



JOHN SEXTON PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOPS



2023

WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

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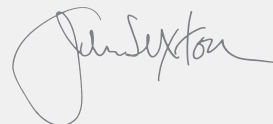
INTRODUCTION

We recently returned from the Eastern Sierra having completed our first in-person workshop in three years! Anne and I were afraid that we might have *lost our touch*, but once the workshop was underway, it was kind of like riding a bicycle—relatively smooth sailing almost immediately. I taught my first photography workshop in 1975, so I guess over the decades I have developed a certain amount of *muscle memory* in my approach to teaching. Our 2023 offering of the *Mono Lake and the Eastern Sierra: Exploring Autumn Light* workshop will provide an opportunity to learn from successful *working* photographers. The instructors will willingly share their experiences with you — both successes and mistakes — we have NO SECRETS.

This will NOT be a *photographic tour*, it will be an opportunity to improve your photographic skills. The workshop will be an intense experience, in which one will be immersed in photography from early in the morning until late at night. You will be tired at the end of the workshop, but will be filled with information and inspiration. You will benefit from instruction in the field, and in the classroom each day.

All of us involved in this workshop program share the desire for creating an atmosphere of excitement, while providing you with the knowledge and motivation you need to transform your ideas into successful photographs. All of the workshops offer a combination of instruction in the aesthetic and technical considerations involved in making expressive photographs. The exploration of ideas and concepts, rather than dogma, will be emphasized in communicating information, thoughts, and perceptions in a comfortable, non-competitive environment. The workshops are intended for the individual who is seriously interested in an exploration of photography, and who is committed to actively participating and working at improving their craft, personal vision, and direction.

This year's workshop offers opportunities to receive instruction and inspiration from photographers of distinctive abilities, and are structured to allow for an intimate atmosphere, conducive to learning, sharing, and creativity. Directed outdoor photography sessions, portfolio reviews, informal discussions, along with instructor demonstrations and presentations, will be included in all workshops. I am looking forward to participating with some of you in our 2023 workshop program!



ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

A very special thanks to Kodak Alaris for its continuing dedication to photographic education. They have been the primary sponsor of this workshop program for more than three decades! In particular, I would like to express appreciation to Tim Ryugo for his ongoing friendship and commitment to our workshop program.

I have relied on Gitzo tripods to steadily support my cameras since 1983. My thanks to Gitzo and the Manfrotto Distribution team for their support of this workshop program. Special thanks to Adam Mirabella, Paul Zakrzewski, Sandro Ledesma, Shanna Smith, and Donna Narkiewicz.

I am happy to have Epson America, Inc. as an ongoing workshop partner. I am honored to be featured in the excellent videos they produced as part of their Print Your Legacy campaign - especially since my prints are made in the traditional darkroom. I have known Dan "Dano" Steinhardt for decades, and it has been a great pleasure to work with him on a wide variety of photographic projects over the years.

I am thrilled to again have OmegaBrandess as a workshop sponsor. My Omega/LPL variable contrast enlargers have been valuable print making tools for more than twenty-five years, and are still going strong. I would like to thank the OmegaBrandess team for their support of my program.

I am pleased to have Freestyle Photographic Supplies as a workshop sponsor. I made my first purchase at the small Freestyle store in 1970 and have been a customer ever since. Freestyle is unique among photographic retailers in their commitment to traditional photographic products and the scope of their product selection.

It is an honor to have The Tiffen Company as a sponsor. Thanks to Steve Tiffen and Carol Posnack. I have been using Tiffen filters, and other fine Tiffen products, with great results for over thirty-five years.

It is a pleasure to have JOBO International GmbH back as a sponsor of my workshops. Johannes Bockemuehl carries on the tradition of excellence in photographic products in the footsteps of his father and grandfather.

Finally, I would like to thank all of our Associate Partners for the valuable assistance they generously provide: LaserSoft Imaging, Photographic Solutions, Think Tank Photo, and X-Rite Photo.



