

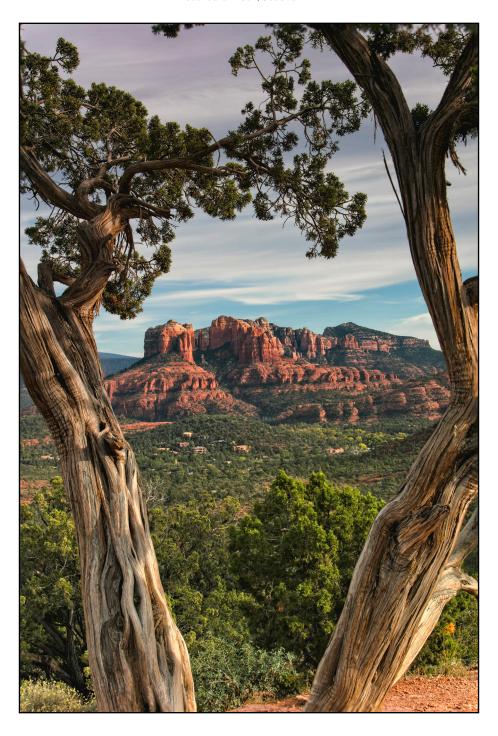
Greatest hits? But wait. There's more! The images contained here represent some of my favorites captured during twenty years of creativity. A few of these have appeared in publications and in websites and gallery shows around the world. They provide a taste of the many works presented within my website. At the end of the day, however, artists are only as good as their last project. But, for me, when the end of the day does arrive, there will be a feeling of satisfaction, pride and gratitude for the privilege of sharing my creative vision with anyone who cares to explore my works. Thank you for supporting my art!

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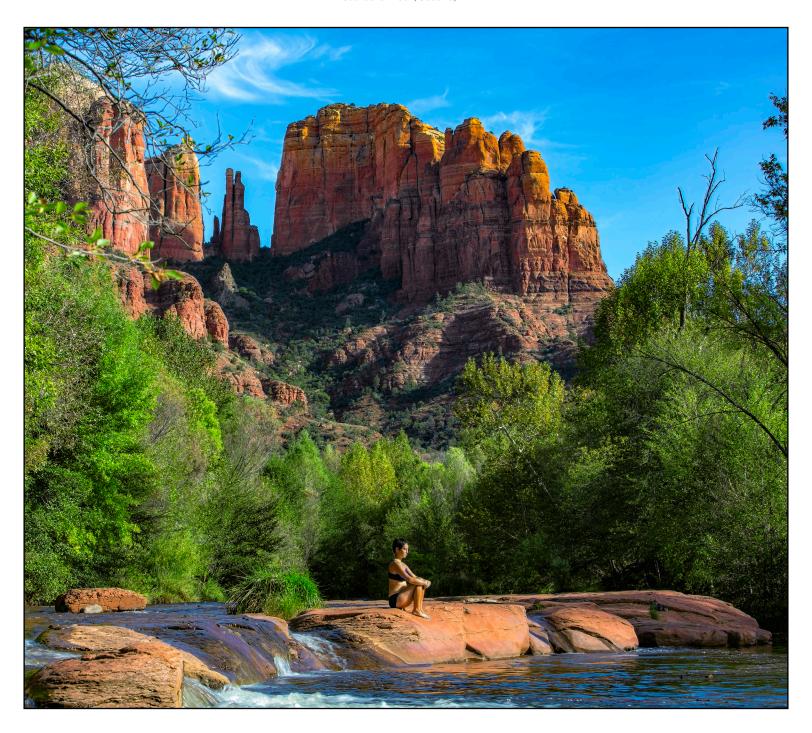


