

What is Fine Art Photography?

- The dictionary defines fine art as “creative art, especially visual art, whose products are to be appreciated primarily or solely for their imaginative, aesthetic, or intellectual content”.
- While there is no universally agreed upon definition of Fine Art Photography, it is distinguished by the intent of the artist or concept behind the image.
- Often, when on exhibit in a gallery or a museum, fine art photography is displayed in a series and is accompanied by an artist statement.
- Questions to ask yourself when trying to determine whether a photograph is Fine Art:
 - Is it merely a pretty picture or is the image more evocative or atmospheric?
 - Is the artist trying to say something?
 - Is the image engaging or thought provoking?
 - Does the image make you feel something?
 - Does it make you look differently at something you may have seen a hundred times before?

Continuing Education in Photography

Local Resources

- Houston Center for Photography - <https://www.hcponline.org/>
- Glassell Studio School at the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston - <http://www.mfah.org/visit/glassell-studio-school/>
- University of Houston – www.uh.edu

National Resources

- Santa Fe Workshops - www.santafeworkshops.com
- Maine Media Workshops - www.mainemedia.edu/

Online Resources

- Creative Live - <https://www.creativelive.com/>

Getting Your Work out There

- Join Organizations that offer critiques, competitions, and exhibitions
 - **texasphoto.org**
- Enter Gallery Contests
 - <http://lenscratch.com/resources/callsforentry/>
 - <https://www.lensculture.com/competitions>
- Participate in Portfolio Reviews
 - www.fotofest.org/
 - <https://photonola.org/>
 - <https://www.photolucida.org/>