WHITE BOULDERS AND
FOREST DAWN
YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK
CALIFORNIA

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MONO LAKE AND THE EASTERN SIERRA: EXPLORING AUTUMN LIGHT

JOHN SEXTON AND ANNE LARSEN

OCTOBER 15–20, 2023

By popular demand we are pleased to offer this extremely popular workshop for the 13th time! The Mono Basin and Eastern Sierra have some of the most exciting photographic opportunities imaginable. Late autumn light will add to the magic and wonder of this area. This field workshop will allow you to explore the spectacular photographic possibilities of this amazing landscape under the leadership of two skilled and talented photographers, Anne Larsen and John Sexton, and is open to dedicated photographers working with either traditional or digital tools. The most important thing is to arrive with an open mind and a desire to work hard at improving your photography.

If you are interested in attending this workshop please send your application soon. It is likely that the session will be fully subscribed. If you have any questions about the workshop, please feel free to contact us via email.

The group will be visiting a number of exciting locations to explore during the workshop. We will be photographing late and early light on the unique tufa formations on multiple field sessions at Mono Lake, as well as exploring nearby beautiful Sierra canyons and the spectacular Yosemite high country. Sexton and Larsen will be available to assist participants in the field and will be offering indoor instruction sessions. We will utilize a large, comfortable classroom facility in Lee Vining, just a few hundred yards from the shore of Mono Lake, and within walking distance of our motel. Along with instructor presentations and demonstrations, an important aspect of the workshop will be constructive portfolio reviews of prints that participants bring to the workshop. It will be a time of great scenery, photography, and camaraderie.

Included in the workshop fee will be a special dinner the final night of the workshop, as well as two lunches in the field, along with a 100+ page handout booklet prepared by John. Lodging, additional meals, and transportation costs are the responsibility of each participant. This workshop is limited to ten people, and no guests are allowed. Early enrollment is advised. The workshop begins on Sunday morning, and ends late Friday evening. Participation in the full workshop is required.

FEE: \$1,995 (INCLUDES ALL PARK ENTRANCE AND PERMIT FEES)

Please carefully read our COVID Safety Requirements in the *Workshop Application Procedures and Policies* section—later in this brochure—before applying for any workshops.

John Sexton Photography Workshops operates under permits from the Inyo National Forest, Yosemite National Park, and the Bodie Foundation. We are an equal opportunity provider.

Visit www.johnsexton.com for additional workshop information, staff biographies, and other event information.

SUBSCRIBE TO JOHN'S MAILING LIST AND NEWSLETTER

Be among the first to learn about John's upcoming workshops, lectures, exhibitions, photographic projects, print offers, and current news by subscribing to John's email newsletter and mailing list. Subscribers to John's periodic eNews receive special discount offers for John's books, posters, and other publications. Each issue includes discussions of important photographic news, John's popular Tech Tip section, information about worthwhile photographic exhibitions, and many other topics of interest. John usually publishes three to four eNewsletters per year.

We value your privacy and do NOT share your personal information with others. Simply send an email to subscribe@johnsexton.com indicating whether you would like to join John's eNewsletter list, postal mailing list, or both lists. You can also call Anne Larsen at the number listed below.

SCHEDULING A JOHN SEXTON LECTURE OR SEMINAR

John is an articulate speaker with a delightful sense of humor, a wealth of photographic expertise, and a passion for photography and the environment. His presentations are educational, informative, and entertaining. John has lectured internationally on a variety of photographic topics, including his own work and the influence of other photographers on his photography. In addition, he has a variety of lectures on the subject of his friend and photographic mentor, Ansel Adams. John's presentations in the recent past include events for Adobe Systems, Apple, Center for Creative Photography at the University of Arizona, George Eastman House, Monterey Museum of Art, New Hampshire Institute of Art, and Oregon State University.

John is available to present lectures and seminars at colleges, universities, and museums, as well as corporations, photographic organizations, gatherings, and retreats. John's lectures are of interest to photographers and non-photographers alike. If you are interested in booking John for a presentation please contact Anne Larsen with a proposal. It is helpful if you have possible dates, group size, and budget information available when inquiring.

JOHN SEXTON TRAVELING EXHIBITION BOOKING INFORMATION

For those of you involved with organizations, such as museums, colleges and universities, art centers, galleries, and other venues, that might be interested in hosting John's traveling exhibition, *John Sexton: A Photographer's Journey*, please contact Anne Larsen to discuss details and rental fees.

