



Kristen Westlake

Graphic Design Photography
Adobe Suite Professional

Summary

Obsessive eye for detail in photography. Notice obstructions and distracting elements in images and have the experience to remove them.

Technology Skills

- Over 20 years Professional Nature and Wildlife Photography experience
- Over 20 years of Photoshop experience
- Photo Editing & Retouching
- Color Correction & Color Manipulation
- Compositing / Combining Images
- Removing distracting elements from photos
- Blend If & Masking Techniques
- Background swapping
- Adobe Creative Suite, including: Adobe Photoshop, Adobe Illustrator, Adobe In Design, Adobe Lightroom, Adobe Bridge
- Macintosh computers
- Nikon cameras and lenses

Soft Skills

- Positive Attitude
- Strong Work Ethic
- Intrinsically Motivated
- Flexible

Professional Organizations

- Co-Founder of CoPA
- Coalition of Photographic Arts, Milwaukee, WI, 2004
- Former NANPA (North America Nature Photography Association) member

Education

MORAINÉ PARK TECHNICAL COLLEGE, FOND DU LAC, WI

- Associate of applied science degree in Graphic Design, May 2023
- Certificate Medical Coding, May 2022
- Associate of applied science degree in Marketing and Social Media Management, May 2020
- Associate of applied science degree in Small Business Entrepreneurship, May 2019

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN MILWAUKEE

- Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology, May 1996

Experience

1998 OCTOBER - PRESENT

- Kristen Westlake, LTD, Beaver Dam, WI - Photographic Artist
- Photograph nature and Wildlife
- Printed giclée for client artists, including artwork photography and color correcting in Photoshop
- Provide photography critique /review
- Judge photography contests, including the prestigious international Österreichische Naturparke photography contest
- Give educational and entertaining photography talks
- Edit images: retouches, color corrects, removes distracting elements, composites

Magazine Publication Credits

- 📍 Cowboys & Indians
- 📍 Birders World
- 📍 My Midwest Magazine
- 📍 Whisper in the Woods
- 📍 Our Wisconsin
- 📍 At the Lake
- 📍 Lake and Country
- 📍 Spirit
- 📍 Wisconsin Trails
- 📍 Keefe Life at the Water's Edge (Book)
- 📍 Exclusively Yours

Fine Art Exhibitions

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| Artistic Perspectives 📍 The Firefly, Hayward, WI | May - June 2016 |
| Wisconsin Work Past Present 📍 Fine Art Gallery, Waupun, WI | January - February 2016 |
| Landscape Images 📍 The Workshop, Columbus, WI | October 2016 |
| Night Light 📍 Clearwater Outdoor, Milwaukee, WI | January 2016 |
| City Scapes 📍 Sieppel Arts Center, Beaver Dam, WI | August - October 2015 |
| No Place Like Home 📍 Clear Water Outdoor, Milwaukee, WI | August 2015 |
| Eyes to the Sky 📍 Sieppel Arts Center, Beaver Dam, WI | July - August 2015 |
| No Place Like Home 📍 The Shoppe, Arena, WI | June 2015 |
| Birds 📍 Cable Museum of Art, Cable, WI | 2011 - 2012 |
| Emerging 📍 G2 Gallery, Venice, CA | November - January 2010 |
| Nature 📍 Opera House, Woodstock, IL | August - October 2009 |
| Focus on Nature 📍 Light Ideas Gallery, Milwaukee, WI | October - November 2009 |
| Voices of Nature—duo with the late Owen Gromme 📍
Museum of Wisconsin Art, West Bend, WI | July - September 2008 |
| Nature Images 📍 Urban Ecology Center, Milwaukee, WI | Summer 2006I |
| Nature and Wildlife 📍 Uihlein Peters Gallery, Milwaukee, WI | April - June 2006 |
| Nature and Wildlife 📍 Schingoethe Center, Williams Bay, WI | Summer 2005 |