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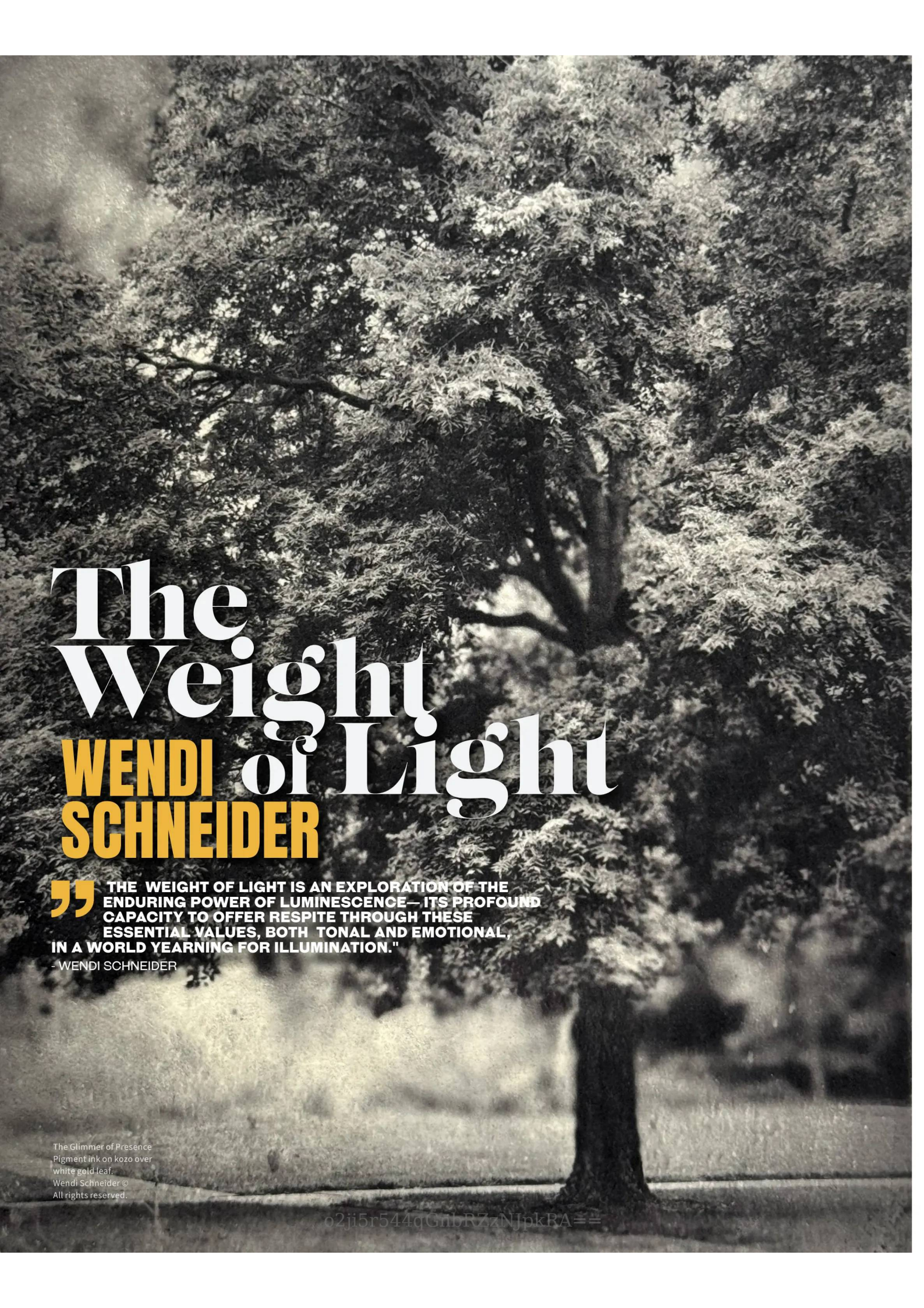
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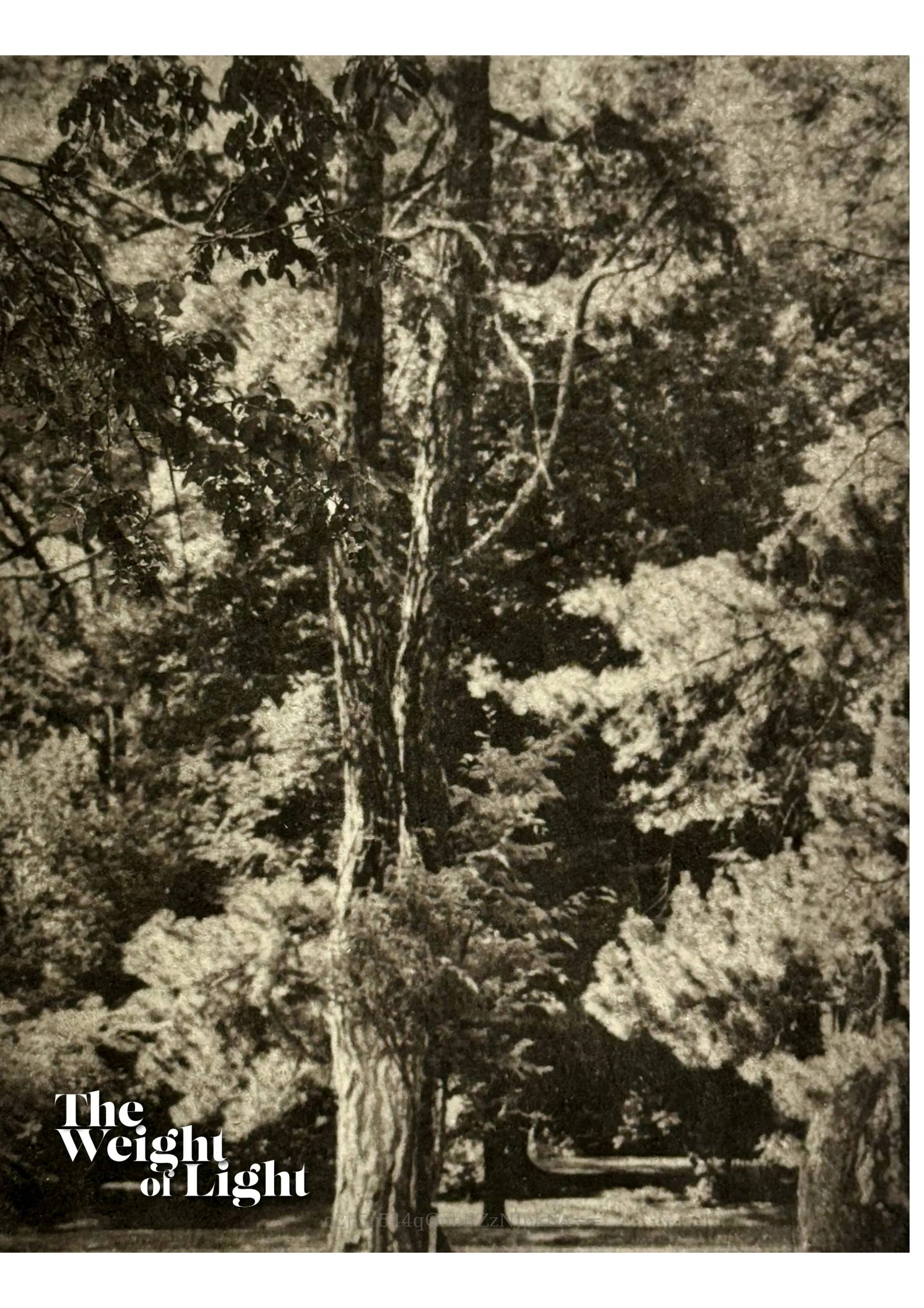
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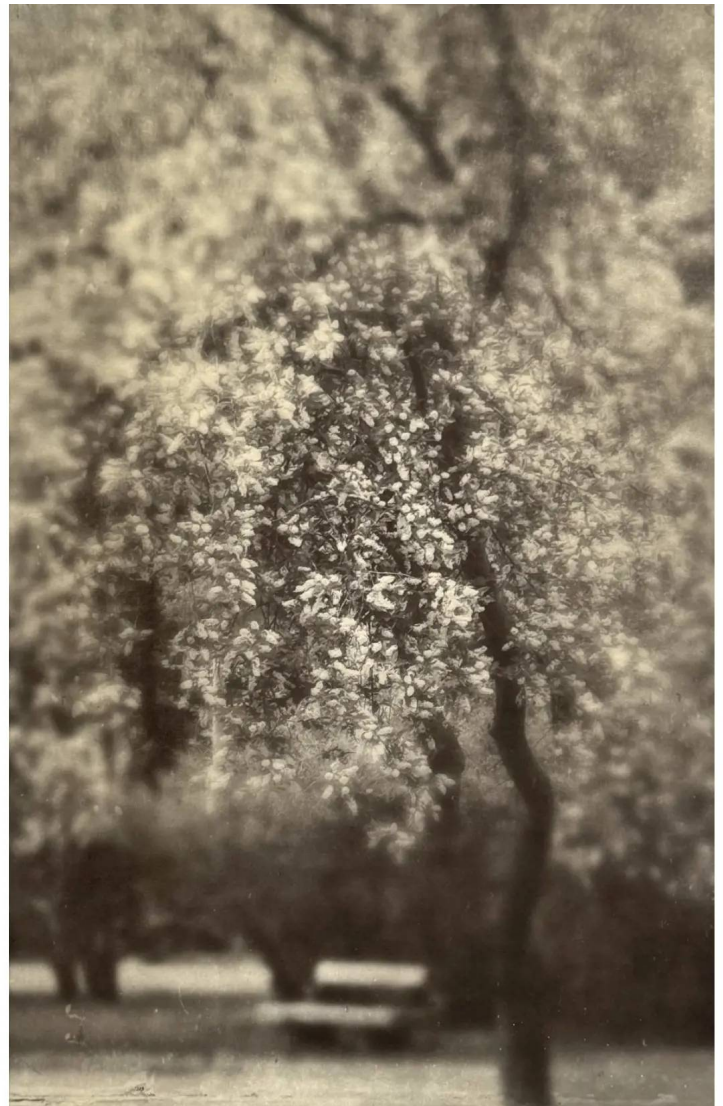
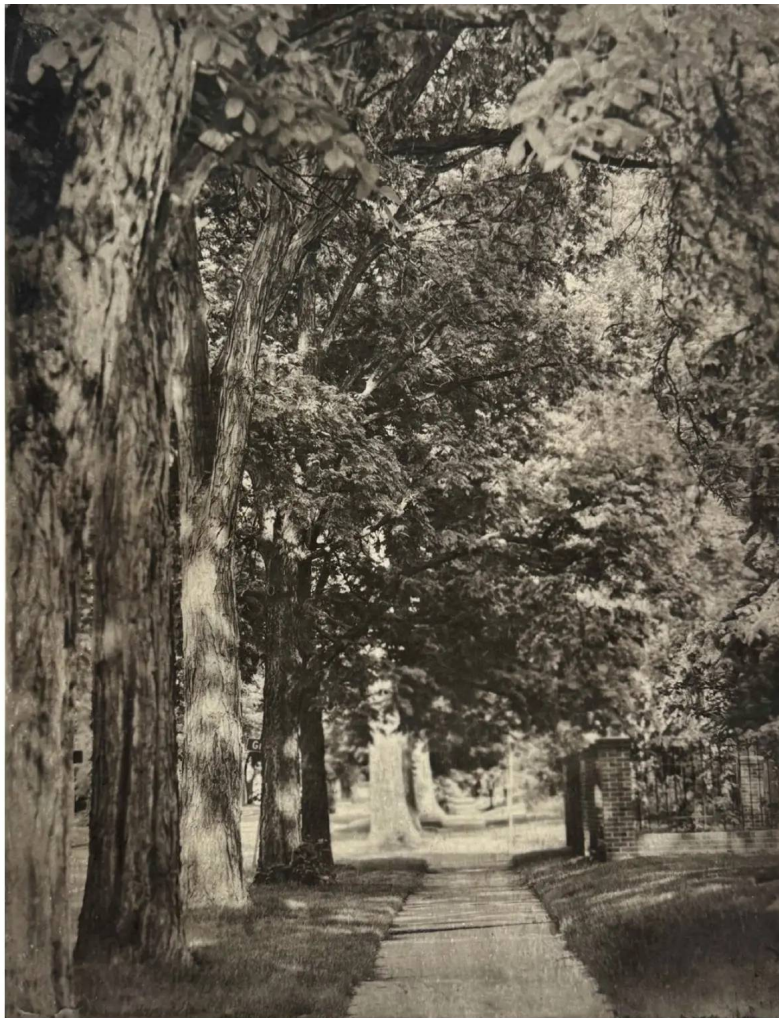


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The Reverie of Fog -
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The Weight of Light is a body of work born from the intimate experience of aging and sadness for the world's diminishing values — its ethical erosion, loss of compassion, and widening division. These shifts in perception, including a progressive blurring of vision, resonate deeply with me. Navigating these realities has reshaped my world, often muting its vibrant hues. This drew my focus back to the foundational language of monochrome, my grainy darkroom work from the early 1980s, and the tonalities of historical processes, such as gum, platinum, and photogravure, that have long inspired me.