This exhibition presents a representative selection of John's photographs that reflect his love affair with photography and the beauty of the earth. The exhibition can be configured between twenty-five and sixty handcrafted silver gelatin prints, based on the curatorial desires of the venue, as well as space available. The photographs are framed and ready for display.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

For information about workshops, as well as John's photographic prints, books, posters, lectures, and exhibitions, please contact Anne Larsen at:

831/659-3130

info@johnsexton.com

Office Hours: 10 am to 1 pm - Pacific Time - Monday through Thursday.

INTRODUCTION TO THE FACULTY

JOHN SEXTON DIRECTOR AND INSTRUCTOR

A former director of the Ansel Adams Workshops, and the Owens Valley Photography Workshops, John Sexton has conducted hundreds of photography workshops around the world. Respected as a photographer and printmaker, Sexton prefers to photograph the quiet message of his subjects, conveying his love of light. John's four award-winning books, *Listen to the Trees*, *Quiet Light*, *Places of Power*, and *Recollections* showcase his finely crafted large format images, and have won numerous awards. John served as Technical and Photographic Assistant, and then consultant, to Ansel Adams from 1979 to 1984. He continues to serve as Photographic Special Projects Consultant to The Ansel Adams Publishing Rights Trust, and is a consultant to the photographic industry. In 2005 John received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the North American Nature Photography Association, and in 2014 he was awarded the *International Award* from the American Society of Photographers. In 2018 John was inducted into the International Photography Hall of Fame and Museum, in St. Louis, Missouri.

ANNE LARSEN INSTRUCTOR

Anne Larsen received her formal photographic training in Denmark, where she worked as a successful photographer for one of the largest commercial studios in Copenhagen. In 1994 she moved to the United States, and has worked as John Sexton's Photographic Assistant since that time. She is actively involved in all of the workshops offered on this program. Her intimate still lifes and delicate photographs of the natural environment, all made with a 4x5" view camera, share a common luminosity and elegance. In addition to John's workshops, Anne has assisted on workshops instructed by James Baker, Morley Baer, Ruth Bernhard, Charles Cramer, Philip Hyde, and Ray McSavaney. Her prints are in numerous private and public collections in North America and Europe. In 2018 Anne was the winner in both the Still Life and Abstract professional categories in the 12th Julia Margaret Cameron Award. Along with concentrating on her own photographic work, Anne assists her husband, John Sexton, in all aspects of his photography.

WORKSHOP PARTICIPANT TESTIMONIALS

I have had the great privilege of teaching photography workshops for more than forty-five years. I love the opportunity to share my knowledge and love of the magical medium of photography. My own photography—and indeed my life—was transformed when I was a participant at an Ansel Adams Yosemite workshop many years ago. Over the years I have had the pleasure to work with literally thousands of workshop participants during hundreds of workshops. Here are some unsolicited comments, used with permission, from a few of those participants. — John Sexton

Anne and John,

With regards to the workshop I do not have the words to comment as to how wonderful it was both in knowledge gained and the friendship of the group during the seven days! Seriously, much thanks to you both!!!!

I told my wife before the workshop I never felt like I was 74 years old. When I returned home I felt like I was 90 years old from all the hiking, carrying equipment, and lack of sleep. Good news—I have recovered, and feel young again and ready for another adventure!!!!

—Nick, South Windsor, Connecticut

Mono Lake and the Eastern Sierra: Exploring Autumn Light Workshop 2022

I have attended many photographic workshops and, without a doubt, this workshop was the best by a wide margin. The amount of valuable and useful information was incredible; it will take me a while to digest and absorb it all. I cannot wait to put what I learned to good use. John is a fabulous instructor and his love for photography and teaching are very evident.

—Barry, Dallas, Texas

The Expressive Black and White Print Workshop

John and his wife Anne hold the best photography workshop I have ever attended. They run the workshop professionally and in a well-organized manner. Participants enjoy the benefits of receiving instruction in a first-class black and white darkroom and studio while enjoying the welcoming feeling of being guests at their home.

