

SketchingNow foundations

Getting Started on Flickr

This guide will take you through the steps to create a Flickr account and the basics to upload and sharing in the Foundations Course group.

Flickr is a great place to store your sketches and start your own portfolio of work. It is easy to add images to a group, comment on and follow other peoples work. A free flickr account allows for 1T of storage. There is a mobile app as well but I will be focusing on the desktop version for now.

go to <https://www.flickr.com>

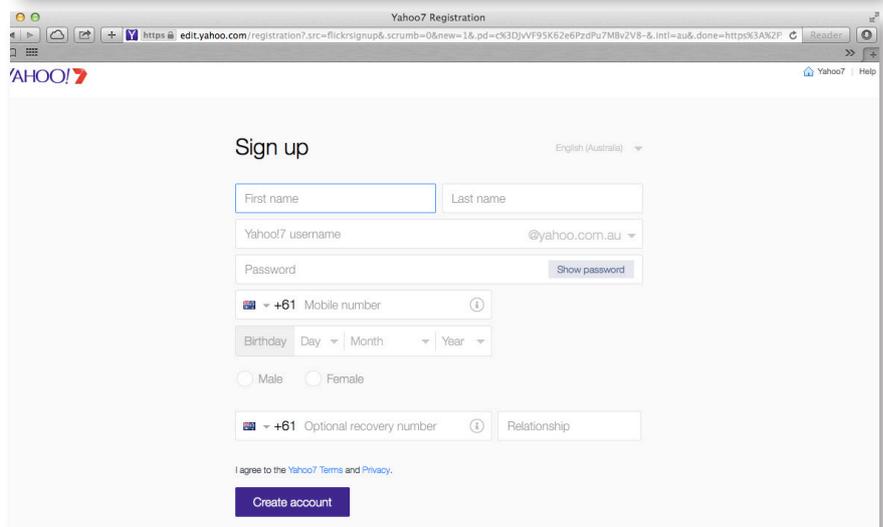
Click on Sign Up



You will be asked for a Yahoo username to create a yahoo email address.

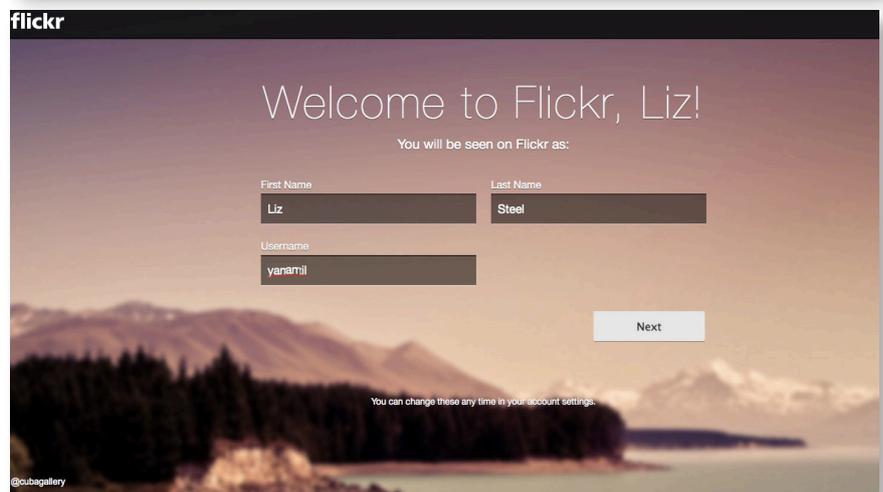
Note: I never use my yahoo email account and will show you how to change all notifications to an existing email address. Make sure you keep a record of what you use for user name and password - you need this to sign in.

(Note: Yahoo 7 is the Australian version of Yahoo - just ignore the 7 references)



Once you have signed up you can change your name and user name if you want (and the user name is available!)

The user name is what we will all know you as - displaying your full name is optional.



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Once set up, the first thing is to go and change the email address to one that you are already using.

