

The ImageMakers

A collective vision of photography on the Monterey Peninsula

An Organization of Fine Art Photographers From the Monterey Bay Area

The Image Makers was formed in April 1996 by a group of fine art photographers on the Monterey Peninsula in Monterey County, California, who wanted to create a venue where they could exchange ideas about the rapidly evolving world of contemporary photography. They also wanted to review and discuss new work in progress by their fellow artists working in the field. From an initial group of six photographers, the Image Makers has grown to an enthusiastic organization of over 50 members.

Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month and are hosted by members on a rotating (volunteer) basis. A unique feature of the Image Makers is that a Steering Committee provides guidance. Members fully understand the history of the medium and the major trends that have developed during this century; however, they accept the challenge of becoming knowledgeable about the ways in which fine art techniques and new ways of visualizing, conceptualizing, and creating photographic images. All approaches to producing fine art photographs are acceptable and encouraged by the group.

The members currently work in both black and white, color and also with digital images. Their work includes documentary, landscapes, portraits, underwater sea life, architecture, still life, graphic design, and a variety of other types of subject matter, images, and processes. The Image Makers includes several photographers who have been exhibiting their work in local galleries, some for many years. The group also includes photographers who are instructors for UC Santa Cruz, Monterey Peninsula College, and for a number of private workshops. Several photographers have developed websites on the Internet to display their work and activities, which has expanded their exposure to a wide market area across the country. The Image Makers have its own website for the members at www.imagemakers.org.

The Image Makers feels that the informal manner used to structure the organization maximizes the free exchange of ideas and provides inspiration and encouragement to a group of highly motivated photographers dedicated to the production of high quality fine art photographs. The goal of the Image Makers is to ensure that photography, as a vital art form, will continue and thrive on the Monterey Peninsula.

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