John covers complicated topics in a way that everyone could understand, and pays attention to all necessary details. His passion for photography is reflected by the way he teaches, motivating participants to continue working on improving their photographic skills. After taking his workshop, I have certainly raised my photography standards to a totally new level.

—Sergio, Folsom, California

The Expressive Black and White Print Workshop

I had a great time on the recent Mono Lake workshop with Charlie, Anne, and you. I feel like I made a major improvement in my photography as a result of the workshop. The opportunity to get feedback from you and Charlie, as well as from the other attendees, was very powerful. That, plus the opportunity to see others work helped me see what was possible.

—Kent, Tucson, Arizona

Mono Lake and the Eastern Sierra: Exploring Autumn Light Workshop

John Sexton and Charles Cramer

Thanks John and Anne for having us! I personally had a blast and have positively gushed my favorable experience with family and friends. I learned so much. I have so much homework to do. It will keep me off the streets and out of trouble for some time.

—Jeff, Vancouver, Washington

Mono Lake and the Eastern Sierra: Exploring Autumn Light Workshop 2022

Thank you for a great workshop experience. I appreciate the professionalism shown throughout the entire workshop, keeping on schedule, covering so many topics, and still being accessible for individual concerns and questions. I am still processing the invaluable knowledge you departed on me and am still reading and using the workshop manual as a reference here at home. I am slowly gathering certain items and adding them to my darkroom so I can attempt the techniques I watched you demonstrate in your darkroom.

Thank you for welcoming all of us into your home and studio, what a privilege that was! Anne, thank you for the wonderful meals, hospitality, and great instructions you gave throughout the workshop. Your ability to keep the workshop on schedule is a great asset to how well run and organized this workshop is. No wonder there is a long waiting list. The long hours you two put in attest again to your dedication and professionalism.

—Stephanie, Casper, Wyoming

The Expressive Black and White Print Workshop

Anne and John:

I just wanted to thank you again. I arrived back in Houston late last night and had some time in flight to read through my notes and the workshop syllabus. The amount of information covered was incredible. In reflecting upon the last five days, I realize that not once did I ever get bored or desire a break. While the days were long as measured by hours, they flew by for me and everyday left me with a desire for more.

I also want to thank you for opening up your home and for the delicious home cooked meals. The environment you provided was so very conducive to learning. I can't wait to put what I have learned into practice and I hope you will strongly consider offering the Fine Tuning workshop in the future as I would love to do it all over again after I have had 18 - 24 months of additional experience. Otherwise, I might have to repeat The Expressive Black and White Print workshop experience again!

Finally, as I was reviewing the materials, I came across Ansel's letter to Cedric. What a perfect ending to a perfect workshop experience. So, to you both...I wish for the thundercloud to let loose on you.

—Greg, Houston, Texas

The Expressive Black and White Print Workshop

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

To apply for the workshop(s) of your choice, please complete and sign the application form provided in this brochure. Return it with a deposit of \$250 for each workshop. The deposit includes a non-refundable \$150 acceptance fee. If you are not enrolled in a workshop all fees paid will be refunded.

Send your signed application form and deposit to:

John Sexton Photography Workshops
Post Office Box 30
Carmel Valley, California 93924 USA

There is no deadline for application. However, often the workshops fill immediately so, to avoid disappointment, prompt application is advisable.

Your participation for the entire workshop session is extremely important. If your schedule requires you to arrive after the start, or to leave prior to the end of the workshop, please make other arrangements or plan to participate at another time.

ACCEPTANCE

We receive many applications concurrently, and they are evaluated for enrollment based on the information submitted. Attention is given to the information furnished in the "Background Information" portion of the application. Please give thought to the information you provide in this section. Upon enrollment in a workshop, you will receive a letter providing detailed information and suggestions for preparing for the workshop.

Those applicants who were on the waiting list last year will be given priority for that workshop this year, but we cannot guarantee enrollment. Please return your application promptly.

If you receive one application and two or more wish to apply, please copy the application form and send one completed, signed application form for each participant. Consideration is given to each individual participant's application.

If the workshop is already full when your application is received, we will offer the opportunity to be placed on a waiting list and your entire deposit will be returned to you. It is advisable to list alternate workshop dates if possible.