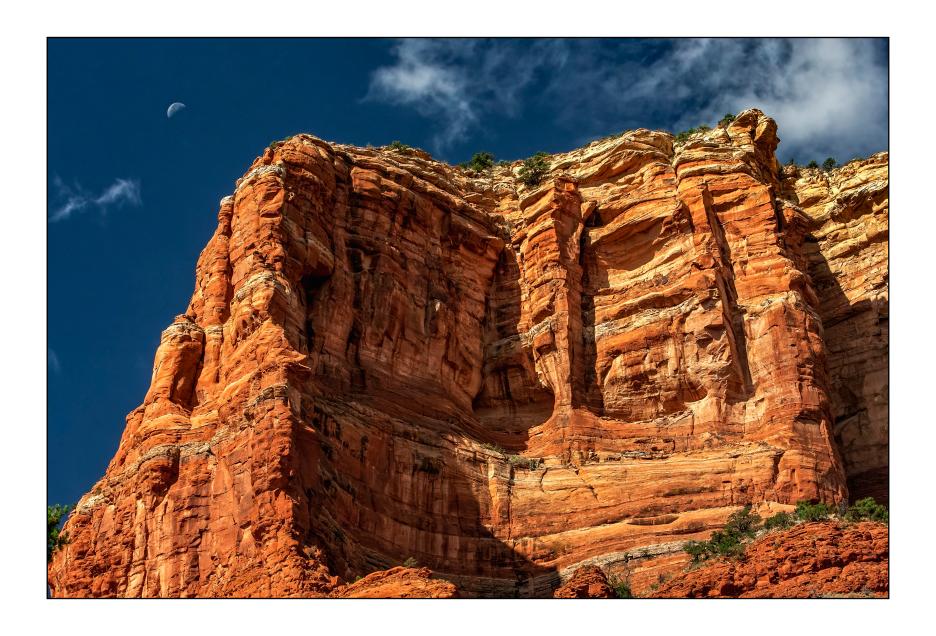




Kasha-Katuwe Tent Rocks National Monument, NM





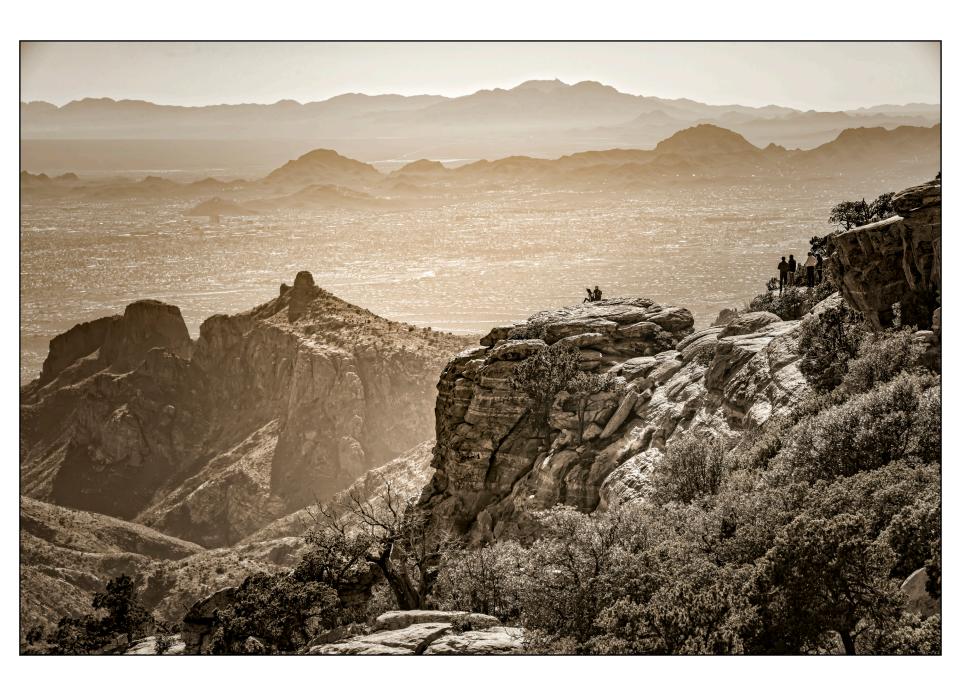


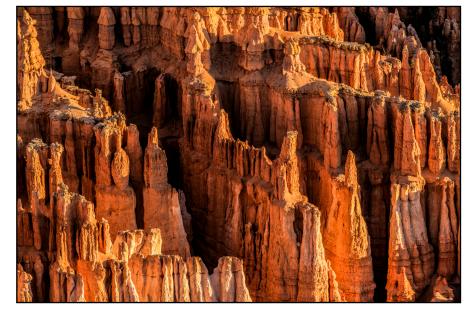




South Rim, Grand Canyon, AZ







Bryce Canyon National Park, UT















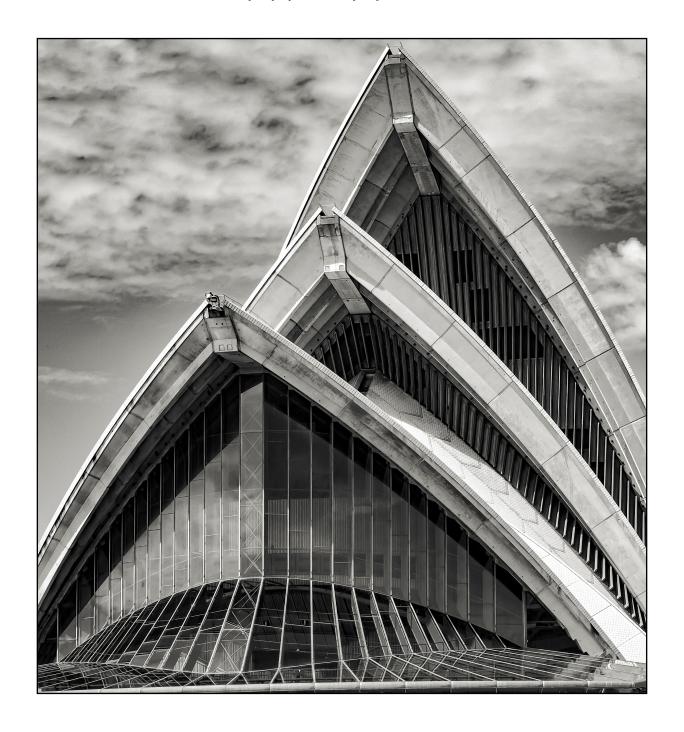






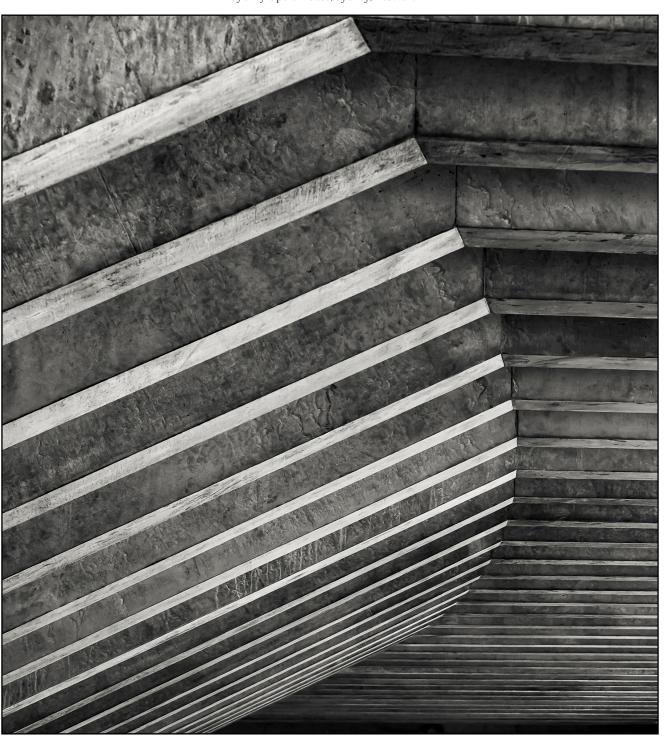
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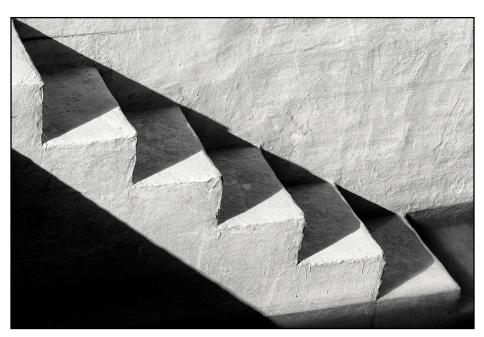




