

WINTER TREES I

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*I asked the boy beneath the pines.
He said, "The Master's gone alone,
Herb-gathering somewhere on the mount,
Cloud-hidden,
Whereabouts unknown."*

Chia Tao (777 - 841)



Winter Tree, Fog, and Sun, Mt. Vernon, Washington, 2004

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Winter Trees, Mt Erie, Fidalgo Island, Washington, 2003

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Winter Trees, John Day River, Oregon, 1989

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Winter Trees and Moss, Clackamas River, Oregon, 1990

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Fallen Log, Rain, Mt. Erie, Fidalgo Island, 2006

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COLOPHON

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The rhythm of the seasons is as predictable as, well, sunrise. But, every year we are amazed by spring, find joy in summer, pause in fall, and reflect in winter. Each season has its magical mood, its magical light. For a photographer, winter is wonderful for the angular light and the open candor of the forest and the winter trees.

I suppose it is a rare photographer who has worked in the landscape but not photographed winter trees. They are irresistible! For me, it's an annual rite of passage, an excuse to get out into the crisp, clean air, to see the essence of the forest before the green returns, and to look forward to the coming changes that will arrive with spring.

The idea for a series of folios celebrating winter trees has been with me for a long, long time — since my earliest days in photography. At long last, the series commences. This is the first of an intended annual folio.

This first winter trees folio was begun and almost completed in the fall of 2007, but not released until April of 2008. It lay dormant all winter, waiting for me to find the time to finish it — an appropriate metaphor, I suppose.

The poem is one of my favorites, translated by the great Chinese scholar and writer Lin Yutang. It is from Alan Watts' book, *Cloud Hidden, Whereabouts Unknown*.

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Folio



A "folio" is a collection of loose, unbound prints, more like a book than a random stack of unsequenced photographs. This folio includes a folded, four page text signature that includes a title page to lead things off, a poem, a statement about the project, and a list of the images. The last page is a colophon. The images are sequenced, like a book, but loose, like a portfolio. It's my answer to the problem of how to include original prints in a book without doing tip-ins.

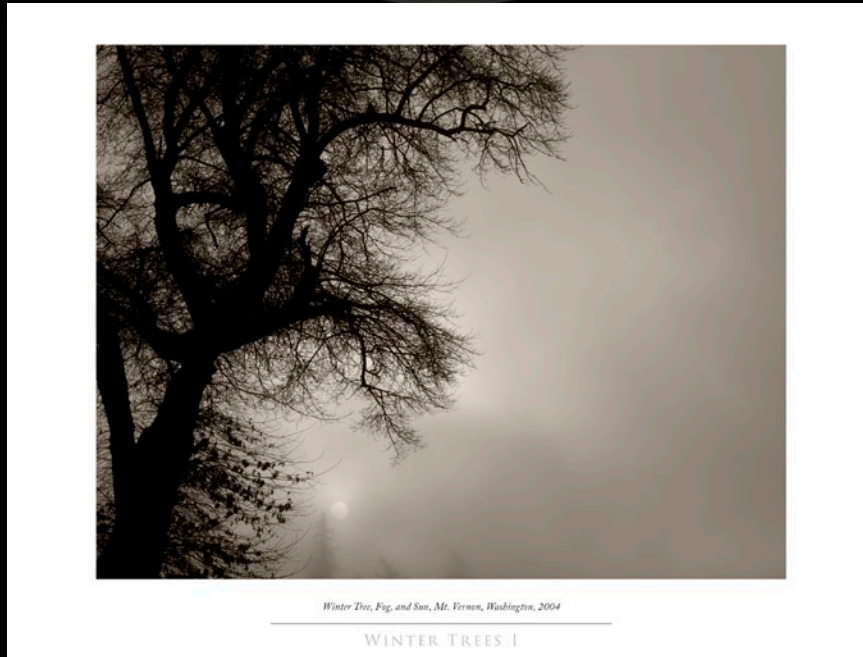
The folio cover is die-cut with a hole that allows me to place a title page behind the cover, showing through. The cover is made from an acid-free archival art paper, Gilbert Oxford in the heaviest 100# cover-weight. The assembly uses only archival, acid-free materials to protect the life of the prints and pages inside. Each folio is enclosed in a sealed, plastic sleeve and shipped in a reinforced box.

Folios are numbered sequentially in an open edition. You can read more about my [editioning and pricing philosophy](#) on my website. I sign the title page and hand-number the colophon.

- Folio size 8x10½"
- Embossed, die-cut art paper enclosure
- Five images approximately 7x9"
- Includes a title page, page with a poem by Chia Tao (777 - 841 A.D.), and colophon page
- Printed on an Epson 4880 using Hahnemuhle Photo Rag 308gms

Five prints
in embossed folio cover
Regular price
\$75
plus shipping & handling

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Brooks Jensen was born in Laramie, Wyoming, in 1954, but was raised most of his life in Portland, Oregon. He realized his passion for photography while in high school, as well as his interest in debate, writing, and art in general. These interests and abilities would mature and later gel together in a purposeful way as an artist, and as the Editor of *LensWork* magazine.

A learn-by-doing kind of guy, Brooks attributes much of his photographic education to the making of photographs, looking at the great photographs in history, attending workshops, and having a good peer group. A capable teacher, he taught college-level photography classes during his 20s, while working as an electronics buyer for a large chain store. That successful retail experience led him to offer retail consulting for the next ten years – which resulted in extensive travel, and many opportunities for photographic adventures. During this time he was also served for a number of years as the Director of the Portland Photographers' Forum, where he wrote regular articles – which was the precursor to his role as Editor of *LensWork*.

In 2002 he met photographer Maureen Gallagher, and they were married later that year. This relationship proved to be fateful and fruitful, as less than a year later they birthed the first issue of *LensWork* magazine. From their home-grown beginnings, the publication has received numerous awards and has subscribers in more than 65 countries.

Meanwhile, the passion for doing photography has not been lost, and Jensen continues to pioneer the print as well as the presentation. His earliest folio editions of *Made of Steel* were produced in 2003, using laborious pin-registration to marry the image and text on gelatin silver in the darkroom. In that series he produced three folios (*The Shops, The Tools, The Portraits*), with five images in each. It was an enormous undertaking, but opened the door to the concept of the handmade artist's book, and alternative ways of producing and presenting his work. Since then, technology has expanded the artist's toolbox tremendously, and Brooks is fearless in exploring the new possibilities.

While Brooks' writing serves as "the voice" of *LensWork*, he has also authored two books on photography and the creative process – *Letting Go of The Camera* and *Single Exposures* – both of which have been very successful. He also features a regular podcast at www.lenswork.com, where he shares his thoughts on just about everything imaginable (relating to art and photography, that is).

Brooks and Maureen relocated from Portland to Anacortes, Washington (the gateway to the San Juan Islands) in 2001, and moved *LensWork* Publishing into a beautiful historic building. They left the city life behind, and find that living and working in a small "arts" town has given them time to actually pursue what they love: photography.

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Works with: Ideas, concepts, questions, and wonder; cameras, audio recorders, video, text; computers, printers, websites, images and graphics. And, most importantly, *people*.

Project specifics: This project lives in several formats including a folio of fine art prints and as various PDF publications. Several of the images are also available as individual prints.



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