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Profile

Travel, architectural and landscape photographer, focusing on capturing the light cast during the golden hour, “the sweet light,” on the spectacular scenery that exists across the US and around the world.

- Online gallery: <http://sweetlightphotos.com/kathryns-gallery/>
- Travel and photography blog: www.SweetLightPhotos.com/blog

Photography Experience / Affiliations

Sweet Light Photos, Photographer | Scottsdale, AZ 2013 - present

Travel and landscape photography, workshops, presentations, exhibits, publications and blogging.

Blue Heron Studios, Manager | Scottsdale, AZ 2013 - present

Manage website, exhibits, and sales.

Arizona Camera Club Council | Arizona 2020 – present

President, and Digital & Media Chair

Digital Imaging Group | Arizona 2025 – present

Photography Society of America 2022 – present

Membership

Phoenix Camera Club | Arizona 2020 – 2025

Membership & Webmaster, Board Member

WorldPix Inc, Board Member, Webmaster, Photographer, | Scottsdale, AZ 2016 - 2018

Manage website, contribute to direction of nonprofit organization.

Awards/ Publications

- **Published online** by National Geographic, Smithsonian Magazine, Massachusetts Audubon Society, and the US Department of the Interior
- **Published** images in the PSA Journal [2025]
- **Published** article, “Namibia,” in the Quarterly newsletter, PSA The Photo Traveler [April 2025]
- **Third Place**, Arizona Camera Club Council Fall 2025 Roundup, Theme: Cityscapes
- **Selected for Exhibit** in the 2025 3rd Annual Homewood Collection Photography Exhibition
- Delaware Valley Travel Circuit – DVCCC **SILVER AWARD 2025**
- PSA Chapter Showcase, **Best in Arizona Chapter 2024**
- **First Place**, Arizona Camera Club Council Fall 2024 Roundup, Mono
- **Second Place**, Arizona Camera Club Council Spring Roundup [2024], Theme: Photo Journalism
- **Human Interest Award**, Arizona Camera Club Council Spring Roundup [2024]
- **Second Place**, Arizona Camera Club Council Spring Roundup [2024], Photo Travel
- **Minimalist Photography Awards – Honorable Mention**

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- **First Place**, Arizona Camera Club Council Spring Roundup [2023], Color Open
- **First Place**, Phoenix Camera Club Annual Awards, Color Open
- **Best Nature Story**, Arizona Camera Club Council Fall Roundup [2022],
- **Second Place**, Arizona Camera Club Council Spring Roundup [2022] Theme (Portrait) Category
- **Second Place**, Arizona Camera Club Council Spring Roundup [2021] Travel Category
- **Awarded cover photograph** for the MetroWest_Town Planner Calendar [2016], and **selected for Month of May** [2018], selected for Month of October [2019], selected for **Month of October** [2021]
- Selected for 2019 Annual Calendar, Massachusetts General Hospital
- **Selected for Exhibit** by Cape Cod Artist Association for their, "Wildlife of the World" Exhibit [2017]
- Winner, Finalist, Featured Image, Member Selection Award and/or People's Choice Award received in over three dozen ViewBug Photo Contests [2016 – 2020]
- **Category Winner** in "Plants & Fungi", Massachusetts Audubon Picture This Photo Contest [2016]
- **2nd Place Winner**, Palouse Audubon Society (PAS) 2014 Photo Contest in the "other" category
- **Honorable Mention** "Recognizable Places" winner in the 30th Annual Cape Cod Life's Photography Contest. Published in the June 2014 issue of Cape Cod Life magazine.
- **Finalist** in the Digital Photography Magazine's Travel and Scenics 2015 Photo Contest
- **Finalist**, Photographer's Forum Annual Spring Photography Contest: 2014, 2015, 2016
- **Finalists** in The Fairmont's Everyone's an Original Summer Photo Contest (2014)

