Garden Photography Meets Your Smartphone

Eleven tips for becoming a better camera phone photographer:

1. Zoom in close on the subject.
2. Focus your eyes on the subject before you snap a shot.
3. Use a tripod or a steady surface to avoid blurry shots.
4. Shoot in bright light or use flash with caution to avoid overexposure.
5. Avoid strong direct sunlight for better results.
6. Don't falsify your subject by using filters or other editing tools that distort the original image.
7. Find a unique angle to capture a different perspective.
8. Try to capture the emotions in your subject.
9. Be creative when you take photos; consider the weather and time of day for the best results.
10. Look for contrast and unique angles to make your photographs stand out.
11. Use the camera's features wisely to enhance your photos.
1. Dare to go close to the subject
2. Select what has to be in the photo rather than trying to get it all in.

3. Anticipate: "An image approaches like a snail but disappears like lightning."

If you know where something is going to happen, place yourself right in plenty of time.
4. Keep in mind that some camera phones take the picture first half releasing the shutter button
(Practice..practice..practice)

5. Hold the camera still
If you take pictures indoors without a flash, this is essential for getting a sharp focus.
Lean against a door jamb or a chair for support.
6. Don't allow your subject to be illuminated by several light sources with different temperatures, e.g. warm incandescent lighting and cool outdoor lighting.

7. Find a "clean" background. When taking portraits it's important to think about not letting the background steal too much attention. Avoid having things stick up behind people's heads.

8. Try to capture true sensations in your snapshots.
9. Be sociable when you take photos; downplay the situation and shoot even when the subject isn't prepared.

10. Last but not least, the best advice used even by all pro photographers: Take lots of photos and you will increase your chances of taking some that are good.
But please...

Don't Break a Hip!!