DEPOSIT & PAYMENTS

Please make all payments in U.S. dollars, and make checks or money orders payable to "John Sexton Photography Workshops." We do not accept credit cards for workshop deposits—except international applicants.

A deposit of \$250 for each workshop applied for must accompany your application. This includes a non-refundable \$150 acceptance fee. Applications without a deposit cannot be processed.

The balance for each workshop is due no later than 60 days prior to the first day of the workshop. If you fail to pay your balance 60 days prior to the first day of the workshop, your space in the workshop and your entire deposit will be forfeited, and your place will be filled from the waiting list.

FEES

Workshop fees cover tuition only. Additional amenities may be included, as listed in the individual workshop descriptions. Meals (unless otherwise indicated), lodging, and air fare are not included.

WITHDRAWAL, WORKSHOP CANCELLATION & REFUND

If you withdraw from a workshop, you must inform us no later than 60 days prior to the first day of the workshop. We will refund your deposit or full tuition, whichever is applicable, less the acceptance fee of \$150.

If you withdraw within the period 60 to 30 days prior to the first day of your workshop, your entire deposit of \$250 will be forfeited.

No refunds of any kind will be made for withdrawal less than 30 days in advance of the first day of the workshop, during the workshop, or for no-shows.

If it is necessary for us to cancel a workshop, all registered participants will be informed immediately, and you will receive a full refund of all deposits and fees paid.

Notification of cancellation due to insufficient enrollment will be made at least 14 days prior to the start of a workshop. For this reason we encourage you to purchase refundable airline tickets, and consider purchasing trip cancellation insurance. The Workshops will not be responsible for any loss on airline tickets, or any other losses, related to cancellation.

ACCOMMODATIONS

A block of rooms, of varying room types and price ranges, has been reserved at comfortable lodges or motels for most workshops. Campgrounds are available near each location. We encourage you to stay with the group to participate in the informal exchanges occurring in this environment. Lodging information will be sent upon enrollment.

POLICIES

Please, no smoking or pets allowed on the premises. The use of mobile phones is limited to refreshment breaks and mealtimes. No pets are allowed at the lodging or on the premises.

COVID SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

John Sexton Photography Workshops has always had safety as our primary objective, and COVID is no exception. Since COVID is always evolving, our procedures and requirements may change as well. We will be following CDC guidelines. At this point we will anticipate we will require all participants to be fully vaccinated and boosted to the latest level at the time of the workshop, and will require proof of vaccination, and boosters, prior to the start of the workshop from all participants.

We may also institute additional measures to ensure everyone's safety, including negative COVID tests, masks while indoors, avoiding carpools (meaning everyone will have to drive their own vehicle to field sessions), and other requirements. We will continue to monitor the COVID situation - paying particular attention to Mono County. If we feel the workshop cannot be operated safely then we may be forced to cancel the workshop.

If that is the case, you will receive a full refund of all fees paid. Please understand that our plan, and strong desire, is to offer the workshop as scheduled. However, we always put your safety—and the safety of all involved with the workshop—above any photographic or workshop experiences.

WAIVER OF LIABILITY

The Workshops shall have no responsibility or liability for personal injury to any participant or damage to any participant's property, or for personal injuries or damage to the property of any other person resulting from the participant's involvement in any workshop. The Workshops shall have no responsibility for the acts, errors or omissions of instructors or staff, transportation companies, lodging facilities, restaurants, tour guides, and outfitters, or other providers of services to participants in the course of the workshops.

The Workshops has the right to cancel any workshop and to alter the time, context, or format of any workshop in the event circumstances so require. In the event a workshop is cancelled, for any reason, the extent of the Workshops' liability is limited to the return of all fees paid to us.

The Workshops will not be responsible for reimbursement on airline tickets due to cancellation of a workshop, or replacement of an instructor. We recommend you purchase refundable tickets and consider purchasing trip cancellation insurance.

The Workshops reserves the right to substitute instructors if necessary and will attempt to inform all participants immediately if a last minute substitution is necessary.

