



## Charles Needle Complete Biography

**Charles Needle** is an award-winning, Colorado-based fine art photographer, author, speaker and workshop leader with a unique eye for design and artistic interpretation. His popular “Art of Nature” creative macro workshops have attracted students nationwide.

In 2018 and 2021, Charles earned honorable mentions in the Macro and Visual FX categories of the prestigious Annual International Mobile Photography Awards Contest. He was also a semi-finalist in the 2014 Nature’s Best Photography Windland Smith Rice International Awards photo contest. In 2011, Charles was selected as a finalist, among 15,000 entries worldwide, in the International Garden Photographer of the Year photography contest, sponsored by The Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew (London, England). This exhibition traveled throughout the United Kingdom.

A popular conference and camera club speaker for more than two decades, Charles has authored three cutting-edge instructional books: *Tiny Worlds: Creative Macro Photography Skills* (Amherst Media, January 2015), *Impressionistic Photography: A Field Guide to Using Your Camera as a Paintbrush* (March 2014), and *Creative Macro Photography: Professional Tips & Techniques* (2011).

An accomplished speaker, photography juror and teacher with international workshops in Monet's Garden (Giverny, France for 20 years in a row, with exclusive private access), Keukenhof Gardens (Holland) and The Butchart Gardens (Canada), Charles is a FujiFilm USA Talent Team member and North American Nature Photography Association (NANPA) Showcase Award winner for 14 years.

Charles’ photographs have selected for publication in *Nature’s Best*, *Outdoor Photographer* magazine, *Nature Photographer* magazine, *Inner Reflections Engagement Calendar*, *The Chicago Tribune*, *SELF Magazine* and are in private and public collections nationwide and abroad.

To learn more about Charles' work, including his workshop and private lesson offerings, visit [www.charlesneedlephoto.com](http://www.charlesneedlephoto.com).

## **Additional Biographical Information**

### **Past Presentations (in-person and virtual)**

#### *Conferences:*

New England Camera Club Council (NECCC)  
Out of Chicago LIVE  
Out of Chicago Flower & Garden Photography Conference (Longwood Gardens & Chicago Botanic Garden)  
North America Nature Photography Association (NANPA)  
Nature Visions Expo  
Carolina Nature Photographers Association (CNPA) – keynote speaker  
Mike Moats Macro Conference (for two years)  
Columbia Council of Camera Clubs  
Northwest Council of Camera Clubs  
Photographic Society of America (PSA) – national and regional conferences  
Nature Photography Weekend at Grandfather Mountain, NC  
Great Smoky Mountains Photography Summit  
Windsor (Ontario) International Photo Seminar (Canada)  
Florida Camera Club Council (F3C)  
CLICK! Photography Conference (Hyannis, MA)  
Mountaineers Basic Photo Course – keynote speaker  
Northwest Flower Show (seminar instructor + live floor demo)  
Southeastern Center for the Arts Photo Weekend Conference  
Southeastern Flower Show (live floor demo)  
Space Coast Virtual Photography Experience  
Creative Photography Conference (Hazel Meredith)  
Georgia Nature Photographers Association (GNPA) Expo

#### *Corporations:*

Microsoft Corporation (Macro Workshop)  
Intel Corporation (Lunch 'n Learn)  
W.B. Hunt Co., Inc.

#### *Garden Clubs:*

2009 – keynote speaker for Garden Club of America Pacific NW chapter annual meeting  
Founders Garden Club of Dallas (private workshop)  
Lake Forest Park Garden Club (Seattle, WA)

Pasadena Garden Club (private workshop)  
Village Garden Club of La Jolla, CA (private workshop)  
Puget Sound Dahlia Association

*Camera Clubs (partial list):*

Flatirons Photo Club (CO)  
St. Vrain Photographic Society (CO)  
Seattle Area Photoshop User Group (SAPUG)  
Seattle Photographic Society  
Puget Sound Camera Club (WA)  
Tri-City Photography Club (WA)  
Olympic Peaks Camera Club (WA)  
Skagit Valley Camera Club (WA)  
Eastside Camera Club (WA)  
Founder – Pure Perception Photography Group (Seattle)  
Plymouth Digital Photography Group (iPhone workshop) - MA  
Coachella Valley Desert Camera Club (CA)  
Lancaster Photography Association (CA)  
Litchfield Hills Camera Club (CT)  
Cleveland Photographic Society (presentation & workshop)  
Spartanburg Photo Guild (SC)  
Sandhills Photography Club (NC)  
Northern Virginia Camera Club  
The Woodlands Photography Club (TX)  
Motor City Camera Club (MI)  
Foothills Photography Group (GA)  
Tidelands Photography Club (SC)  
Maryland Photography Alliance  
Orlando Camera Club  
Baltimore Camera Club  
Tampa Bay Photo Club (FL)  
Whidbey Island Photographers Group (WA)  
Long Island Camera Club  
Metro Denver Photography Group  
Manistee Camera Photo Art Club (MI)  
Sun City Shadow Hills Camera Club (SC)  
Westchester Photographic Society (NY)  
Cobb Photographic Society (GA)  
Roswell Photographic Society (GA)  
Atlanta Photographic Society  
Cherokee Photography Club (GA)  
Women in Focus (Atlanta, GA)  
Georgia Nature Photographers Association (GNPA)  
Greater Lynn Photographic Association (MA)

