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***THE ARTFUL EYE: EXPLORATIONS IN SEEING DEEPLY***

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Explore what it means to “see deeply” in this weeklong photo retreat on the beautiful island of Moloka’i, Hawaii. Learn how to take your photography beyond documentation and express feelings and emotion in your image making. Through a series of exercises and meditations designed to sharpen your visual acuity, you’ll discover images you never dreamed possible. When you slow down, switch off and truly “awaken” your creative spirit, you’ll discover your own power within. Images will begin to find you, rather than the other way around.

During this magical week, we’ll visit a wide variety of locations on Moloka’i: a remote beach (where shimmering back-lit waves resemble crystal sculptures when frozen in time), an ancient coconut grove planted in the 1860s during the reign of King Kamehameha, a lush private tropical garden in a remote area of the island, enchanted rain forests, historical churches, rugged, unspoiled sand dune/beach areas, colorful pigeons in flight, and much more. You’ll also be treated to lectures, insights and musings from two former National Geographic photographers, Dewitt Jones and Rikki Cooke, and iPhoneography experts Lynette Sheppard and Melissa Fraser who will all join us as guest lecturers.

This week also offers an opportunity to delve deeply into a practice of mindfulness and bring that awareness into your photography and everyday life. We will discuss not only the technical aspects of photography, covering various creative camera/smartphone techniques, but also explore how paying attention to present moments can begin to open your heart to experiencing life and your image-making process more fully. You’ll leave feeling refreshed, renewed, inspired, and fully engaged in mind, eye and heart.... seeing deeper than ever before.

**Charles Needle** is an award-winning, California-based fine art photographer, author, speaker and workshop leader who specializes in teaching creative macro, abstract in-camera Impressionistic techniques, creative iPhoneography, and expressive flower and garden photography. In 2017, he completed an 8-week MBSR (Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction) course and continues to explore ways to encourage others to see deeply and express spiritual and emotional aspects of life through the camera. At its deepest core, Charles views photography as a form of meditation, and his work reflects the teachings of Minor White, Freeman Patterson, Eddie Soloway, Nancy Rotenberg, Kim Manley Ort, Michael Wood and others who have inspired his practice of “mindful photography.”

**Cost:** \$3,695 before September 30, 2018. \$4,195 after that date. Limited to 17 participants.

**Price includes:** 7 nights lodging at Hui Ho’olana Retreat Center, 7 breakfasts, all the rest of the meals, ground transportation during the workshop, airport transfers.

**Price does not include:** airfare, optional trip insurance, optional excursions (e.g. snorkel trip), tips for Hui staff/cooks and other key individuals, optional yoga classes, massages, alcoholic beverages and other incidentals.

**To register:** Please send a non-refundable deposit check for \$1,500, payable to “Charles Needle Photography,” to 7725 Gateway, Suite 1401; Irvine, CA 92618-1583 before September 30, 2018. Please include your name, complete mailing address, phone number and email address with your deposit payment.

Your remaining balance will be due October 31, 2018.

If you wish to pay by credit card, please email Charles at [charles@charlesneedlephoto.com](mailto:charles@charlesneedlephoto.com). He will send you a money request via PayPal. Please note, there will be a 4% surcharge for all credit card payments.

**Cancellation policy:** If you need to cancel your registration, you may do so before October 31, 2018 without any penalty, other than forfeiting your \$1,500 deposit. After October 31, 2018, you will be responsible for the full tuition amount, unless you can find someone else to fill your spot. We strongly advise you obtain trip insurance via Travelex ([www.travelexinsurance.com](http://www.travelexinsurance.com)) or Travel Guard ([www.travelguard.com](http://www.travelguard.com)).

**Arrival and departure information:** Please plan to arrive at the Hui Ho’olana after 2 pm on Saturday, January 19, 2019. Appetizers (or “Pupus”) will be offered at 3 pm, and the formal opening of the workshop will begin at 5 pm. On departure day, Saturday, January 26, 2019, please plan to vacate the property before 12 noon. Breakfast will be served that morning, followed by our last morning session, which will conclude by 10 am.

**Getting There:** There are no direct flights to Moloka’i (MKK) from the USA mainland. The most convenient way to fly to Moloka’i is to first land in Honolulu, then catch a connecting flight on one of the following airlines: Mokulele Airlines or Ohana/Hawaiian Airlines. You can also find connecting flights on Mokulele from Maui (OGG) and Hawaii island (Kona Airport - KOA), if you prefer.

Allow a minimum of 1 hour 15 minutes between mainland and inter-island flights. Be sure to check your bag all the way to Moloka’i. Your destination is Ho’olehua Airport, and your baggage tag should say “MKK” on it.

We will pick you up from the airport at the start of the workshop and drop you off at the conclusion and will need flight arrival and departure information before November 1, 2018 to coordinate pick-ups and drop-offs. If you wish to rent a car to explore the island on your own during the retreat, you may do so through Alamo, which is currently the only rental agency operating on the island. (We apologize, but we are unable to provide pick-ups or drop-offs from anywhere on the island other than the Moloka’i Airport.)

**Optional pre/post workshop accommodations:** If you choose to extend your trip, you can spend the night on Moloka'i before and/or after the workshop. There is one hotel on the island, Hotel Moloka'i ([www.hotelmolokai.com](http://www.hotelmolokai.com)), which is about a 15-minute drive from the Hui retreat center. There is also a working ranch on the east end of the island that provides accommodations as well as horseback riding, [www.Puuohoku.com](http://www.Puuohoku.com).

Other accommodation information can be found at [www.visitmolokai.com](http://www.visitmolokai.com), [www.molokai-hawaii.com](http://www.molokai-hawaii.com) and [www.vrbo.com](http://www.vrbo.com).

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