

# Michael Kenna

## Quotes

*Photography, Thinking, Believe, Memories, Artist, Journey, Mind, Important,  
Long, Looks, Interesting, Choices, Two, Careers, Black And White, Style, Eye,  
Practice, Way, Perspective*

Nothing is ever the same twice because everything is always gone forever, and yet each moment has infinite photographic possibilities.

~Michael Kenna

I often think of my work as visual haiku. It is an attempt to evoke and suggest through as few elements as possible rather than to describe with tremendous detail.

~Michael Kenna

I gravitate towards places where humans have been and are no more, to the edge of man's influence, where the elements are taking over or covering man's traces.

~Michael Kenna

We see in colour all the time. Everything around us is in colour. Black and white is therefore immediately an interpretation of the world, rather than a copy.

~Michael Kenna

Perhaps most intriguing of all is that it is possible to photograph what is impossible for the human eye to see - cumulative time.

~Michael Kenna

The golden rule in the arts, as far as I am concerned, is that all rules are meant to be broken.

~Michael Kenna

I believe that photographers should be passionate, determined, disciplined and ready to seek out their own styles and identities.

~Michael Kenna

Parks and gardens are the quintessential intimate landscapes. People use them all the time, leaving their energy and memories behind. It's what's left behind that I like to photograph.

~Michael Kenna

I don't have anything against colour. It is just not my first preference. I have always found black and white photographs to be quieter and more mysterious than those made in colour.

~Michael Kenna

I prefer to think of photography as a never ending journey with infinite possibilities. I love to return to places to re photograph. Nothing is ever the same. The options are endless.

~Michael Kenna

We all have choices and must make them for ourselves.

~Michael Kenna

I believe that we photographers don't benefit very much with answers from other photographers. What is more beneficial is to ask questions of ourselves and see what thoughts float out from within.

~Michael Kenna

I would strongly encourage anybody embarking on photography as a career to embrace and enjoy the whole process. Being a photographer can be a wonderful way to experience the world.

~Michael Kenna

Beauty is very much in the mind of the beholder.

~Michael Kenna

There can be no doubt that probability increases with practice. Fortune favours the brave, fortune favours the prepared mind, and fortune favours those who work the hardest.

~Michael Kenna

One advances by standing on the shoulders of giants, but the ultimate

goal is to find one's own vision.

~Michael Kenna

I try not to make conscious decisions about what I am looking for. I don't make elaborate preparations before I go to a location. Essentially I walk, explore, discover and photograph.

~Michael Kenna

Easier is not necessarily better.

~Michael Kenna

One needs to fully accept that surprises sometimes happen and complete control over outcome is not necessary or even desirable.

~Michael Kenna

As a landscape photographer we should be open to possibilities, for one thing often leads to another.

~Michael Kenna

Instant gratification in photography is not something that I need or desire. I find that the long, slow journey to the final print captivates me far more.

~Michael Kenna

I encourage playfulness and experimentation with both the camera and subject matter. Sometimes there is an obvious perspective, but it is important never to be satisfied with that.

~Michael Kenna

There is no one way of photographing anything. I don't believe there is even one best way of photographing any given subject.

~Michael Kenna

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