Merrimack Valley Camera Club (MA)  
Stony Brook Camera Club (MA)  
Photographic Society of Rhode Island  
Boston Camera Club  
York County Camera Club (PA)  
Photographic Section, Academy of Science and Art of Pittsburgh (PA)  
Westchester Photographic Society (NY)  
Nevada County Camera Club (CA)  
Livingston Camera Club (NJ)  
Quechee Area Camera Club (VT)  
St Louis Camera Club (presentation and workshop)  
Missouri Nature and Environmental Photographers (presentation and workshop)

### **Awards:**

International Mobile Photography Awards – Honorable Mention, “Macro Category” (2018)  
Nature’s Best Windland Smith Rice International Awards – Semi-finalist (2014)  
International Garden Photographer of the Year – Finalist (2011)  
North American Nature Photography Association (NANPA) Showcase – top 250 (2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2018, 2019)  
North American Nature Photography Association (NANPA) Showcase – top 100 (2020)  
Roswell Photographic Society Annual Juried Competition – People’s Choice Award (2004)  
Roswell Photographic Society Annual Juried Competition – Second Place (2004)  
Roswell Photographic Society Annual Juried Competition – Honorable Mention (2006)  
Roswell Photographic Society Annual Members Show – First Place (2007)  
Roswell Photographic Society Annual Members Show – First Place (2008)  
Roswell Photographic Society Annual Members Show – Honorable Mention (2009)  
Roswell Photographic Society Annual Members Show – Second Place (2008)  
Southeastern Flower Show – Second Place (2004)  
Southeastern Flower Show – Second Place (selected for calendar 2005)  
Southeastern Photographic Society – First Place (2006)  
Southeastern Photographic Society – First Place (2007)  
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Southeastern Photographic Society – Second Place (2005)  
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Southeastern Photographic Society – Third Place (2007)  
Southeastern Council of Camera Clubs – Honorable Mention (2002)  
Southeastern Council of Camera Clubs – Second Place (2003)

### **Publications:**

*Inner Reflections Engagement Calendar* (2010, 2013)  
*Nature's Best* magazine (2014)  
*Outdoor Photographer* magazine  
*Nature Photographer* magazine  
*NANPA Expressions* magazine – cover (2010)  
*SELF Magazine*  
*The Chicago Tribune*  
*Kenyon College Alumni Bulletin* (cover)  
*Washington Park Arboretum Bulletin* (cover)  
Dunn Gardens calendar (2014)

## **Past Workshop Locations**

### *Gardens:*

Monet's Garden (Giverny, France)  
Keukenhof Gardens (The Netherlands)  
The Butchart Gardens (Victoria, BC - Canada)  
Abkhazi Garden (Victoria, BC - Canada)  
Atlanta Botanical Garden (Atlanta, GA)  
Bellevue Botanical Garden (Bellevue, WA)  
Callaway Gardens (Pine Mountain, GA)  
Portland Japanese Garden (Portland, OR)  
Lan Su Chinese Garden (Portland, OR)  
The Oregon Garden (Silverton, OR)  
Longwood Gardens (Kennett Square, PA)  
Cleveland Botanical Garden (Cleveland, OH)  
Chicago Botanic Garden (Glencoe, IL)  
Seattle Japanese Garden (Seattle, WA)  
The Bloedel Reserve (Bainbridge Island, WA)  
Dunn Gardens (Seattle, WA)  
Meerkerk Gardens (Whidbey Island, WA)  
Swan Island Dahlia Farm (Canby, OR)  
Sherman Library & Gardens (Corona Del Mar, CA)  
Kew Gardens (London, England)  
Missouri Botanical Garden (2022)

### *Nurseries:*

Swansons Nursery (Seattle, WA)  
Christianson's Nursery (Mt Vernon, WA)  
Flower World Nursery (Snohomish, WA)

### *Art/Retreat Centers:*

Santa Fe Photographic Workshops

Cape Cod Art Center (Barnstable, MA) – “Private Gardens of Cape Cod” workshop

Coupeville Art Center (Whidbey Island, WA)

Photographic Center Northwest (Seattle, WA)

Hui Ho’olana Retreat Center (Molokai, HI)

Madeline Island School of the Arts (La Pointe, WI) - 2022

*Other Workshop Locations:*

Lavender fields of Provence (France)

Nova Scotia & Peggy’s Cove (Canada)

Oregon Coast

Alaska wildflowers

Private & Public Gardens of the Pacific Northwest

Skagit Valley (WA state)

Tuscany (Italy)

Venice, Italy

Old Car City (White, GA)

The Georgia Aquarium (Atlanta, GA)

Crested Butte, CO

Great Smoky Mountains National Park

Grand Tetons National Park

Glacier National Park

Canadian Rockies

New Hampshire/Vermont

Hilton Head Island, SC

Alpharetta, GA backyard garden studio