Exhibits & Shows

- Online Exhibit, Northborough Art Guild (Massachusetts), June - August 2021
- Massachusetts General Hospital [Boston] – Exhibit – June 2018 – December 2018
- Northborough Art Guild Annual Art Show – June 2014, June 2015, June 2016
- Sudbury Art Association, Art Around Town, Fall 2014
- Sudbury Co-op Exhibit and Art Show December 2014
- Sudbury Goodnow Library, Fall 2014
- Westborough Art & Frame Emporium – November 2013 – February 2014
- First Parish of Sudbury Juried Craft Fair – October 2013
- Weston Library – July 2013

Presentations

- Northborough Art Guild (MA), "It's Beautiful Where We Live", January 2021, A Covid inspired photography project
- "Photographing Nature" for the McDowell Mountain Conservancy [Sept 2022]
- Arizona Camera Club Presentations:
- "Exploring Japan", Phoenix Camera Club, [January 2024]
- "Iceland: The land of fire and Ice," and on Namibia: "A Photographer's Paradise". Sedona Camera Club [Oct 2023]
- "Namibia: A Photographer's Paradise". Phoenix Camera Club [2022]
- "Namibia: A Photographer's Paradise". Grand Photos Camera Club [Nov. 2022]
- "Iceland: Behind the Lens in the Land of Fire and Ice". Photography West Camera Club, [Feb 2022]

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- “Iceland: Behind the Lens in the Land of Fire and Ice”. Grand Photos Camera Club , [Nov 2021]
- “Iceland: Behind the Lens in the Land of Fire and Ice”. Phoenix Camera Club , [July 2021]
- “Social Media for Photographers”. Pebblecreek Camera Club, [June 2021]
- School of Phototechnik in India: “Namibia: A Photographer’s Paradise” [June 2022]
- School of Phototechnik in India: “Iceland: Behind the Lens in the Land of Fire and Ice” [Dec 2021]
- Guest Lecturer Seabourn Cruise Line [2018]

Training / Education

- New York Institute of Photography, Professional Photographer Program, Graduate, 2014
- PSA Evaluating Images Course [completed 2025]
- PSA (Photography Society of America) Course: Creating Images for PSA Competitions & Exhibitions [completed 2024]
- 2 Day Workshop with Moose Peterson (Mono Lake) – Fall 2016
- ½ day Light Painting workshop with Dave Black – Summer 2016
- 10 day Safari Workshop with Moose Peterson (Kenya) – Summer 2015
- 4 day Workshop with Moose Peterson (Yosemite) – Fall 2014
- 4 Day Workshop with Bill Fortney (Arches/Canyonlands) – Spring 2014
- Shoot Like a Pro (Kelby Training) – 1 day session Boston, October, 2013
- Photoshop (Kelby Training) – 1 day session, Boston, June 2013
- Lightroom (Kelby Training) – 1 day session, Phoenix, April 2013

Northeastern University, Master of Science Information Systems, 1993

Georgia Institute of Technology, Bachelor of Science Applied Psychology, 1984

Skills

- Experienced Digital Photographer (Landscape, Architecture, Travel)
- Instructor / Teacher (Industry and Academia) for Business Classes, Project Management, Onboarding, Systems development, Photography
- Digital Post Processing (Lightroom) and Printing
- Project Management (previously certified PMP)
- Travel Planning / Manager
- Website Design & Development, Online Marketing

Gear / Equipment

- Camera(s): Sony A1ii and Sony A7r5
- Wide Angle: Sony FE PZ 16-35mm f/4 G Lens
- Mid-Range Zoom: Sony 24-105mm f4 G OSS
- Telephoto Zoom: Sony 100-400mm f4.5-5.6 GM OSS
- Telephoto Prime: Sony 300mm, f2.8 GM OSS
- Really Right Stuff Carbon Fiber Tripod and Ball head (BH-55)
- Really Right Stuff Carbon Fiber Monopod
- Gitzo Carbon Fiber Travel Tripod with RRS Ball Head (BH-50)