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Honoring Earth Day With Remembrances of Laura Gilpin and Ansel Adams

Today we celebrate the 50th anniversary of Earth Day.

Eliot Porter and Ansel Adams devoted their life and art to the preservation of the planet. Both were instrumental during the formative years of the conservation movement in America.



Eliot Porter
Arctic Tern, Matinicus Rock, Maine, 1976

[Click here](#) to read Rebecca Solnit's informative and insightful essay on Eliot Porter's *In Wildness is the Preservation of the World*, published by the Sierra Club in 1962.

Laura Gilpin

April 22, 1891 - November 30, 1979

In honor of Laura Gilpin's birthday we would like to share with you a video about her life.

In 1917 Gilpin, as a young woman, studied photography at the Clarence White School of Photography, bringing a pictorialist vision back to her beloved southwest. She is one of very few photographers whose work spans photographic approaches from pictorialism through straight and documentary photography.

Whether printed on platinum or silver paper, her pictures are characteristically infused with a soft, luminous light and composed with classic elegance. Gilpin was a woman of Western toughness and Eastern gentility who could hire a plane or camp overnight to get the picture she wanted. For more than a half a century, she practiced her profession with consummate craftsmanship and a great love for the world around her.

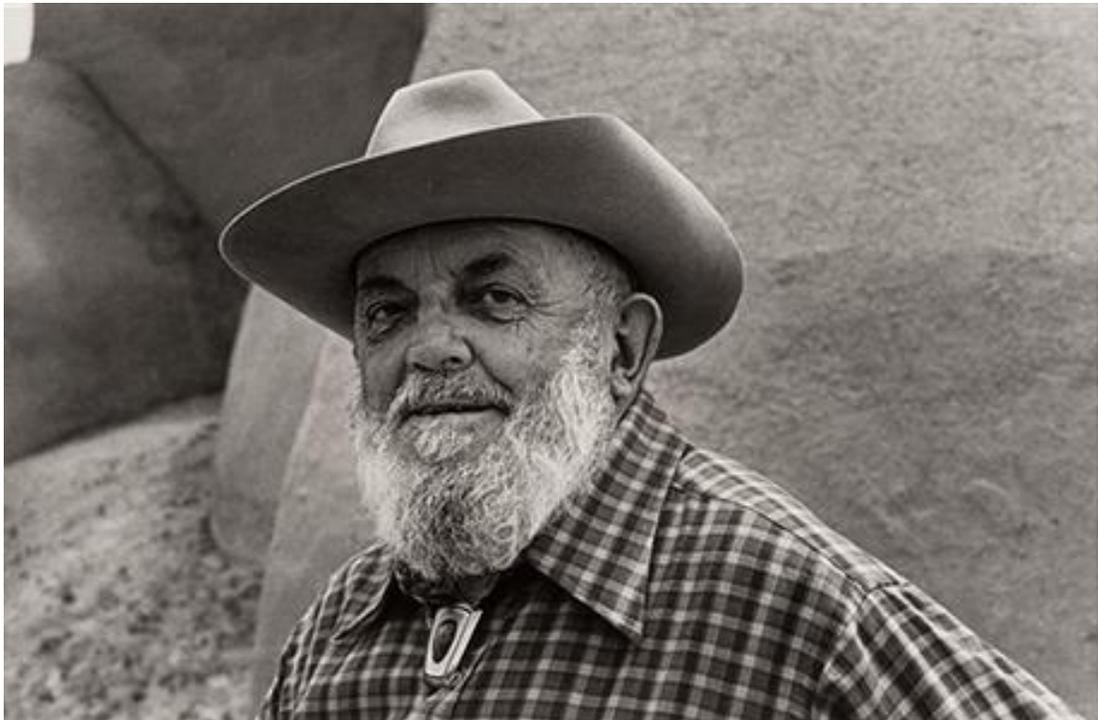




Laura Gilpin
Storm Over La Bajada Hill, New Mexico , 1946

In Memoriam: Ansel Adams
February 20, 1902 - April 22, 1984

Today we remember Ansel Adams who passed on this day in 1984.



Beaumont Newhall
Ansel Adams, Ranchos de Taos, New Mexico , 1980



Nancy Newhall
Ansel Adams, 1950

Ansel Adams and Nancy Newhall's Sierra Club publication *This is the American Earth*, published in 1960, was a watershed moment for the Sierra Club and the conservation movement.

To read more about the publication and its creation [click here](#).

We look forward to seeing you soon. Please stay safe and healthy.
With all best regards, Janet, David and Andra

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