Go to settings from the top right hand menu

Click on Email & Notifications tab

Your Contact email(s):
Click Edit

Add a second email address.

A confirmation email will be sent to this address - follow the steps to confirm it.

Click
SET PRIMARY
to make this email address the one that you will use for all notifications from Flickr.

Back in Email & Notifications tab:

Edit the Recent Activity settings

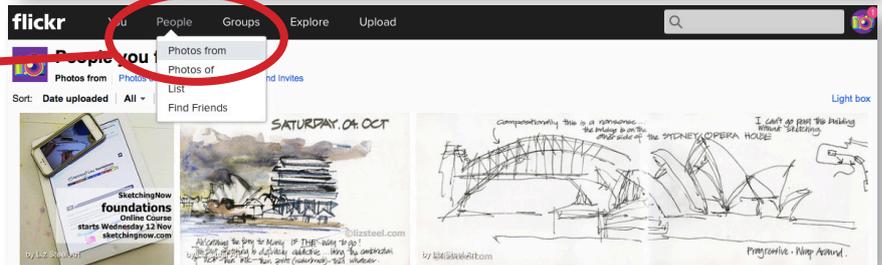
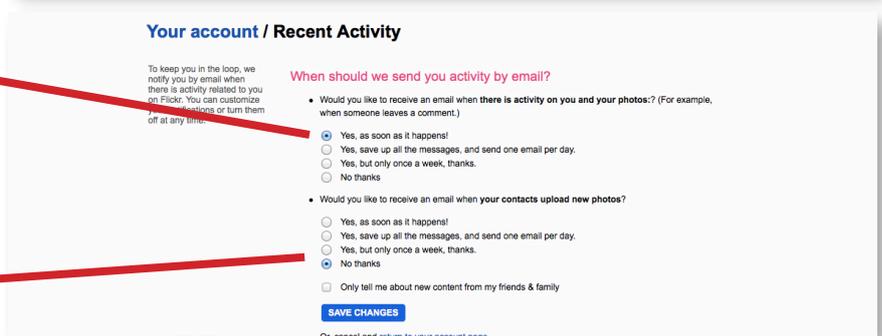
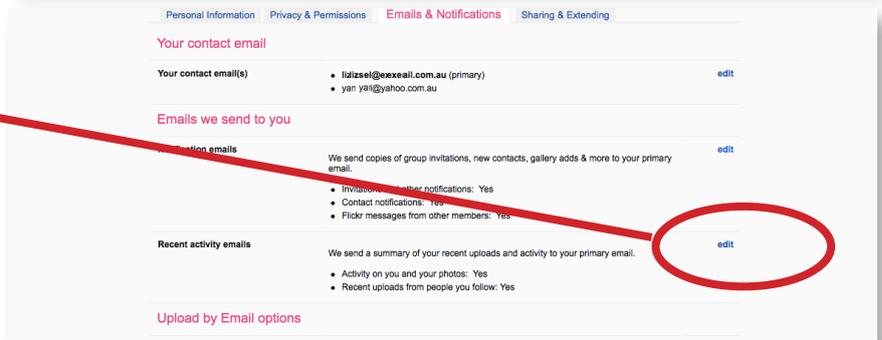
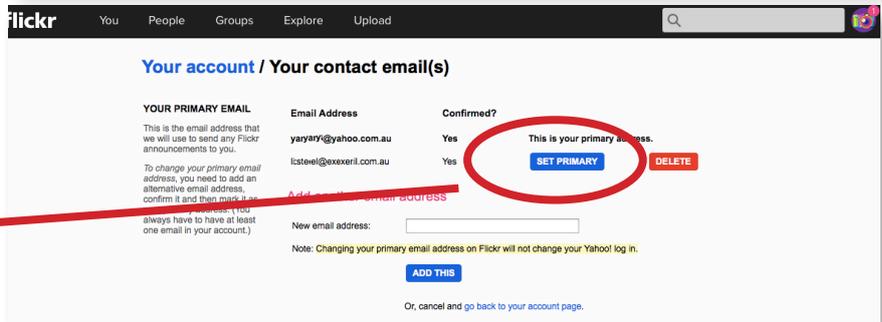
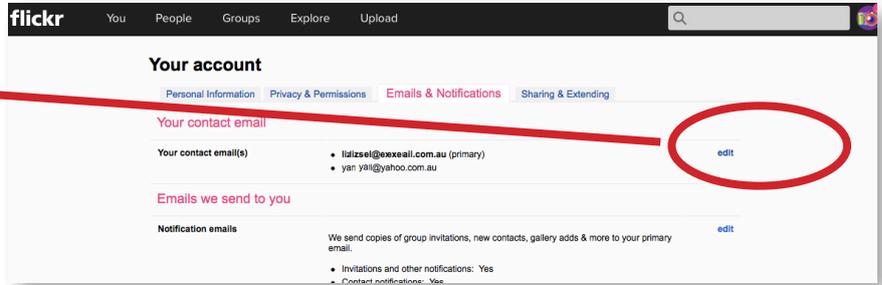
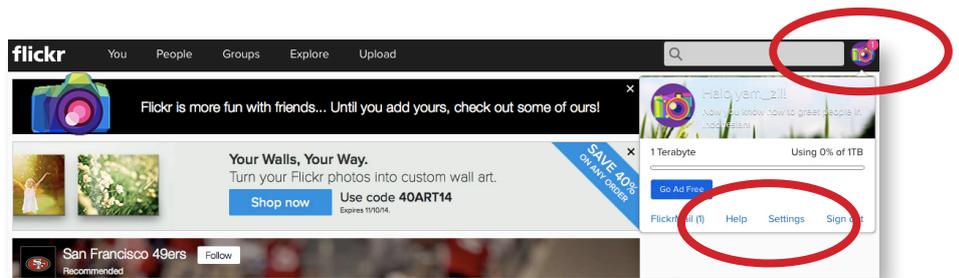
Its up to you but I recommend the following:

