

Grandfather Mountain

Nature Photography Weekend *2026 Featured Speakers*

JANE PALMER



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After a distinguished 38-year career as a nurse anesthetist, Jane transitioned into full-time nature photography upon retirement. Her work reflects deep appreciation for the beauty and tranquility of the natural world, aiming to inspire others to pause and connect with nature. Through stunning imagery, Jane encourages people to find comfort and joy in the outdoors. In addition to creating art, she is passionate about teaching photography and helping others discover the creative fulfillment it brings. Each photograph serves as an invitation to experience the world through a lens of wonder and gratitude. Jane is particularly passionate about ethical photographic practices and respecting nature and wildlife.

Tony Sweet is an internationally acclaimed fine art nature photographer celebrated for his stunning and surreal nature and landscape photography. Tony is a Nikon Legend Behind the Lens, known for his artistry in infrared, long-exposure, panoramic, abstract and flower photography. He is a sought-after photography educator and has authored five books, five instructional video series and an iPhone photography class. He has contributed to Shutterbug, Rangefinder, Nikon World, New York Times and other photography industry media. His images have been used in advertising campaigns for brands like Nikon, Topzas, Lensbaby and Singh Ray. Tony is a life-long visual artist and musician.

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JENNIFER KING



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Jennifer King is an internationally acclaimed landscape and wildlife photographer with a passion for teaching and inspiring photographers around the world. She has built a respectable reputation with award winning photography, and is one of the premiere black and white photographers in the country. Jennifer was recognized as the #1 Wildlife Photographer in the US in 2025 by One Eyeland, is a Moab Master Photographer, Singh Ray Ambassador and noted as one of 15 Amazing Women to Follow by 500px. She is also the founder of Photography for the Fight Against Breast Cancer (pfabc.org), an industry-wide organization bringing together the biggest names in photography to raise money for breast cancer research.

John Mauser has called North Carolina his home since he was three years old. He grew up exploring Eastern Carolina's blackwater rivers, coastal swamps and the Outer Banks. His love of nature led to a nearly 20-year career as a marine biologist and later, as a fishing guide. He picked up his first real camera in 2001 and spent the first few years of his photography career in dark-rooms processing landscape photos on 35mm, medium format and 4X5 film before transitioning to digital. Today, he blends photography into his charter business, documenting the fishing lifestyle while focusing on his true passion - nature and wildlife. His work has appeared in national fishing publications as well as *Wildlife in North Carolina* and *Our State Magazine*.

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