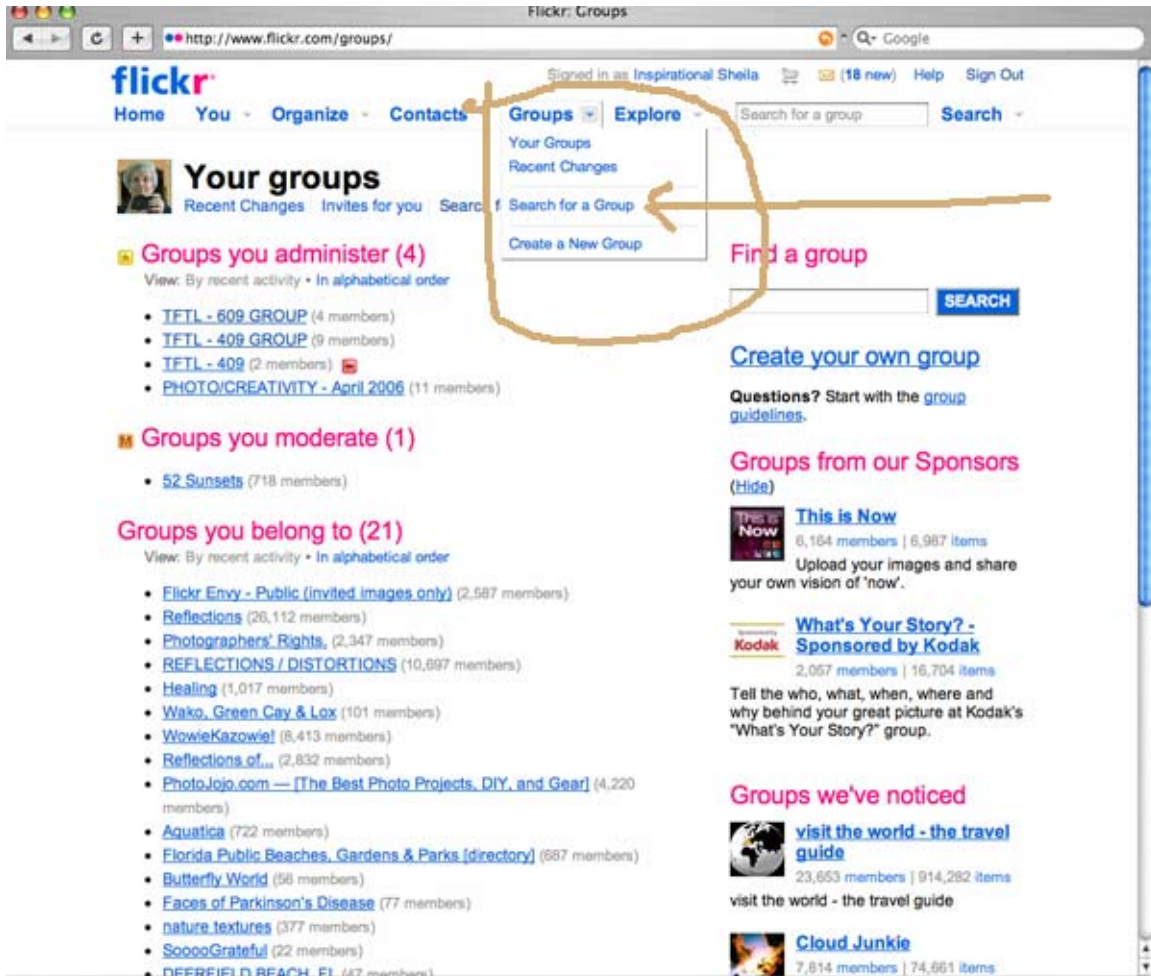


Just above “the person’s name’s **Photostream**” on the right, you’ll see a very small link for that person’s name. Clicking on this brings you to his or her **PROFILE** page. There you can add that person as a **contact**.

If you would like to communicate with that person directly, right under his or her name is a link for **Send FlickrMail**.