Activity of your photos:
x Yes as soon as it happens!

Your contact upload photos:
(any of the following)
x one email per day
x only once a week
x No thanks (what I choose)

I manually check my friends uploads using
People - Photos From

Adjust Personal settings and Privacy Settings as you wish...



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JOIN THE FOUNDATIONS GROUP

Go to this URL
<https://www.flickr.com/groups/sknfoundations14/>

Click: Join Group

Read and agree to the guidelines

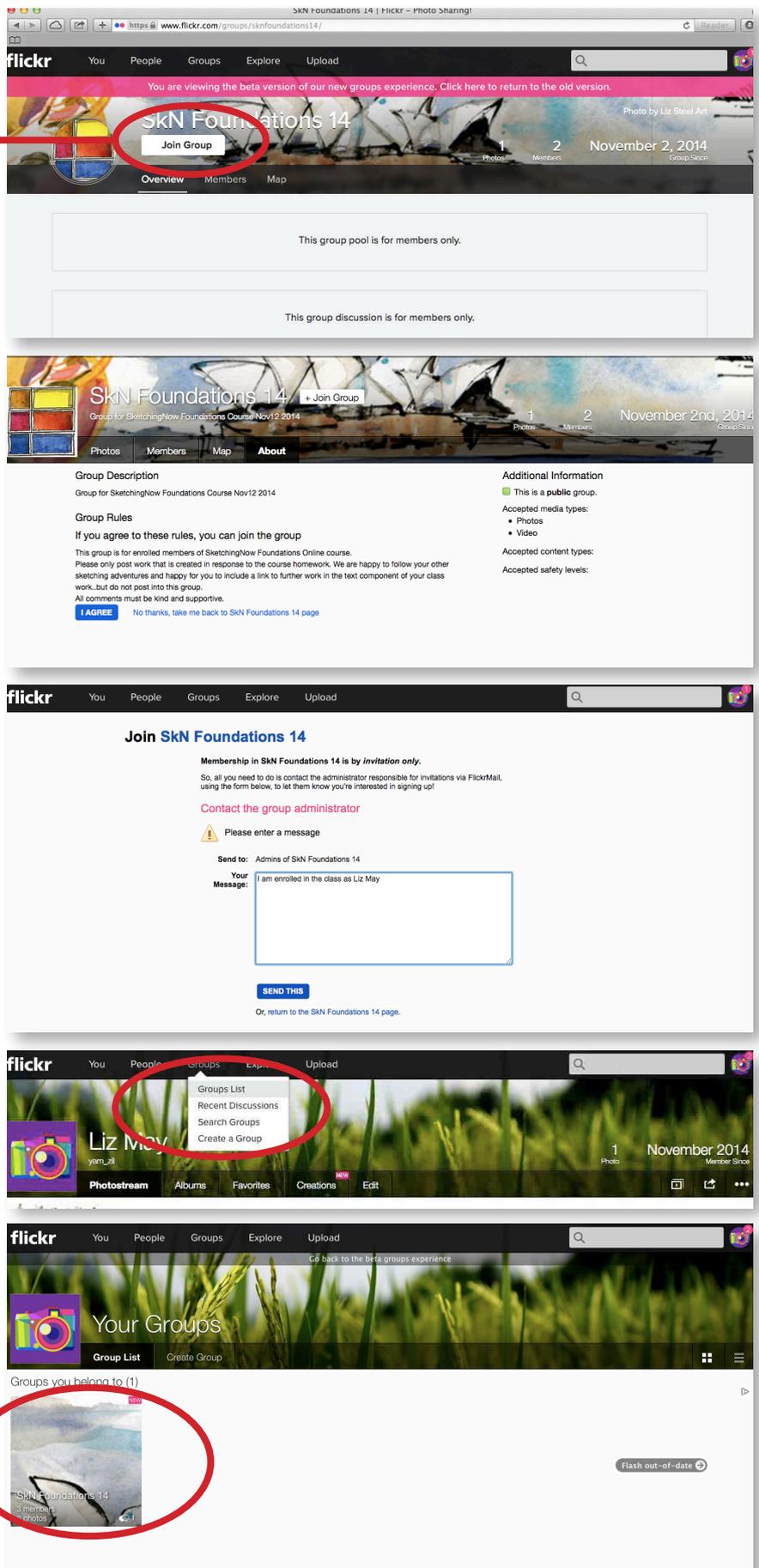
Leave a message to confirm that you are enrolled in the course and what your real name is. (ie. the name you used to enroll in the Foundations class)