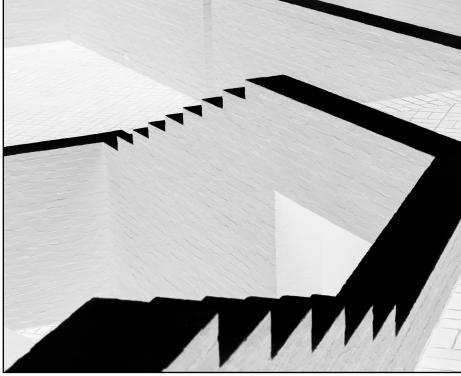




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New Canaan, CT













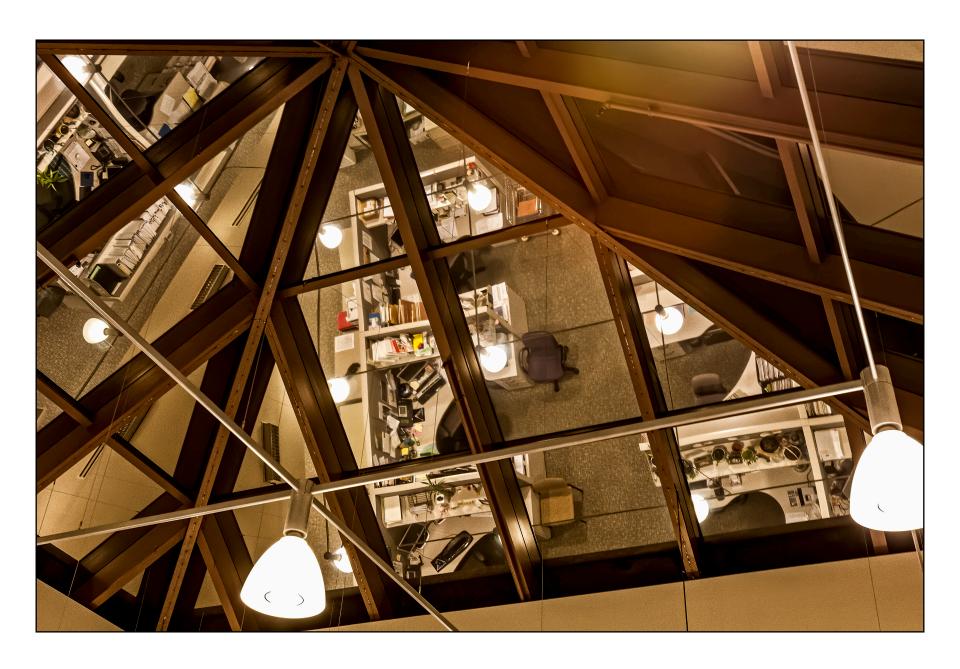
Civita di Bagnoregio, Italy

Mallorca, Spain











Winchester, CT Granada, Spain







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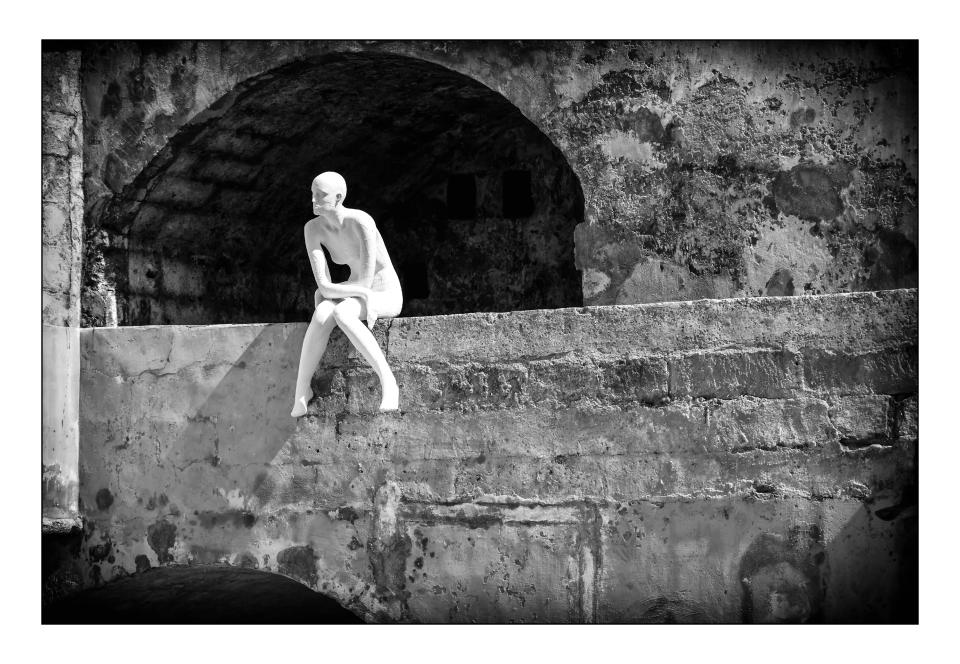