- USING GROUPS -

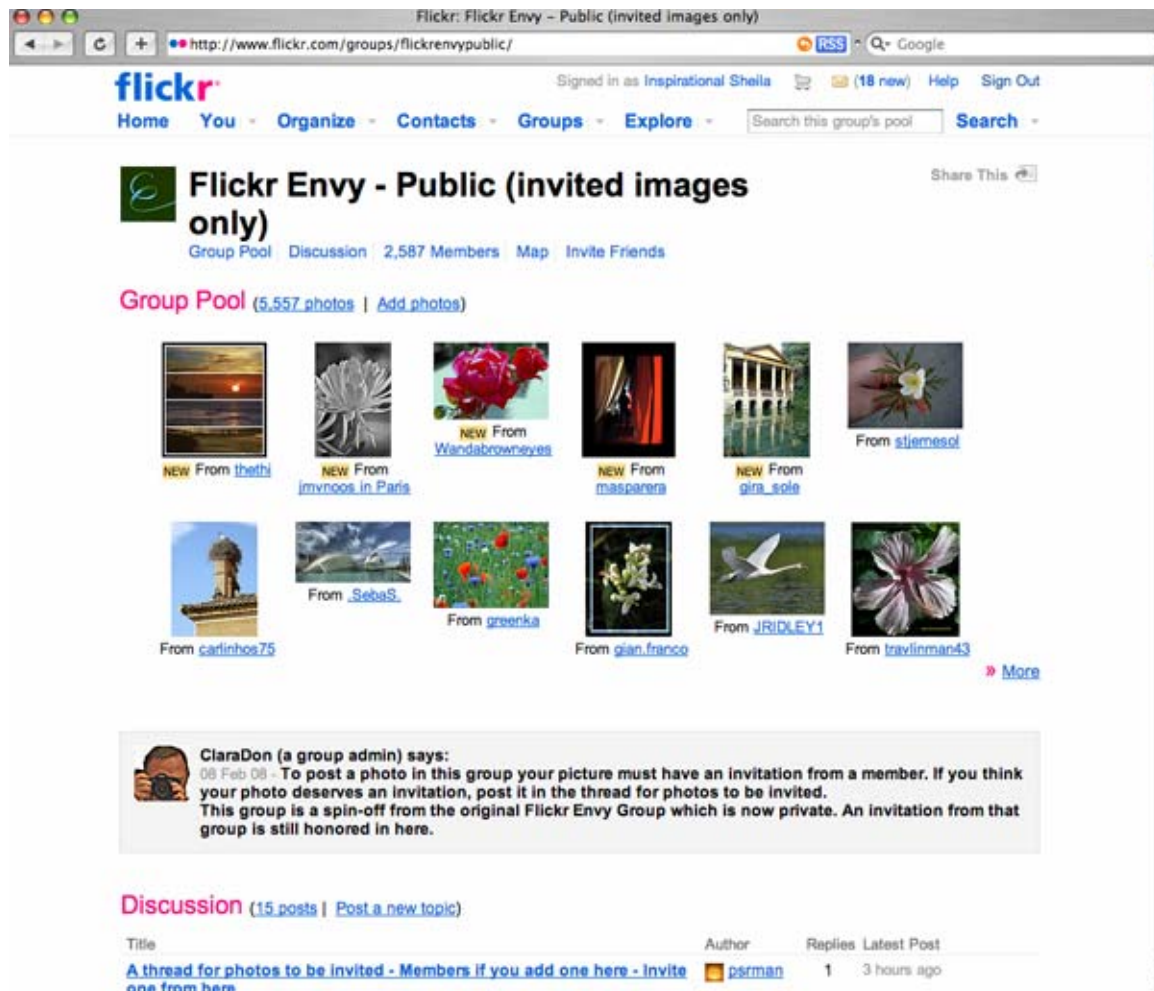
I have will have created a public group for readers of this report and participants in my Intro to Flickr classes. To join it, go to "**GROUPS**" – 5th link over under Flickr logo at the top of the page – click on the drop **down menu for search** and select **TFTL-classu**.



When you get there, there should be a link underneath to group name for **Join this Group**. Once you are in, you can post one of two of what you consider your best photos for each week.