Please note: I have to manually accept every request to join the group. I will be accepting pending requests as soon as possible but there may be a delay of a few hours.

I am in Sydney Australia - so it might be night time for me if it is day time for you.

You will receive an email confirmation of entry into the group - follow to links to gain access.

You can also get to the group by going to Groups - Your Groups and clicking on the Foundations Group



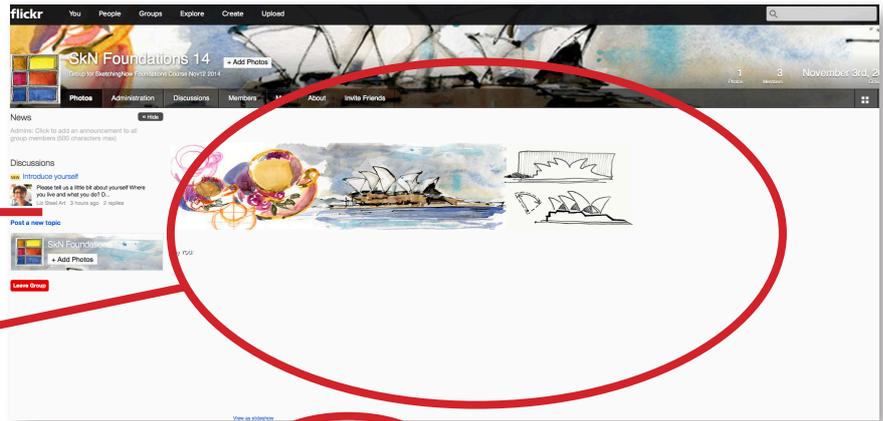
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The Foundations Group

Now you can see the discussion list on the left side and the group pool. (Aside: It is too empty at the moment!)