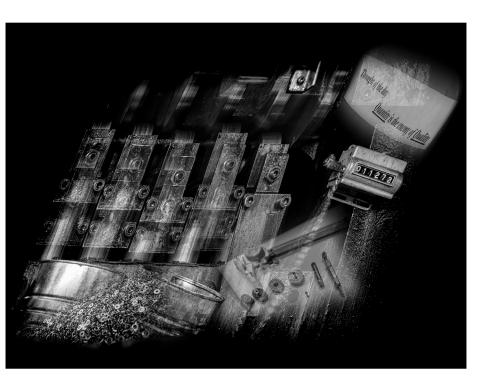








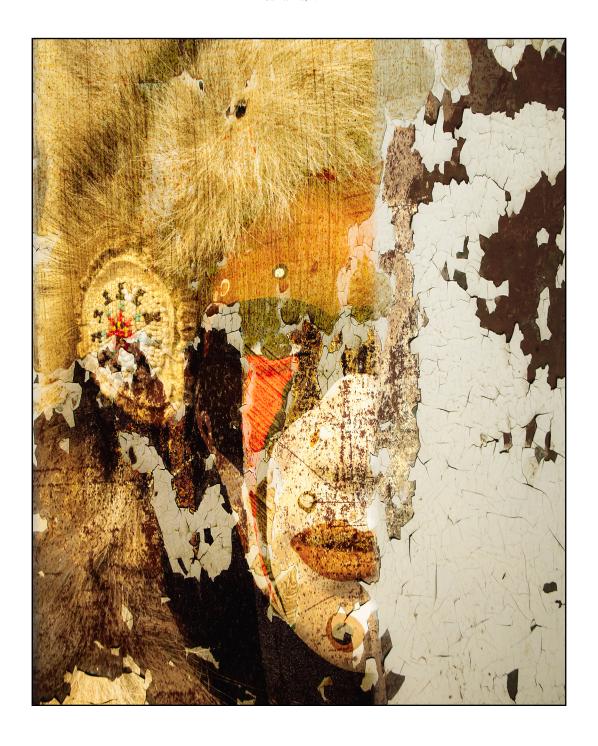


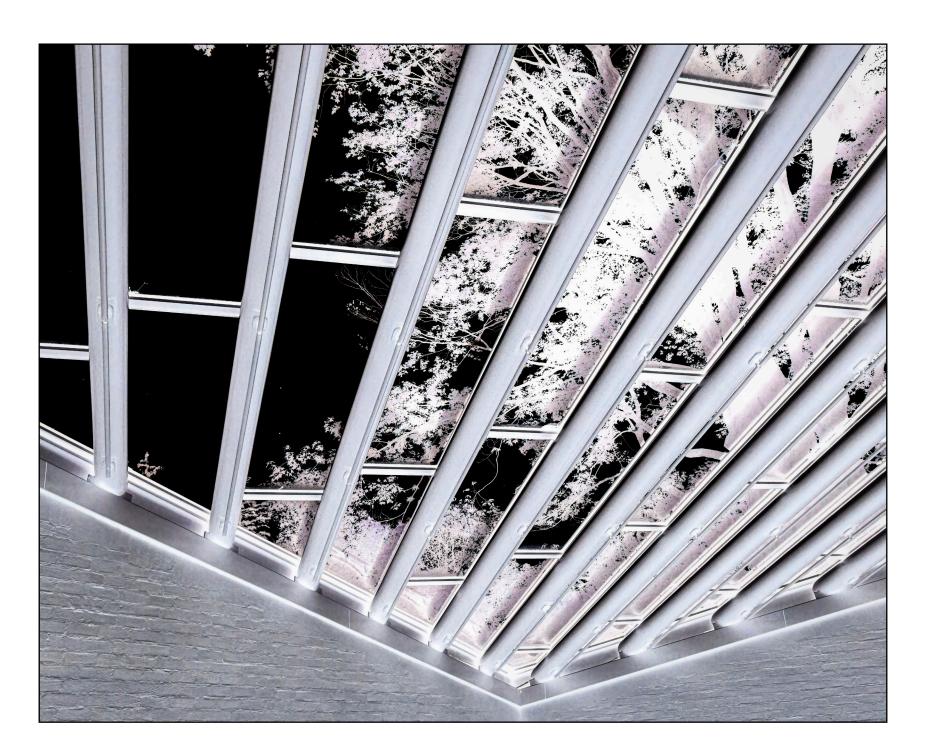


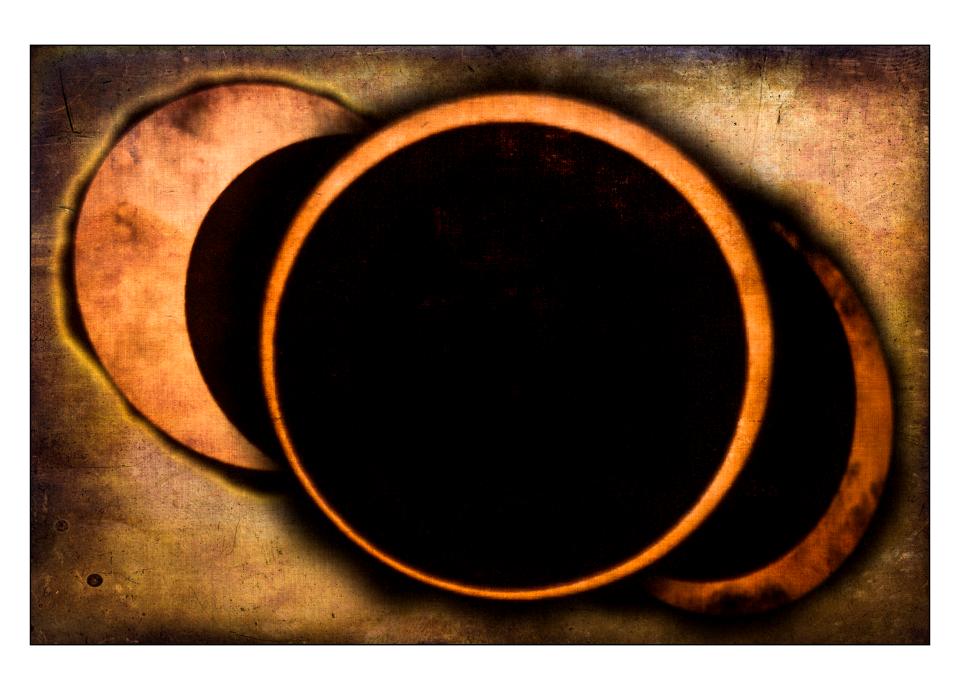








