

Jim Clark



For forty-two years Jim Clark has explored the natural world through his camera. Along with his writing, speaking and teaching, Jim has inspired and motivated others to photograph nature. A naturalist first and foremost, Jim believes the more you know your subject, the more your photography will stand out.

Jim is the author and photographer of six books, including two about his beloved West Virginia, and he was the major contributing photographer for the book *Coal Country*. Jim and his son Carson authored and photographed two books together, *The Adventures of Buddy the Beaver: Buddy Explores his Pond* and *The Adventures of Buddy Beaver: Mystery of the Missing Friends*. Jim's writing and photography have also appeared in more than twelve other books.

A former contributing editor for *Outdoor Photographer Magazine*, Jim also writes a monthly column – *Nature's View* – for the North American Nature Photography Association's e-newsletter. Jim's photography and writing has also appeared in more than 30 other magazines. Other clients have included Nikon, Nik Software, National Wildlife Federation, Zeiss Optics, Defenders of Wildlife, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, U.S. Forest Service, National Park Service, New York Times, Charleston Gazette, Washington Post, The Nature Conservancy, Fujifilm, Singh-Ray and the Today Show on NBC.

During his career, Jim has worked for eight different workshop companies and since 2010 Jim has served as nature photography instructor for the Chincoteague Bay Field Station.

A collection of Jim's images is currently on display at the Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge & the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad State Park in Maryland and the Chincoteague Bay Field Station in Virginia. His images have also been on exhibit at the National Botanical Garden in Washington, D.C. and the University of Mount Union in Ohio. Both Jim and

his son Carson have been winners in Nature's Best Windland Rice International Wildlife Photography Contest.

A past President of the North American Nature Photography Association (NANPA), Jim received NANPA's Outstanding Recognition Award in 2000. He has served on the advisory board for Nature's Best Magazine and as a member of the Fujifilm Talent Team. From 2005-2015, Jim served as photographer in residence at the Banshee Reeks Nature Preserve near his home of Leesburg, Virginia.

The documentary – *Mountain Memories: An Appalachian Sense of Place* – profiles Jim's love affair with nature photography, West Virginia and life in general. The film aired on PBS and is now available for viewing on YouTube. Jim has also been profiled on CBS Sunday Morning, NPR, Nik Radio and The Eyes of Texas. A selection of Jim's images also appeared on a segment of the NBC Today Show.

Jim has been a naturalist ever since his days growing up in the coalfields of southern West Virginia. Jim received a BS in Wildlife Biology from Tennessee Technological University and a MS in Wildlife Biology from WVU. He spent nearly 30 years as a wildlife biologist, most of that time with the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service. Jim has also served as a faculty member for West Virginia University, St. Mary's College of Maryland, and the University of Alaska in Fairbanks, Alaska.