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You've just gotten that new digital camera you wanted as a holiday gift, but you want to go beyond snapping pictures to making better photographs. The South Carolina State Museum is featuring two photography seminars as part of its final week of Winter Fest, an annual holiday tradition, to help you do just that.

Brett Flashnick, a professional photographer featured in the State Museum's exhibit *Palmetto Portraits*, a study of South Carolinians at work and play, will lead two seminars on Sunday, Jan. 2 at 1:30 and 3 p.m. "Basic Portrait Photography: Recording Your Family's History" will teach amateur photographers about fundamental composition, lighting, and other indispensable factors that make the difference between a nice snapshot and a great photograph. Participants will learn many practical tips on composing portraits as well as information on such things as photo storage in the digital age.

Over the past decade, Flashnick has worked as a professional freelance photojournalist, corporate and advertising photographer, cinematographer and director. He has received national and regional awards for his photography, including first place recognition from Columbia University, Kentucky Press Association, Kentucky News

Photographers Association, and the South Carolina News Photographers Association. His photographs have been published in *Time*, *Newsweek*, *Der Spiegel*, *National Geographic*, *People*, and on ESPN.com, MSNBC.com, and have been broadcast on CNN's *The Situation Room* and *Anderson Cooper 360°*. Flashnick was included in the traveling exhibition, *The American President*, presented by the Associated Press.

“To me being a photographer, and ultimately a visual storyteller,” says Flashnick, “is a constant evolution in the way that I see the world around me. I have been influenced by life lessons and personal growth, combined with a fascination for the changing and emerging technologies, that allow me to capture the world I see in both still and moving images.”

The event is free with membership or admission. No registration or camera is required for the seminars.

Winter Fest continues through Sunday, Jan. 2. For more information and a full schedule of events, call (803) 898-4952 or visit www.southcarolinastatemuseum.org.

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