

Jeff Weber Photography

*"Artifacts"*

**Artist Statement:**

*"Artifacts"* is an ongoing, long term project focused on capturing the remnants of human culture found in the decaying spaces of abandoned and derelict buildings. Ordinary places and objects are seen as cultural artifacts resonating with traces of the people who once used them. This project explores the periphery of our culture, exposing places on the edge of everyday life that have been discarded or taken for granted. Many of these places are destined for destruction to make way for so-called social or economic progress. In the rusted and crumbling shells of these spaces I explore themes of loss and decline. Each image attempts to reveal the aspirations and regrets of occupants and times long since past.

**Process Statement:**

I study my subjects extensively before even picking up the camera. Scouting a potential image can take hours, days, or even weeks, returning several times looking for just the right composition and lighting conditions. For me, this exploration is as important as the photograph itself.

Utilizing ambient light, images are captured on color rich transparency film. This type of film allows me to capture as much of the natural color and detail in the subjects as possible. The transparencies are digitally scanned then printed as a traditional C-type print.

Each image is signed and available in numbered editions of 15 prints.

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