Discussion list here. Feel free to start a new topic

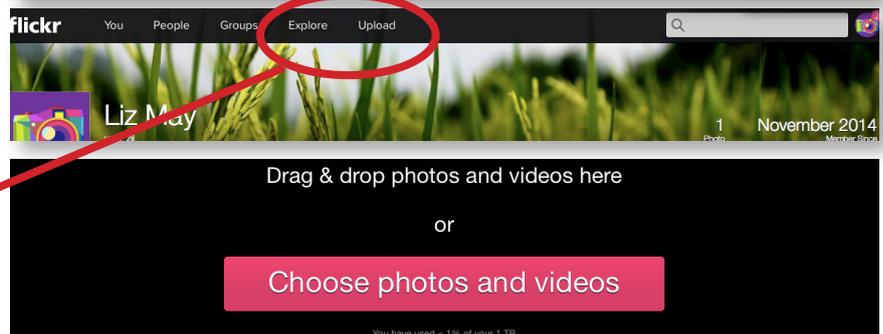
Group Pool with all the images from the lessons. This will look a lot better really soon!



Uploading a sketch

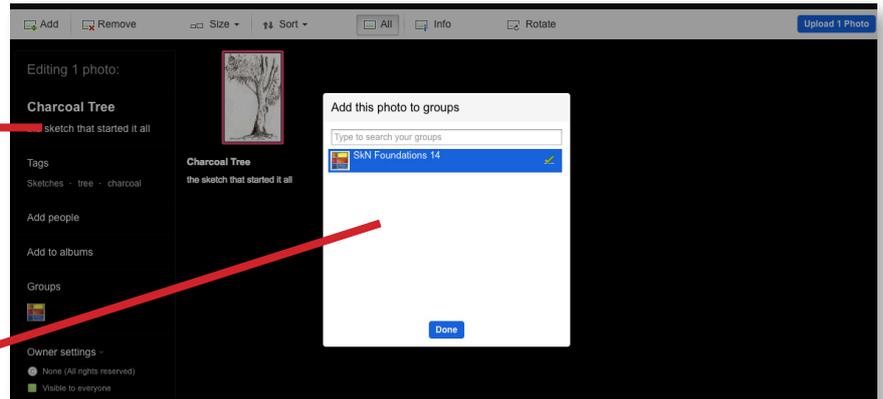
to our own photostream and to the group

Hit upload and follow the prompts



Down the side you can edit the image name and description and tags. You might want to include Lesson1, Lesson2, etc in the tag or in the title - but this is not essential.

Click Groups and then tick SKN Foundations 14 in the list. Then click upload and it will go to your photostream and the Foundations Group.



Yay!

