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**An Art Presentation at Dolphin Ridge Club DbA – Emerald Isle Beach & Pool Club  
by Jon Kolkin, professional photographer & Nick Nelson of Arcadia Education  
Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> August, 17:00**

**Introduction by Jon Kolkin**

Jon, a professional fine art photographer, physician and international speaker welcomed a group of 25 attendees at the Dolphin Ridge Beach and Pool Club on Emerald Isle and gave a brief outline of the evening's programme, which was broken up into three parts.

**Part 1 – ‘Capturing the Light’ – An Introduction to Impressionism, Nick Nelson**

Nick Nelson, Director of Arcadia Education for Art History in England, gave a 40 minute presentation on the French Impressionists – a group of artists who formed in Paris in 1874, whose chief concern was to capture fleeting light and atmospheric effects. Given their love of reflections on water and light, the subject was chosen by Nick in response to the setting of Emerald Isle and Jon Kolkin's photographic subjects. An overview of Impressionist subjects was given, including middle class leisure pursuits, landscape, atmospheric effects of light and weather conditions. This brief insight into *plein air* painting was designed to introduce the 'art' of art history, as a taster for the specialist cultural tours Arcadia Education offer globally.

**Part 2 – Fine Art Photography Techniques Concerning Light & Water, Jon Kolkin**

The climatic aspects of light, water and reflections are often captured by photographer Jon Kolkin; occasionally within the setting of Emerald Isle. Jon, who exhibits his work in Florida, Raleigh, Chicago and elsewhere was able to explain some of the fascinating photographic techniques he has employed in a range of photographs, which we were lucky enough to see in original framed format. The works formed a nice link with the Impressionists' works on canvas.

**Part 3 – An Insight into Arcadia Education for Art History, Nick Nelson**

Nick introduced Arcadia Education – a UK-based educative organisation aimed at sharing Art History in its myriad forms. The company offers specialist cultural tours in England, the United States and in Europe to visit works of art and architecture at first hand, from Classicism to Modernism. Arcadia Education will be running an art-based cultural tour to Paris at Easter, in conjunction with Dove Travel, Emerald Isle, NC.

Further information can be found out:

**Jon Kolkin's** photographic website: <http://kolkinphotography.com>

**Arcadia Education** website: <http://arcadia.education>

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Our heartfelt thanks to Wendy Routson at Emerald Isle Beach & Pool Club for hosting such an enjoyable event and for her excellent hospitality.