

THE EATON FIRE CHIMNEY PROJECT

The devastation of the Eaton Canyon fire holds deep personal significance for me due to the time I've spent there and how extensively I have chronicled Altadena and the surrounding region. I am documenting as many of the area's remaining hearths, fireplaces, and chimneys as possible before they, too, are erased from existence. These structures are powerful symbols of lives lived, milestones celebrated, and challenges overcome—they hold so much history and meaning. Photographing them is a way of ensuring that these memories are not erased as though they never existed—not left to disappear into dust like the ashes piled on the ground.

I am on a mission to beat the bulldozers—to capture, preserve, and memorialize this moment in time, along with the hardship, strength, and hope that these remaining structures represent. In this spirit, I am offering those displaced by the fire something lasting—images that not only honor the home they built and the life they cherished, but also serve as a bridge between their past and the future they will create.

If you have lost your home in the Eaton Canyon fire and would like your standing chimney or home site photographed—whether with or without you and your family—or if you would like me to search for pre-fire photos of your home, I would be honored to connect with you, hear your stories if you care to share, and help preserve the memory of your home in whatever way feels right for you.

This project is about remembrance, healing, and preserving the spirit of what was—because these stories should never be forgotten.

With compassion,



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