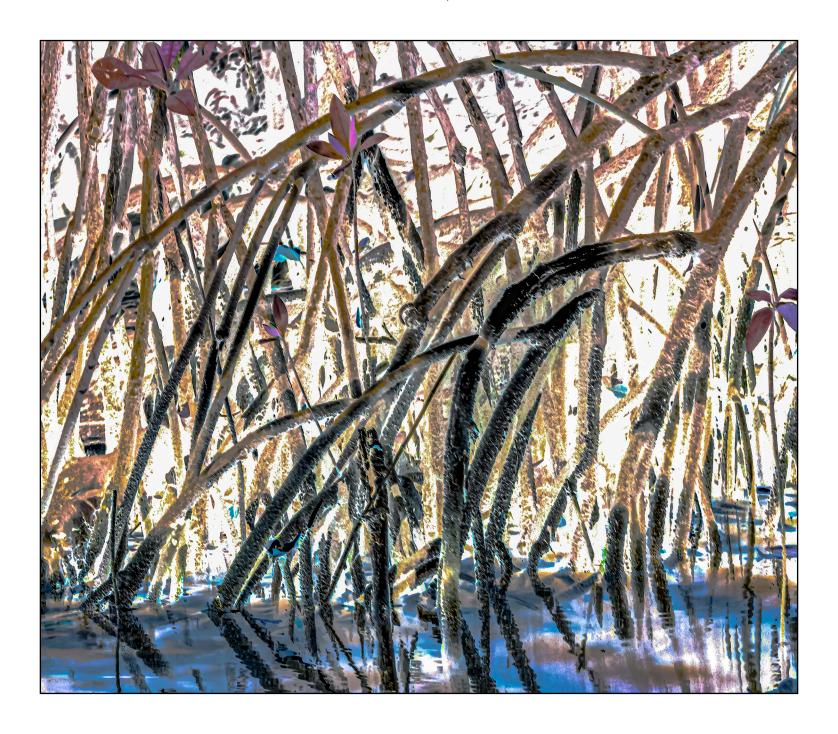


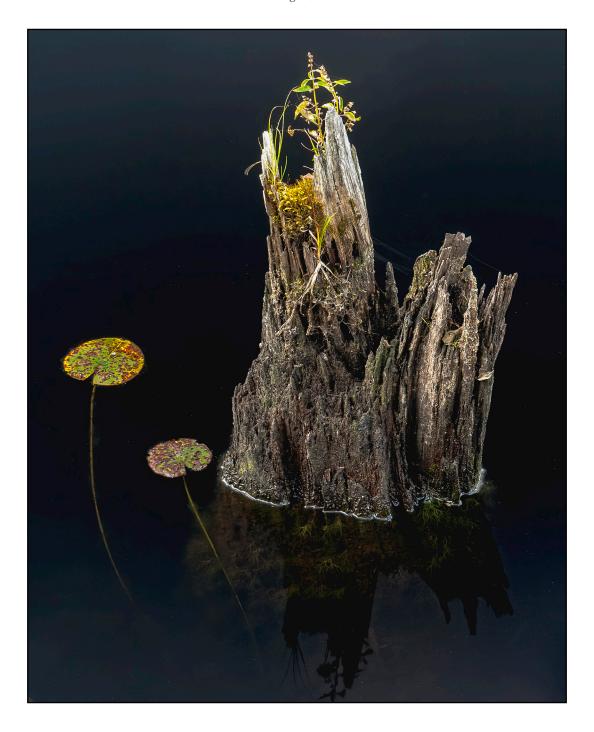










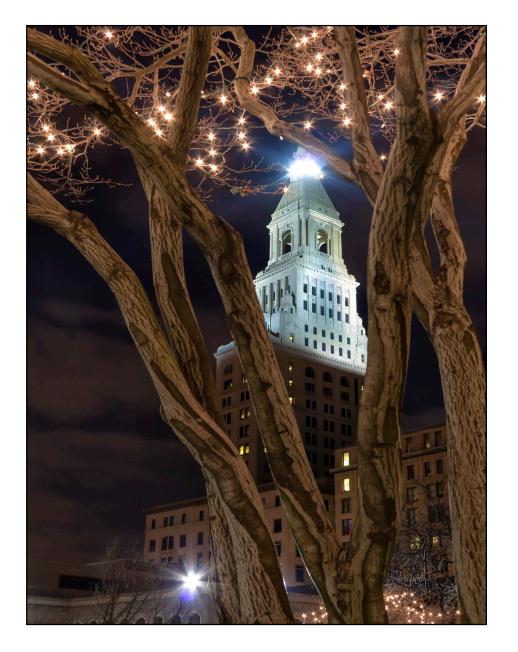


Brixen, Italy