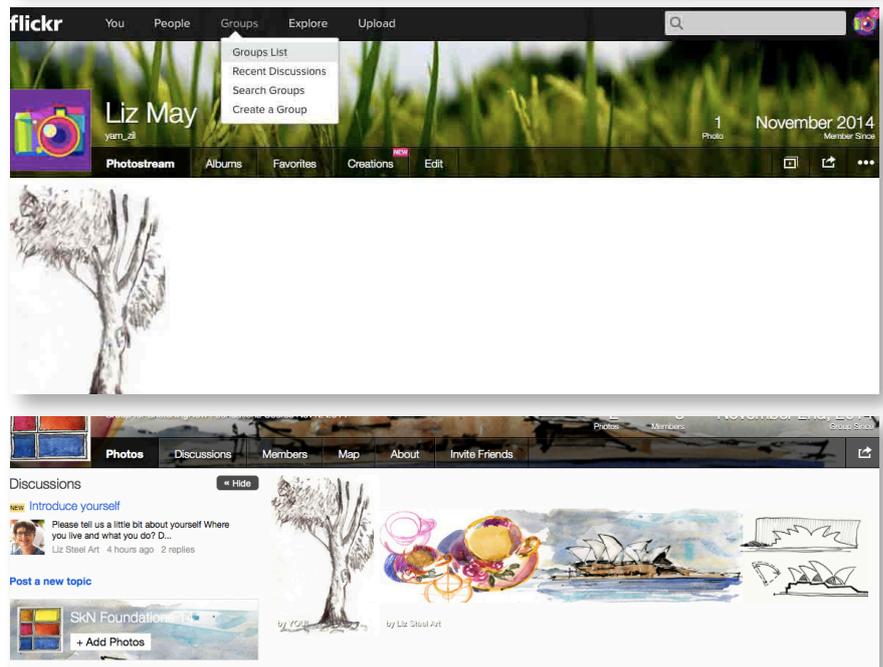
We have a sketch in your photostream....but need more, hey? Time for more sketching!

BTW you might want to change the banner and the icon image....

Lets check the group:

yes...the group looks better now - with a second image.

Aside: Flickr favours horizontal format images at the moment - but things might change.... (one never knows!)



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Commenting

Click on an image and scroll down to add a comment.

Please note: This comment will be visible on the authors photostream. In most cases, any comments that we add in the group pool are visibly publicly (unless the author has made their photostream private)

So any of your followers, who are not doing the class, will be able to see what you do and what others say. In addition, there may be comments on the sketch from other people who are not in the foundations class.

