Sunnylands 30-Day Photo Challenge

Spark your creativity with this 30-day photo challenge. Below are prompts to post a photo that captures a daily theme. Repost an older photo or create something entirely new: Take the opportunity to challenge yourself creatively, have fun, or just review and relive some favorite memories. Big or small, real or imagined, serious or goofy, however you want to utilize this Sunnylands-inspired photo challenge is up to you.

We would love it if you shared your photos with us! Use #SL30challenge on Facebook or Instagram and make sure your account is public so we can see your posts.

1. Yellow: Yellow was Mrs. Annenberg’s favorite color. Share a photo of something yellow.
2. Patterns: Interior designer William Haines utilized a number of patterns in his designs for the Annenberg home. How will your photo display a pattern?
3. A thank you: Share a photo that expresses gratitude. The Annenbergs often sent formal thank you letters to friends and colleagues.
4. A place you’ve traveled: Show us an old travel photo, or recreate the scene in your home. Perhaps it’s a place you’ve traveled only in your imagination.
5. A photo of a friend: The Annenbergs surrounded themselves with photos of family and friends. Show us a loved one.
6. A piece of artwork in your home: The Annenbergs surrounded themselves with their favorite works of art. Show us one of yours! What piece of art speaks to you?
7. A peaceful moment: Many people have enjoyed the respite of a peaceful moment at Sunnylands. How will you capture this concept in a photograph?
8. All dressed up: The Annenbergs famously hosted elegant parties each New Year’s Eve. Show us a photo of someone dressed to the nines.
9. A flower: Mrs. Annenberg’s favorites were roses. A flower in nature, or an abstract representation? There are so many ways to interpret this prompt!
10. Inside/Outside: Midcentury modern designs often seek to create a blend between the indoors and outdoors, perfect for the southern California climate. How will you express the theme of inside/outside?
11. Something you created: A unique work all your own. A loaf of bread you baked yourself? A work of art? A business storefront? What have you created?
12. Sunshine: A celebration of our nearest star. There are limitless ways to interpret this! Get creative.
13. Communication & Connection: With a career that spanned newspapers, television, radio, and magazines along with a desire to connect people, Mr. Annenberg broadened the field of communication. Share a photo that communicates connection.

14. History: One of Mrs. Annenberg’s two degrees from Stanford University was in history. Share with us a photo that whispers from the past. It might be a photo of an ancestor or an antique you inherited. Perhaps you are inspired by an aged flea-market find. What connects you to history?

15. A guest: A bee in the garden, grandma’s most recent visit, or a friend passing by. Share with us a photo of a guest in your home, past or present.

16. Birds: Walter spent a lot of time viewing and enjoying the birds from his dressing room window. Birds are also a common motif around their home. Snap a photo of a bird in any form!

17. Movement: The Annenbergs enjoyed the movement of kinetic art in their collection. In what way can you express the movement theme in your photo?

18. A game: For Walter and Leonore, it was backgammon. What’s a fun angle to capture a game you enjoy?

19. A view: The Annenbergs appreciated views of the surrounding mountain ranges. From your house, from a previous journey, what view has taken your breath away?

20. A gift you received: Share a photo of a gift that is meaningful to you.

21. A photo you wish you could smell: Grapefruit and Star Jasmine are two recognizable scents at Sunnylands. Create a photo that makes you wish we had smell-o-graph technology.

22. A collectible: The Annenbergs enjoyed collecting various items. Share an item you’ve collected.

23. Something that represents your home country: As public servants, Walter and Leonore both celebrated and displayed emblems of their American heritage. Share with us something that represents your home country.

24. An activity you enjoy: For Walter and Leonore Annenberg, rarely a day passed that they didn’t enjoy a round of golf. What activity do you enjoy? How can you represent it with a photo?

25. Horizontal lines: Midcentury modern architecture is famous for emphasizing horizontal lines. With this in mind, all Sunnylands structures have horizontal elements. Find a fun way to represent horizontality in a photo.

26. Abstract: The Annenbergs collected a number of abstract sculptures. What abstract photo will you create?

27. A delicious meal: Guests of the Annenbergs often enjoyed meals prepared by their chef Michel. Use those photo skills to display a delicious meal.

28. Before & After: Sunnylands has seen many changes over the years. How might you display a before and after theme?

29. A kindness: Share a photo that displays an act of kindness or philanthropy.

30. A museum object: Photograph an object you would want displayed in the museum of you and make your caption a museum label!