Rt. 215, Torrington, CT







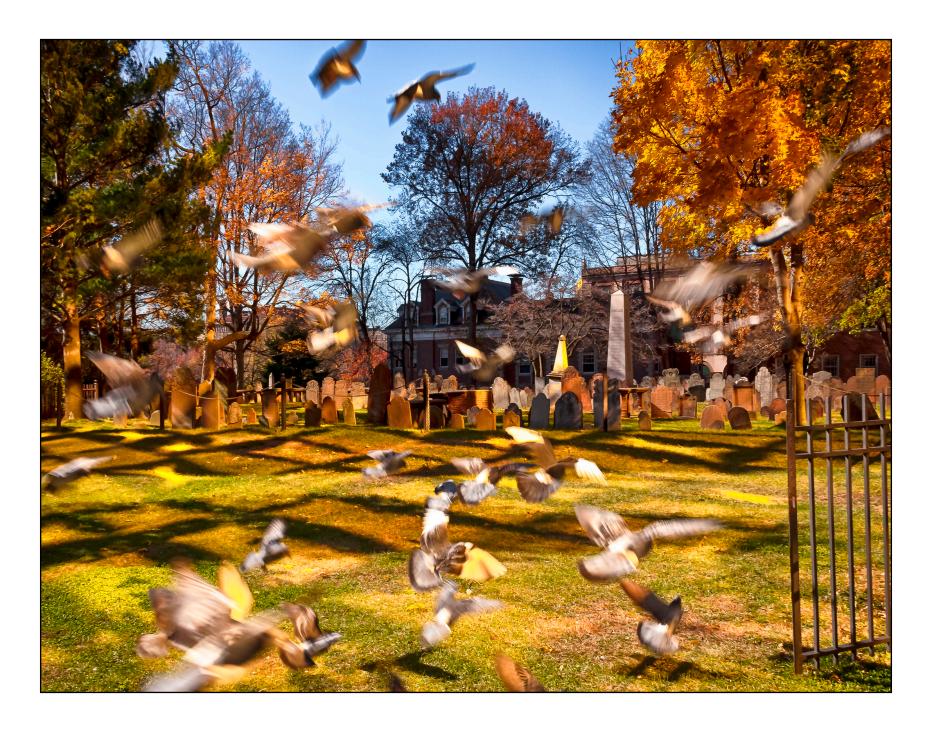




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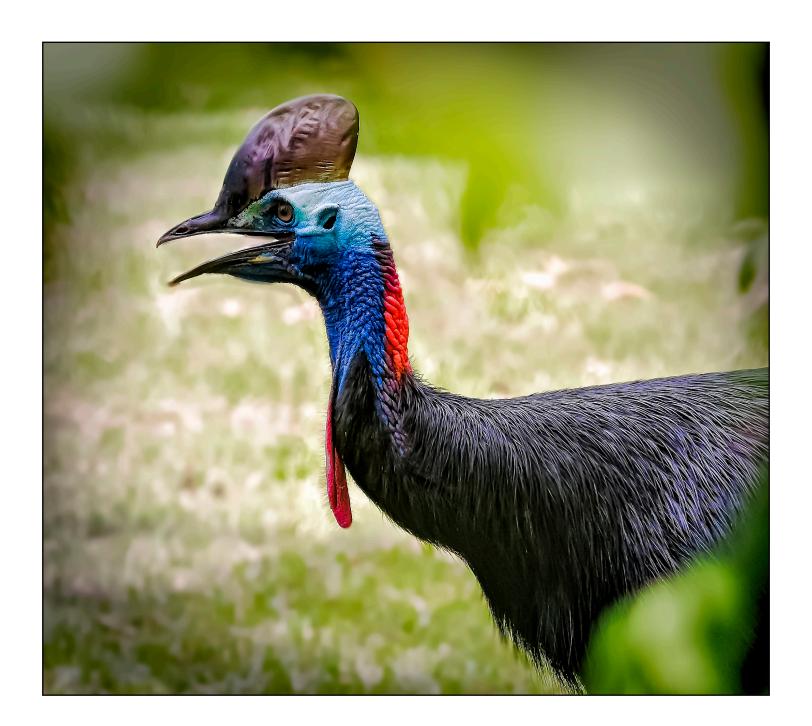












