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Biography and Professional Teaching Experience

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 been 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.

Past Educational Presentations & Workshops

Conferences:

New England Camera Club Council
Out of Chicago
North America Nature Photography Association (NANPA)
Nature Visions Expo
Carolina Nature Photographers Association (CNPA) – keynote speaker
Mike Moats Macro Conference
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 Council of Camera Clubs
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

Corporations:

Microsoft Corporation (Macro Workshop for employees)
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

Art Schools:

Santa Fe Workshops (NM)
Cape Cod Art Center (MA)
Coupeville Art Center (WA)
Madeline Island School of the Arts (WI)

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)
Pittsburgh Photography Club
Westchester Photographic Society (NY)
Nevada County Camera Club (CA)
Livingston Camera Club (NJ)
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)
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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)

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Southeastern Photographic Society – Second Place (2005)
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Southeastern Photographic Society – Second Place (2008)
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)

Education:

B.A. English
M.A. Journalism
Professional Photography Program Graduate

Kenyon College (Gambier, OH)
University of Missouri-Columbia
Southeastern Center for the Arts (Atlanta, GA)

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