WAIVER AND RELEASE

During his workshops, John Sexton occasionally photographs and records portions of the workshop sessions for his files and, in some cases, for use in public presentations on the Internet and elsewhere. The images are used primarily for informational or educational purposes so that those considering possible participation on a future workshop have a better sense of what is offered, why John Sexton offers it, and what to expect during his workshops. In addition, John Sexton sometimes uses recordings from workshops as part of educational presentations. John Sexton has found that using actual teaching sessions from his workshops is an effective way to share photographic knowledge with others.

As a participant in the Workshops, you are consenting to allow John Sexton and others to photograph you and to record your voice, and to use these photographs and/or recordings for educational uses and for other purposes of publicity relating to future workshop purposes, including those in printed form or on the Internet or other similar media that now exist or are used in the future. The term "photograph" in this Waiver and Release includes both still photographs and motion picture or video footage.

You also consent to allow John Sexton to reproduce and use these photographs and recordings of your voice for use in all domestic and foreign markets. Further, you acknowledge that others may use and/or reproduce such photographs and recordings.

You hereby release John Sexton and his associated or affiliated companies, their directors, officers, agents, employees and customers, and appointed advertising agencies, their directors, officers, agents and employees from all claims of every kind on account of such use in the future.

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2023 JOHN SEXTON PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOPS APPLICATION

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☐ Enclose a \$250 deposit, or full tuition, for each workshop desired (includes non-refundable \$150 acceptance fee).

☐ Make checks or money orders (in United States funds only) payable to: John Sexton Photography Workshops.

International applicants please contact us by email to arrange deposit or tuition payments before submitting application.

WORKSHOP DESIRED

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☐ I can't attend a workshop this year. Please add me to your Email Newsletter List.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION (Feel free to attach a separate page with more complete information if you desire.)

Occupation:

Years involved in photography:

Equipment most often used: ☐ 35mm ☐ 2 1/4 ☐ View Camera ☐ Digital Other:

Medium: ☐ B&W traditional ☐ B&W digital ☐ Color traditional ☐ Color digital Other:

Photographic Interests: ☐ Landscape ☐ Portrait ☐ Architecture ☐ Commercial ☐ Documentary
☐ Other:

Previous Classes, Workshops, Professional Experience, etc.

List areas of special interest you would like to see covered:

What do you hope to gain from this workshop?

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I have read and understand the Workshop Application Procedures, Waiver of Liability, and Waiver and Release, and agree to be bound by them.

Signed:

Dated:

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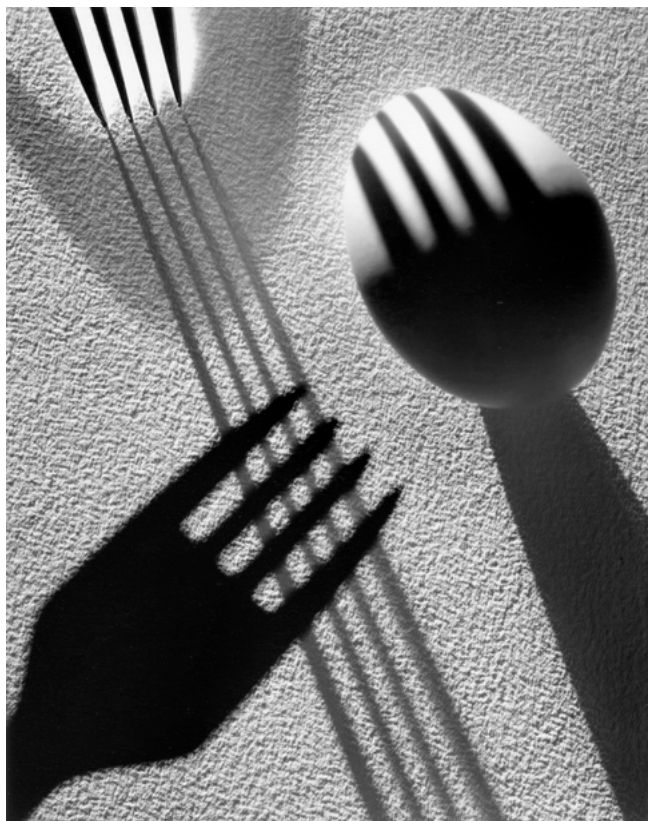
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