Lyrical Nature

Black and White Images by Jack Ahearn

These photographs are lyrical expressions of the natural world that elicit emotional responses in the viewer including joy, sadness, and an elusive "otherness" perhaps related to Emerson's concept of the "Wise Silence." Landscape and still life are the basis for the images that are crafted so that the final image creates a rewarding and pleasurable experience in the viewer.

The photographs in the show were made over a long period of time and include images from New Hampshire, Maine, Newfoundland, Nova Scotia, Death Valley, Virginia, Colorado and Maryland. The emphasis of the show is focused on the last ten years or so of my work, and there is some concentration on images made from New Hampshire landscapes.

My earliest recollection of a sustained interest in photography dates from my college experience at St. Lawrence University where I had opportunities to take several workshops with master photographers Minor White and Paul Caponigro. After college and graduate school in physics, I pursued a career in scientific research, making photographs on occasion over the years. Recently, since 2002, my prime focus is on fine art photography.

I have pursued additional training in photography in recent times including workshops with master photographer John Sexton at Anderson Ranch, Professor Craig Stevens (Savannah College of Art and Design) at the Maine Photographic Workshops, and Gary Samson at the New Hampshire Institute of Art. These activities are invaluable in providing direct experience with leading photographers and insight into current methodology and technology in the photographic field.

I work primarily with a 4x5 view camera, recording the image on film and developing individual negatives in the wet darkroom. I have produced silver prints in the traditional wet darkroom for many years and, in addition, I now use digital techniques to craft the images recorded on film and print them using the inkjet process. The silver and inkjet print processes each offer their own individual expressive possibilities. Most recently I have used a digital camera to capture images that are then rendered in grey scale and printed with an inkjet printer.



Assateague Island Virginia

Early Morning Mist Assateague Island Virginia 2007





Woodland Trail Assateague Island Virginia 2002





Woodland Trail Assateague Island Virginia 2007





Tall Grass Assateague Island Virginia 2005





Heald Track

Summer Pond #1 Heald Track, Wilton New Hampshire 2012





Spring Brook Heald Track Wilton, New Hampshire 2012





Summer Pond #2 Heald Track, Wilton New Hampshire 2012





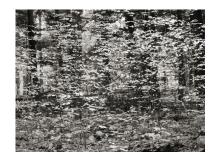
Winter Trees Heald Track Wilton NH, 2012





Autumn Leaves Heald Track Wilton, NH 2013





Heald Track

Summer Grass Heald Track Wilton NH 2012





Dead Trees and Hemlocks Heald Track Wilton NH 2012





Blue Heron Nest Heald Track Wilton NH 2012





Tree Trunks and Vines Heald Track Wilton NH 2012





Beaver Pond Heald Track, Wilton New Hampshire 2012





New Hampshire

Winter Stream Joe English Reserve New Hampshire 2005



Winter Stream #2
Joe English Reserve
New Hampshire
2005



Beaver Brook Pond with Water Lillies Hollis NH 2002





Floating Lily Pads
Beaver Pond
Monson Center
Hollis NH
2009





Beaver Brook Pond Hollis, NH 2002





Spring Forest
Joe English Reservation
Amherst NH
2001





Glacial Erratic, River Wild River Maine

Stones and Spring Forest 2008

Boulders Grafton State Park Maine 2010

Boulder and Trees Grafton State Park Maine 2008

River Stones, Tree Roots and Sand Wild River Maine 2008

Ferns and River Stones Wild River Maine 2010

Leaves, Sand and River Stones Wild River Maine 2010

Maine







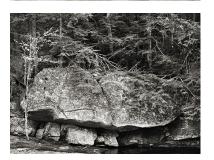


















Newfoundland

Long Mountains Newfoundland 2004





Salmon Cove Newfoundland 2004





Green Point Cliff Newfoundland 2004





Blue Hill Totem Forest Newfoundland 2004





Nova Scotia

Lighthouse Long Point Nova Scotia 1997





Boulders #1 Long Cove Nova Scotia 1997





Boulders #2 Long Cove Nova Scotia 1997





Atlantic Ocean and Rocks Nova Scotia 1997





Various

Peony Red Hook New York 1966





Rose Amherst New Hampshire 2000





Monadnock Birches New Hampshire 2001





Cyprus Tree and Clouds St. Gaudens Historic Site 2012





Various

New Point Comfort Virginia 2005



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Hemlock Trees Woodstock Connecticut 2012





Daisies Amherst New Hampshire 1997





Death Valley

Sand Dunes and Mountains
Death Valley
2006





Zabriskie Point and Manly Beacon from Golden Canyon Death Valley 2006





Mountains and Clouds Death Valley 2006





Mountains from Artist's
Drive
Death Valley
2006





Mount Washington Clouds

Cloud Evolution #1 Mount Washington 2012





Cloud Evolution #2 Mount Washington 2012





Cloud Evolution #3 Mount Washington 2012





Cloud Evolution #4 Mount Washington 2012





Cloud Evolution #5 Mount Washington 2012





Cloud Evolution #6 Mount Washington 2012





Colorado

Aspens #1 Snowmass Colorado 2000





Aspens #2 Snowmass Colorado 2000





Dense Aspen Forest Snowmass Colorado 2000





Crooked Branch Snowmass Colorado 2000





Colorado

Heart Snowmass Colorado 2000





New Aspen Snowmass Colorado 2000





Aspen & Boulder Snowmass Colorado 2000





Aspens and Evergreens Snowmass Colorado 2000





Blue Ridge Mountains, Virginia

Blue Ridge Mountains Shenandoah National Park Virginia 2008





White Tree Morning Mist Virginia, 2002





Blue Ridge Branches Virginia 1967





Flowers and Stone Face Blue Ridge Parkway Virginia



