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MARK DAWSON

Self-employed, Tempe, Arizona Photographer, drone pilot, 2005–Present

Freelance photographer based in Tempe, Arizona, and available for assignments and projects worldwide, focusing primarily on portraiture, corporate photography, and drone photo- and videography.

Recent clients and projects

Wild Asparagus Productions (drone videography)
 Imprint Revolution (photography, website design)
 Gerhard Maroscher (graphic design and website work)
 Maine Health hospital system (advertising campaign)
 Marietta-Washington County Convention and Visitors Bureau (photography)
 Russ College of Engineering, Ohio University, Athens, Ohio (photography)
 Rocky Brands, Nelsonville, Ohio (product photography, event coverage)
 Ohio Today Magazine, Ohio University, Athens, Ohio (photography)
 Private individuals and fine art print sales

Maricopa County Community Colleges District, Phoenix, Arizona Instructor (adjunct), January, 2020–May, 2020

Instructor in the photography program of the Performing and Fine Arts Department at Phoenix College (part of the Maricopa County Community College system). Responsible for developing and teaching class on digital photography to a diverse population of traditional students, working adults, and returning students with a wide variety of educational, social, and economic backgrounds and experiences.

Fine Art Framing, Tempe, Arizona Woodworker, 2018–2019

Principle woodworker responsible for milling, joining, and finishing all hardwood custom art frames. Clients include the Phoenix Art Museum, the Heard Museum, Lisa Sette Gallery, Tilt Gallery, Etherton Gallery, many other galleries, musea, and private individuals.

Maine Media Workshops+College, Rockport, Maine Instructor, other roles, Professional Certificate Program, 2012–2015

Instructor: multimedia production course in the Professional Certificate program, Adobe Lightroom workshop.

Teaching assistant: worked closely with students to develop their professional photography skills during a year-long academic program. Involved supporting faculty needs, providing general logistical support, participating in class dialogues and critiques, and providing instructional and critical feedback to students outside of class periods.

Photo lab and darkroom manager: Responsible for the supplies for and daily operations of the darkrooms and alternative process labs, which included ordering supplies, supervising staff, and maintaining equipment and facilities.

WEBSITES

Photography portfolio
www.nomadicfrog.com

Journal (Blog)
journal.nomadicfrog.com

LANGUAGES

English: Native language

Dutch: good comprehension, moderate speaking, limited writing

German: was fluent before living in the Netherlands for years

French: high-school level knowledge

MARK DAWSON

Perfect Housing, Amsterdam, The Netherlands

Operations Manager, 2003–2008

Member of management team and responsible for IT system administration and back-office support for a mid-sized relocation services company.

The Roundtown Cafe, Circleville, Ohio, USA

General Manager 2000–2002

Handled responsibilities in every aspect of our family-owned restaurant business including human resources, marketing, advertising, graphic design, inventory management, and filling in as a short-order cook.

The Big Picture, Amsterdam, The Netherlands

Digital Strategist, 1998–2000

Developed and implemented a methodology to evaluate websites for major German, Dutch, Japanese, and US companies.

Cambridge Technology Partners, Frankfurt, Germany

Senior Developer, 1996–1998

Implemented application solutions as a systems integrator working in multi-national teams. Work necessitated extensive contact with clients throughout all phases of projects in Germany, The Netherlands, and the United States.

Education & Training

Ohio University, Athens, OH, USA

MA 2015: Masters in Visual Communication in Commercial Photography, with some photojournalism work as well.

Cornell University, Ithaca, NY, USA

BA 1996: Dual majors in Science & Technology Studies and German Area Studies

Bundesgymnasium, Bruck an der Mur, Austria

1991–1992 Rotary International Youth Exchange Program

Boy Scouts of America, Circleville, OH, USA

Eagle Scout

FAA Part 107 Remote Pilot

Commercial Drone Operator

NAUI Worldwide

Open Water Certified (SCUBA)

References, software knowledge, and photography gear and skills available upon request.

INTERESTS

Travel, overlanding, backpacking, drone photography, historical process photography, skiing, numismatics, SCUBA and underwater photography, microcontroller electronics projects, music, history, oenology, humor, many others.

EXCURSIONS

2016-Present

Various off-road trips around the American southwest to make tintype photographs in the field.

<http://journal.nomadicfrog.com>

2009

Traveled to Peru to document in photos a group of medical volunteers as they treated patients in the mining areas in the north of the country.

<http://peru.nomadicfrog.com>

2002

Drove a 31-year-old VW Beetle 20,000 miles around the western United States.

1990

Joined a team of volunteers to travel to the advanced base camps on the Tibetan side of Mt. Everest to clean up garbage from previous climbing expeditions.

Extensive travel throughout over 50 countries throughout Europe, the Middle East, Asia, northern Africa, and South America.

Skills, software, gear

Photography

- Digital cameras: DSLR, mirrorless, iPhone, etc.
- Drone, suitable for video and still photography
- Studio and small systems lighting
- Film cameras: large format, medium format (SLR, TLR, Holga), 35mm
- Wet plate photography, mobile darkbox / darkroom
- Film processing: 35mm, 120, large format
- Darkroom and wet lab management
- Printing: professional inkjet, basic silver gelatin
- Historical (alternative) printing processes: tri-color gum bichromate, palladium, cyanotype, salted paper, albumen, etc. Digital negatives and digital-to-analog workflow

Software

- Adobe Creative Suite: primarily Photoshop, Camera Raw, Lightroom, InDesign, Premiere, Bridge, also experience with Dreamweaver, Illustrator
- Microsoft Office and Access, including custom Visual Basic coding
- Wordpress, web design and related plugins and software

Multimedia production

I have basic experience with:

- Video and audio gathering: DSLR, drones, Zoom H4N and H1 audio recorders, some experience with Sony, Tascam, and Marantz recorders, shotgun, omni, and (wireless) lavalier microphones, continuous lighting
- Video production: Premiere, Final Cut Pro

Other skills and experience

- Woodworking and finishing
- Fabrication: Basic experience with laser engraving/cutting, CNC milling, waterjet, welding, other metalworking, powdercoating, 3D design and printing
- Basic electronics prototyping
- Overlanding practices: planning, logistics, emergency preparedness, route finding, vehicle maintenance, troubleshooting, basic first aid