## Civita di Bagnoregio, Italy

Taos, NM



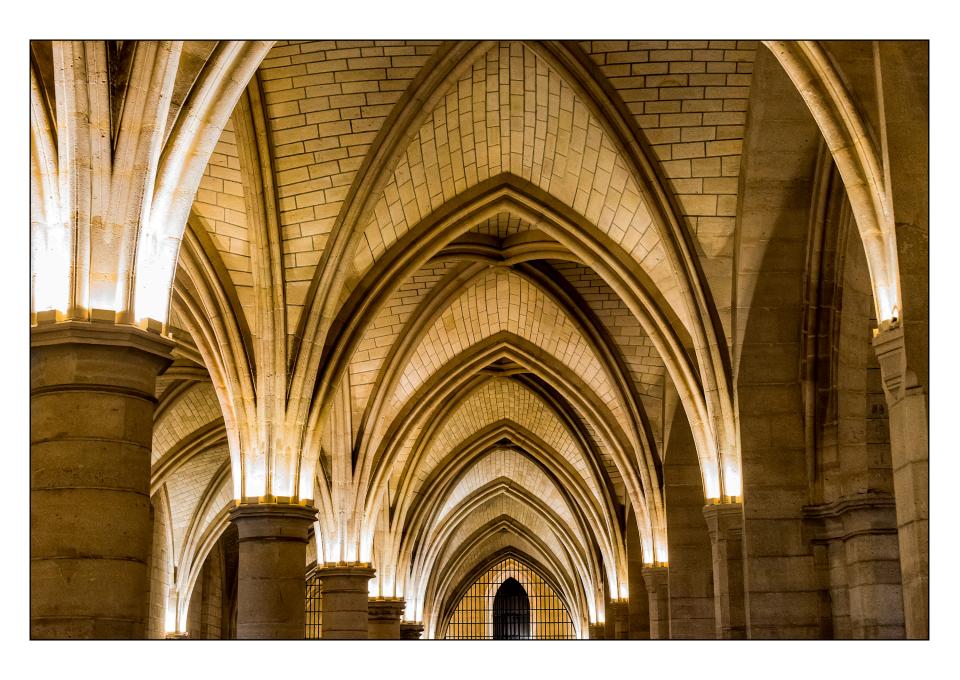
























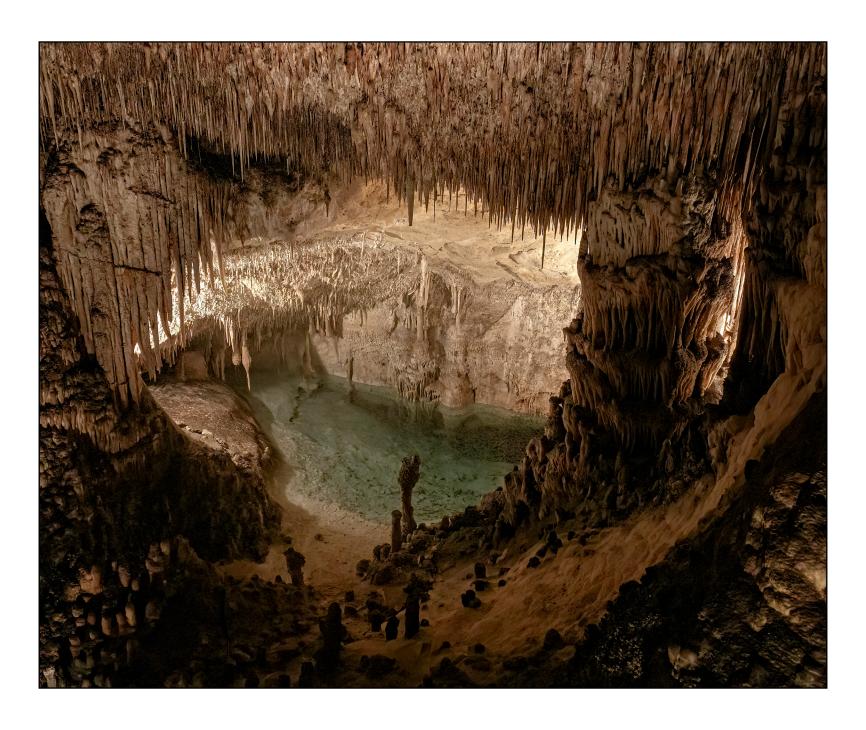












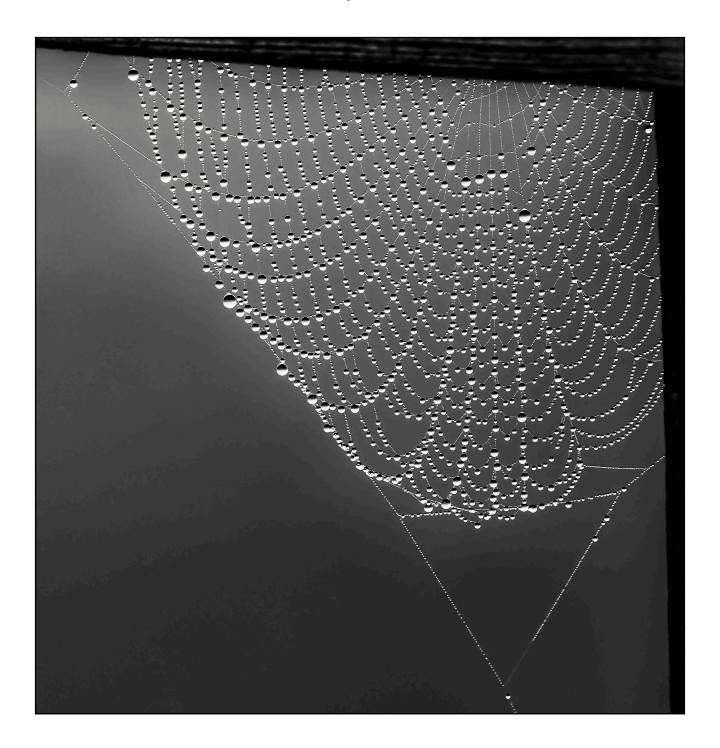










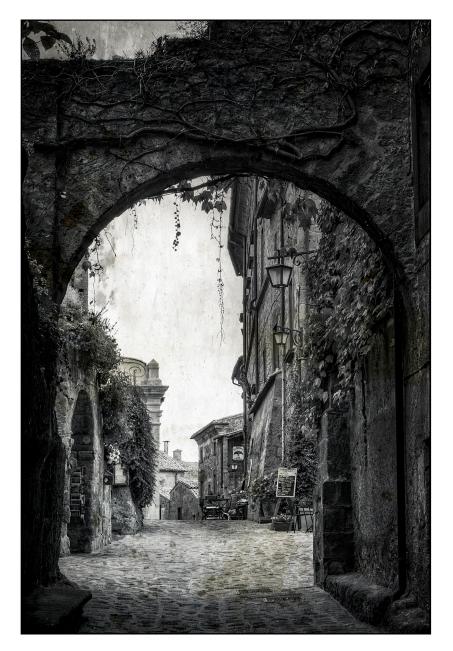


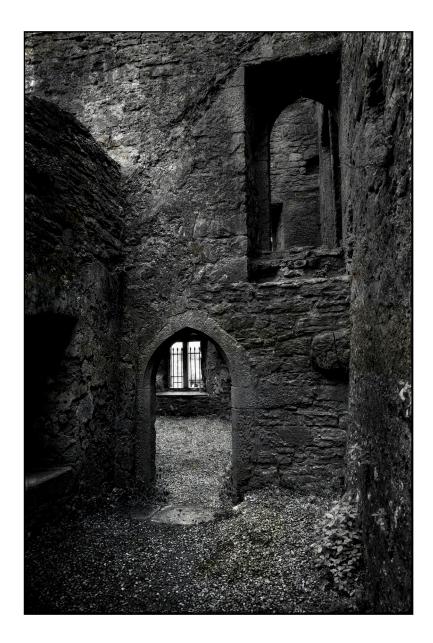
Mystic, CT New Canaan, CT





Civita di Bagnoregio, Italy Galway, Ireland











Farmington, CT





Virginia Beach, VA Mystic, CT

















New Britain, CT Sydney, Australia







## My Artistic Mission

## Child-like wonder and inquisitiveness

are qualities frequently put aside once we become adults. We tend to slowly become sterilized by our right-or-wrong kind of world which too often has too little time to explore the what-if's and the what-could-be's. I believe we all need to re-connect with these qualities to reenrich our lives. A first glance at a photograph of an onion often reveals the fact that, indeed, it is an onion. But what also lies beneath its surface? We won't know until we peel back its layers.

Animation innovator, Walt Disney, recognized this and tried to bring back the power and importance of imagination. Inspired by his spirit, my mission therefore is to encourage the use of viewer imagination. My work attempts to explore and suggest what often lies hidden within the personalities and mysteries present in the world that was, and the world that is around us.

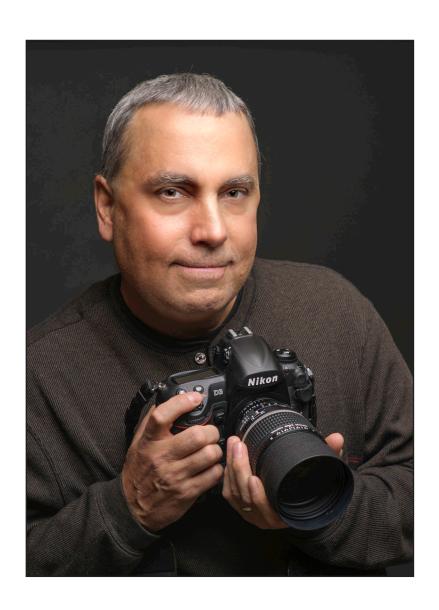
For me, my photography often is not so much about the decisive moment. Rather, it is about creating an awareness of place and a sense of history, with an aura of mystery. It is the starting point for my artistic journey, not the destination. I try to use what I produce

as personal metaphors for my reactions to what I saw and felt. My favorite motivational quote is that "Life begins at the edge of your comfort zone." My works attempt to reflect this as I probe the emotional, mind's eye after-image that was captured by both the eye and the heart, and which often defies logical explanation by the mind.

My goal is that my projects will serve as a springboard into inventiveness and exploration with the hopes of awakening my viewer's inner child. I try hard to show the connections and implications of things that others may not readily see. My hope is that my work may also help viewers discover the beginnings of their attempt to understand and perhaps even learn to tolerate and sympathize with the human condition and the world in which we live. I will try to do whatever I can to make viewers linger longer in front of my works so as to ignite their imaginative response through discovery and inquisitiveness.

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In addition to his travel photography, Jerry specializes in the intimately abstracted architectural photography, the photo essay, and the photo composite series.

Jerry's mission is to awaken his viewer's inquisitive inner child by creating an awareness of place and a sense of history, with an aura of mystery.



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