

## Mark Graf

Mark Graf is an internationally published nature photographer from Detroit, Michigan with more than 15 years experience in creating and providing fine art nature photographs. With an interest in a wide range of nature subjects, his lens has drawn him to explore natural wonders in the depths of the Pacific Ocean, to the wildlife and majestic landscapes of Alaska, to intimate details and patterns formed over millennia in the depths of stone.

It is in these very close looks at microcosmic landscapes in stone that Mark sees connections to the larger landscapes of their native regions, often appearing quite similar when viewed from the sky or looking outward towards the galaxy. These details in stone are symbolic of nature's processes of starting small and then expanding beyond imagination.

As John Muir remarked in 1869; "When we try to pick out anything by itself we find that it is bound fast by a thousand invisible cords that cannot be broken, to everything in the universe. "

### BACKGROUND AND TRAINING

Mark earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan in 1991 with a special focus on bioengineering. He also obtained his scuba certification in 1993 and followed it with advance certifications of Master Diver and Assistant Instructor. It is in the underwater world where Mark's interests in photography became intensified.

He has worked professionally in engineering and product management while pursuing nature photography in parallel, nurturing and growing it into a successful business

### PUBLICATIONS AND EXHIBITS

Mark's photography has been published in a wide variety of magazines, calendars, newspapers, greeting cards, and books as well as for use in advertising in the financial, travel, and education industries. Clients include the Sierra Club, Mutual of Omaha's Wild Kingdom, Pomegranate Publications, Gemini Publications, and the United States Forest Service to name a few.

Mark's fine art nature prints are displayed in common areas and patient rooms in many hospitals and health care centers across the US, including the prestigious Henry Ford Hospital West Bloomfield location. Mark's prints also appear in many corporate offices and private collectors homes. His work has been used by the US Forest Service in providing service awards for employees.

Mark lives in the Detroit area with his wife Lisa and their Alaskan Malamute, Willow.

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