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Mary Lila Webb is an Alaskan photographer whose work centers on portraiture, narrative, and the relationship between people and place. Born and raised in Fairbanks, Alaska, she is now based in Palmer, traveling frequently for assignments while continuing to work throughout her home state.

Webb received her Bachelor of Fine Arts from the University of Alaska Fairbanks in 2019, with concentrations in Fine Art Photography and Ceramics. During her studies she participated in national exchange programs at the University of Hawai'i at Hilo and the University of Utah in Salt Lake City, experiences that broadened her perspective while deepening her commitment to storytelling through imagery.

Between 2016 and 2023, Webb lived full time in a camper van with her partner, traveling extensively throughout Alaska and the United States. She has also spent time abroad in Canada, England, Ireland, Wales, Denmark, Japan, Spain, Portugal, Italy, Switzerland, and Korea. These experiences have shaped her understanding of movement, community, and landscape, themes that continue to influence her photographic work. In 2023, she and her partner began building their own home in Palmer, Alaska- an endeavor that reflects a desire to create permanence and to engage more deeply with the land and environment that inform her work.

Her photographic work is rooted in a documentary and photojournalistic approach, emphasizing observation, authenticity, and narrative without a third party interaction. Webb seeks to create images that feel honest and unscripted, capturing fleeting moments and subtle human connections. Alongside her documentary sensibilities, she draws inspiration from commercial and high-fashion editorial imagery in her personal projects, blending narrative realism with carefully considered visual aesthetics.

Publications and Features

- 2022 WIREN Magazine, November 2022
- 2022 ALLURE Magazine, spread, March 2022
- 2019 BRIDAL GUIDE Magazine, spring 2019, spread.
- 2017 University of Alaska Fairbanks 2017-2018 Directory cover publication.
- 2015 One image published in University of Alaska Fairbanks' CLARITY magazine.

Solo Exhibitions

- 2019 BFA Thesis Exhibition, “An Allegorical Portrait,” Well and Good Street Art Gallery, May 3rd, Fairbanks, Alaska.
- 2017 Individual First Friday exhibition at TRAX Outdoor Center. Fairbanks, Alaska.

Group Exhibitions

- 2018 One photograph in University of Alaska Fairbanks’ Frozen Lenses Exhibition show, “The Witching Hour.” Fairbanks, Alaska.
- 2017 Three pieces in Peter Mckeith Exhibition “Ascension,” statewide juried exhibition. Fairbanks, Alaska.
- 2016-19 Three photography pieces in First Friday shows for University of Alaska Fairbanks. Fairbanks, Alaska.
- 2016 Three photographs in “Illuminate,” statewide juried exhibition. Fairbanks, Alaska.
- 2014 April 2014: One photograph in University of Alaska Fairbanks’ “Women’s Show” exhibition. Fairbanks, Alaska.

Education and Relevant Work Experience

- 2013-present Self Employment/Freelance; BDA Mary Lila Photo. Portrait, wedding, commercial, and marketing photography for hundreds of individual clients and businesses throughout Alaska and beyond.
- 2020 Alaska Department of Fish & Game; Aerial Wildlife Surveyor & Aerial Photographer: Fairbanks area, Galbraith Lake, Utqiagvik, Brooks Range. Short-term contracted aerial photographer of moose, muskox, and wolf populations to record demographic information & images on herd populations.
- 2019 University of Alaska Fairbanks, Bachelors of Fine Art, Photography and Ceramics.
- 2018 University of Utah, Salt Lake City; Continuing Education; National Student Exchange Program.
- 2016 Hired as Photographer Assistant for Atlas Productions NYC, commercial photography work for Exxon Mobil/Delvac. Eagle Summit, Alaska.
- 2015 University of Hawaii Hilo; Continuing Education; National Student Exchange Program.
- 2014 West Valley High School; Graduating Class of 2014

Various Commercial Clients

- University of Alaska Fairbanks
- University of Anchorage Alaska Nursing Program
- TRAX Outdoor Center
- SEEK Studio SLC.
- Maskcara Beauty Co.
- Geo-Watersheds Scientific
- Joy Elementary School
- Golden Heart Performing Arts
- Clarity Magazine
- Exxon Mobil / Delvac
- The Lodge at Black Rapids
- Trail Breaker Kennel
- Golden Heart Performing Arts
- Fairbanks Yoga
- Boreal Silver Jewelry
- Linnea Boreal Jewelry
- Austyn Acts Voice Over
- Spruce & Feather Skincare
- Wares by Meagen
- Elm Design
- Lulu's Bread & Bagels
- Hoodoo Brewing Co.
- **ALLURE Magazine**
- **WIRED Magazine**
- Poor Betty's
- Mac It Up
- Evolutionary Thread
- Holaday Pacific Construction
- Birdhouse Cosmetic Tattooing
- **49th State Brewery**
- **Global Credit Union FCU**
- Project Management Institute