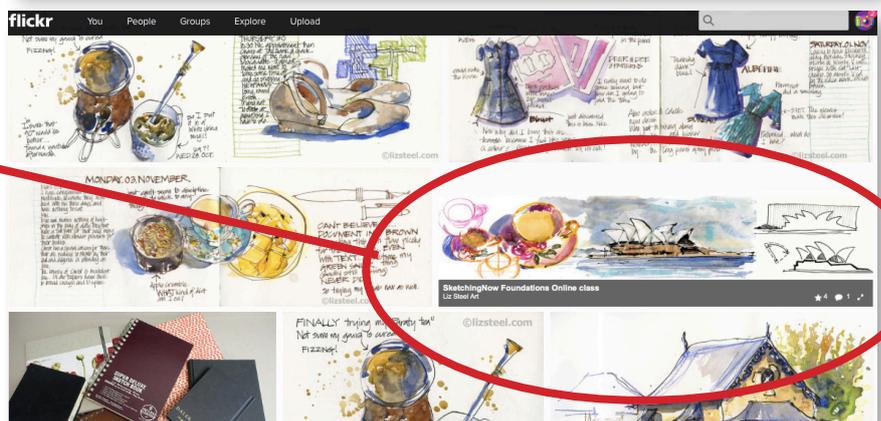
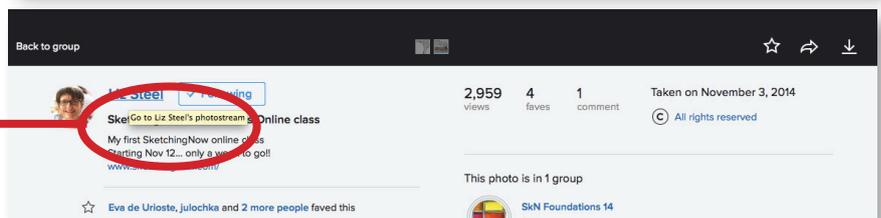
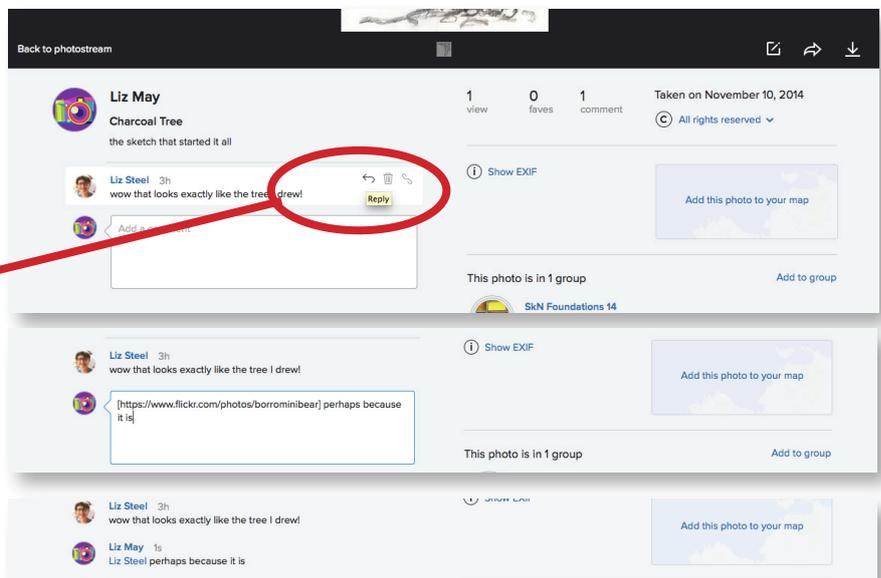
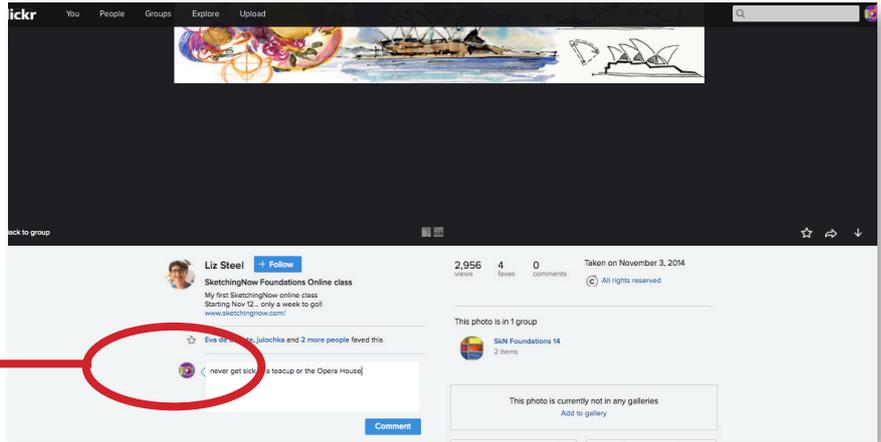
However, others can not see the group as a whole and discussions in the Foundations Group are totally private.

If you want to reply to someone's comment and refer to them (as you do in Facebook) click on the reply icon and their name will appear in your comment.

(Aside: sorry... the two Liz's are very confusing)

I encourage you to click through to people's own photo stream before commenting. Look at the individual piece in the context of their body of work. I think this will be a lot more helpful and meaningful for everyone. We will all be able to see each others' journeys - not just one image at a time.

Click on the image again to comment.



