
ART & HEALING

Thomas R. Knauss | Photographer



PHOTOGRAPHY

Born December 19, 1944, at the age of 10 Tom began his career learning large format film photography and darkroom printing at his family operated photo business in Cleveland, Ohio. After graduation from high school at the age of 17, Tom moved to Chicago where he entered electrical engineering and broadcast communications school.

Tom continued to live in Chicago for the next 46 years working in the broadcast media, the music industry, large venue concert sound, recording studios and showcase entertainment night spots. Throughout those 46 years, Tom continued photography as a serious hobby. Sometimes taking on small jobs for side money, Tom continued to teach himself the new photo technologies as they came along.

In 2007 Tom made a deliberate decision to enter the photography industry full time. It was during 2008 that Tom made a permanent move to Jackson, Wyoming. Tom had been a part time resident of Jackson since the mid 70's and decided this was the place to be.

In 2010 Tom created what is now known as the Jackson Hole Photography Studio. From that location Tom provides portrait, commercial, retail and workshop services as well as spending hundreds of hours in both Grand Teton and Yellowstone National Parks photographing the landscapes and wildlife. Tom is permitted by both parks where he conducts in-field workshops.

This collection of work is part of the Art and Healing permanent collection and is on display in the diagnostic imaging hallways and brachytherapy suite.

Clinical studies show that art is a critical part of a healing environment. Research demonstrates that patients who are exposed to art that is calming, positive, and affirming have lower rates of pain, shorter hospital stays, and generally experience better clinical outcomes.

To learn more about the Art & Healing Program, please contact the Office of Patient Experience at 307.739.7479.

