

“Quiet Contemplation” Portfolio Book Project

Since my diagnosis of multiple myeloma cancer in 2017, I’ve been working on a portfolio book that I hope will become a collection of my black and white photographs captured over the past two decades. It will serve as my legacy not only for my family and friends, but also for customers and collectors who have purchased my work and others who simply appreciate my images.

This hard-cover portfolio book will include:

- 100 (+) pages of black and white photographs, printed as duotones on heavy paper stock, with a hardcover linen binding. Final size to be 12”x12”.
- Foreword by Dr. Stephen McNulty, former curator of the Joseph Saxton Gallery of Photography; a preface written by Howard Bond, an acclaimed black-and-white photographer; my personal introduction.
- Each section of the book will be accompanied with text written by several outstanding American photographers (eg: Art Wolfe, Alan Ross, Charlie Cramer).
- A listing of awards that I have received, along with acknowledgments of those who have supported this project.

The cost to transform this dream into a finished book is \$12,000. This amount must be raised from outside sources as medical costs make it challenging to fund my on-going photographic work, let alone a project of this scope. Additionally, sales have fallen drastically over the past three years due to the cancellations of shows, exhibitions and my inability to participate in many art fairs.

This book will not be sold through retail sources, rather, it will be offered at select photography galleries, to my customer base and via my website, etc. (making money from sales is not my motivation for its production). Half of the profits derived from sale will help grow a fund that my wife and I are setting aside to provide an annual grant to photographers who have an interest in working along the eastern shore of Lake Superior, an area that has been an inspiration to me and a source of many of my photographs. The other half will be used to sustain future projects.

Having the ability to help others advance their craft is something that has become important to me in recent years. These grants will help other photographers, just as the Michael Reichmann grant helped me. The grant will be administered by a group of professionals who care deeply about the park and its ecosystems – The Friends of Lake Superior Provincial Park. The grant will set aside enough money to provide funding for at least ten years. Each recipient of the grant will be given a signed copy of “Quiet Contemplation.”

Your contribution will help make this book a reality. The attached chart breaks down various contribution levels and benefits that are attached to each. If you are unable to contribute at these levels, a smaller contribution will be appreciated.

With thanks and gratitude,

Jan Bell, Bell Images Fine Art Photography

Support of "Quiet Contemplation" Portfolio Book Project

20 years of black and white photography by Jan Bell

Any amount that you are able to contribute to complete this project will be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, feel free to call or email. I welcome the opportunity to discuss this project with you.

\$10,000 \$7,500 \$5,000 \$2,500 \$1,000 \$500 \$250 Other \$ _____

Payable by check or credit card. Please return this form in the enclosed envelope. Make checks payable to Jan Bell, portfolio book project. If you prefer to pay by phone, please call me at the number listed below. Thank you!

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