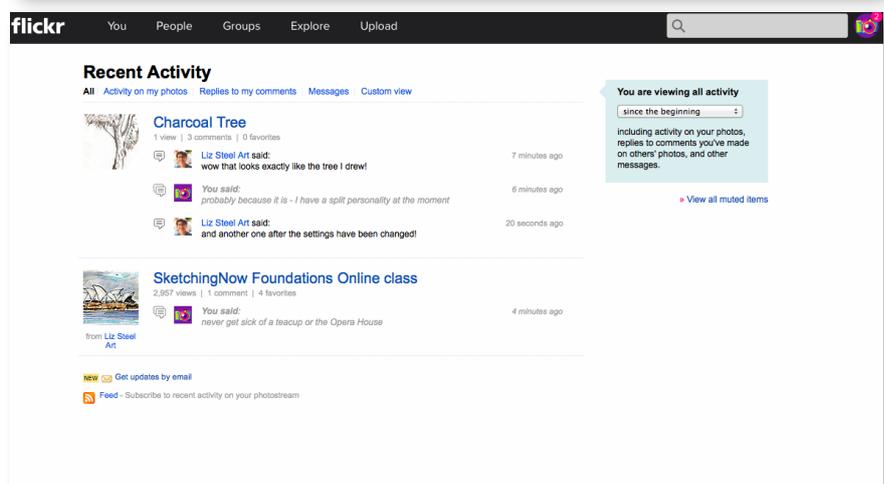
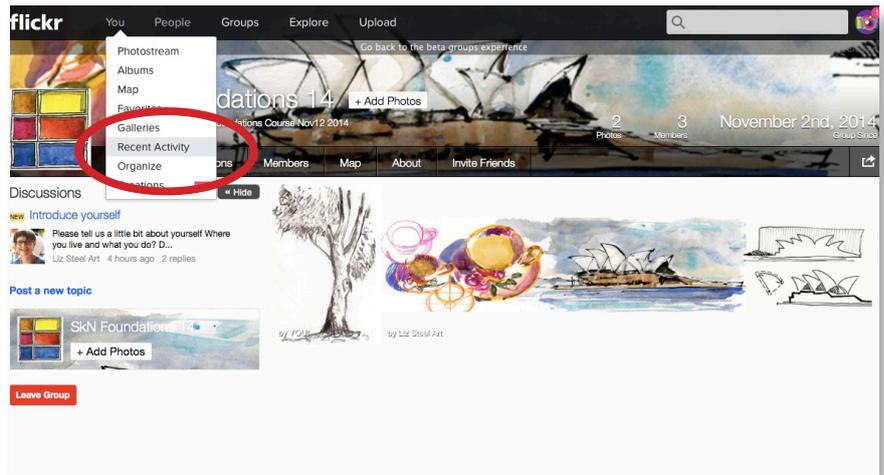
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Notifications

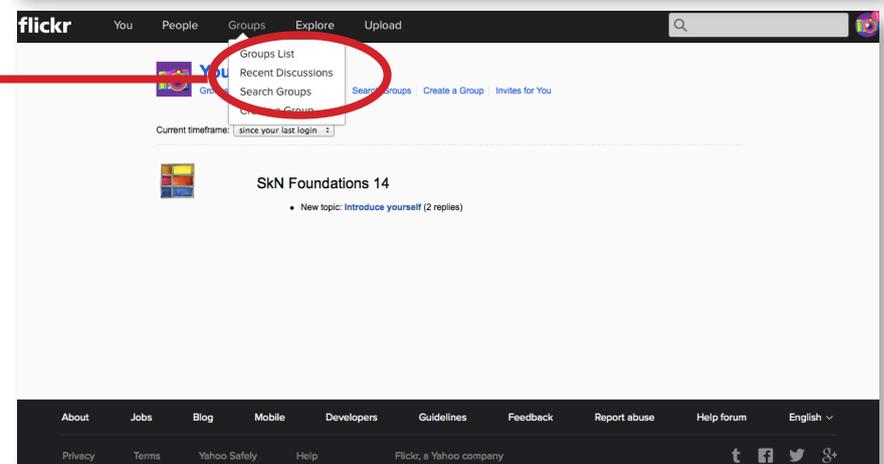
It is a lot calmer on Flickr - you do not get as many email notifications that distract you during the day - so more time for sketching!! The group is there for you when you have time for a visit.

You will get an email notification of any comments on your work shortly after they are added (if you have changed the settings as described earlier)

You do not get email notifications of further comments on others' work. However, it is easy to check up on the further conversation by going to your recent activity page.



To follow discussions go to groups Recent Discussions.



There are a lot more things that you can do with flickr but hopefully this has got you started.

There are many people in the course that will be able to help out with more expert advice!