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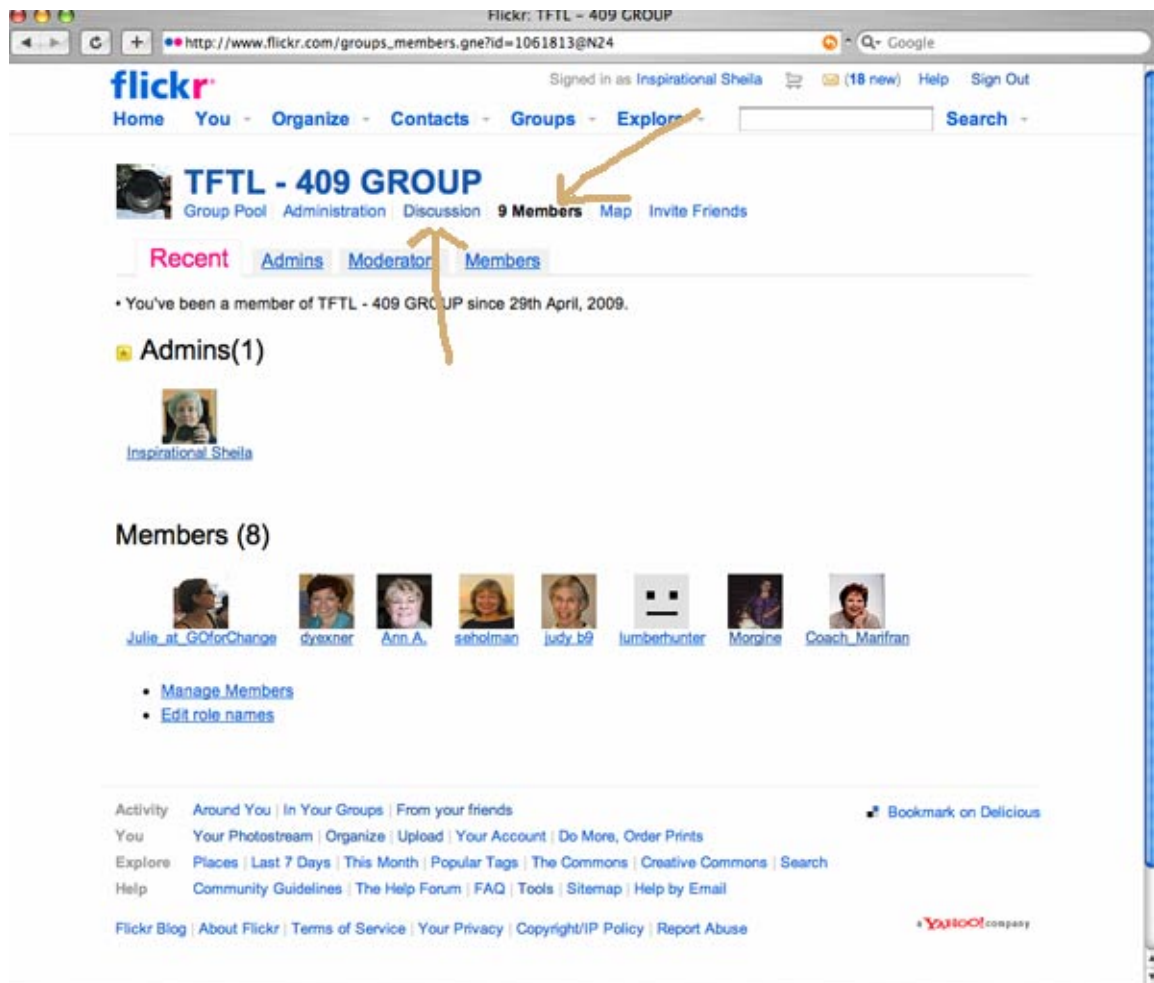
Below is an example of one of the hundreds (could be thousands) of groups in Flickr. Anyone can start a group and there are many groups you can join. Some are by invitation only. A group member sees a photo of yours he or she likes, then invites you to post it in the group to which he or she belongs.



We will mainly be using the MEMBERS link during our classes. We will be able to quickly get to each members' PHOTOSTREAMS by clicking on their icons. (See next page.)

Note also the DISCUSSION link that will give us the opportunity to comment and ask questions. Given Flickr

does not notify us when a post is made, it will be a good practice for all interested to periodically check that link.



Lastly, it would be helpful also, if you make everyone in this group as a Friend. The easiest way, if they are in the group already, is to hover your mouse over their icon image or photo. This will bring up a drop down menu on the right of the photo.

The last link is to Send Flickr Mail. You can also ADD AS A CONTACT (top link), along with many other options. Clicking on the photo/icon will take you to their Photostream. Then the small link on top right of the page takes you to their profile.

OTHER FEATURES

As you get comfortable with Flickr you'll discover organizing tools, other groups you might enjoy, and much more. If you need any help here, contact me.

Please note also the very extensive menu of links in lists along the bottom of each Flickr page. When you're stuck and have a question, check there. If you have an immediate question for me, please email me directly. Flickr also has an extensive amount of information and answers to questions on their [FAQ page](#) – link on the 4th line Help at bottom of every page.

Lastly, feel free to let me know if/when there are any places where you get stuck. Even better, post it, and any discoveries you make, to our group and we can all learn at the same time. Please share "aha's also!

Have fun,

Sheila

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PS – Please check out my <http://www.photographyandtransformation.com> blog, where I use photographs and questions to spark new ways of seeing in your life.