

CAROL REID

Photographic Artist

CREDO

"Visualization is more accurately viewed as an attitude toward photography rather than a dogma. It assumes that the photographer has total freedom of expression, and is in no way restricted by my own or anyone else's idea of art."

-- Ansel Adams

ARTIST'S STATEMENT

I see, therefore I think. I think, therefore I am. The very act of seeing affirms life, bonds observer and the subject, and in that metaphysical moment, the encounter changes both. In responding to the pull of native curiosity as we respond to the irresistible force of gravity, we become an agent of change in the world we live in.

I am an artist whose medium is photography. The world speaks to me in many languages; color, light, texture, shape. I seek and find – though it seems rather it is my subjects that find me -- magical images often as fleeting as a reflection or a shadow, flirtatious flower petals winking at me as they are caressed by backlit sun, striking abstractions with shaman-like power, exotic dreamscapes alive within the patterns of decay. The surreal of the real, freeze-framed in light and space. Humor, beauty, poignancy, and mystery surprise and delight me in the field. Like an alchemist bringing them to a new level of reality within the crucible of my Photoshop darkroom, I celebrate their being and through the process of exploration, I grow as an artist.

THE ROLE OF ART

The creation of art is not the end of the story. Rather, it marks the beginning, its birth. Art, once created, must be seen to fulfill its true purpose. Art is not inanimate and passive. It illuminates, induces introspection, provokes discussion, and is a revealer of truths. Art offers opportunity for the spirit to be moved, for the viewer to really see with new eyes and be changed by the encounter. Art exists in this world to remind us of joy and beauty, pain and sorrow – what it is to be alive, that we are not alone, that we each have something worthy to contribute. Art has the power to fire our imagination and kindle our natural impulse to play. You are enthusiastically invited to join the party! Welcome to my world.

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