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A Fragile Endurance
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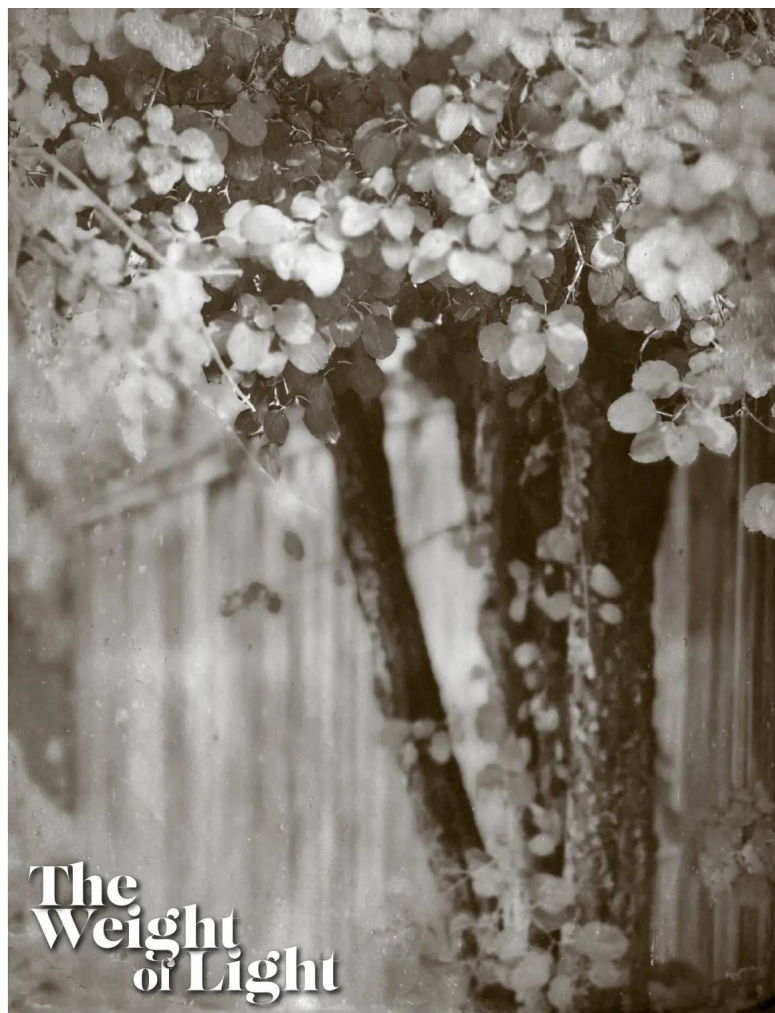
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My intention is to reveal the light residing within the shadows, to find that quiet luster that defines forms and hints at resilience, and to explore a depth of tones that mirrors the corresponding depth of feelings. I find myself drawn to the liminal spaces at dusk — a threshold where opposing truths can coexist, and complexity gives rise to connection. This search for nuance in images void of color is made manifest through the application of gold leaf, a transformative layer that juxtaposes the timelessness of monochrome with the opulent, tactile presence of precious metal on kozo paper. With its inherent luminosity, it interacts with the photographic surface in unexpected ways, highlighting specific elements and creating ethereal patterns. This touch of the sublime disrupts perceived reality, fostering a conversation between the tangible and the transcendent, the recorded moment and the enduring allure of rarity and reverence.

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The Patina Collection in antique frames .
The Stand - pigment ink on kozo over white gold leaf in an Arts & Crafts period frame.
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Light emerges as a guide in this work. It is a subtle shimmer sought within the shadows—a fragile constant that, even as vision softens and the world shifts, offers a presence that reveals, distorts, and sometimes consoles. The Weight of Light is an exploration of the enduring power of luminescence— Its profound capacity to offer respite through these essential values, both tonal and emotional, in a world yearning for illumination.



Wendi Schneider is an American visual artist based in Denver, Colorado, renowned for her ethereal photographs that fuse the fragile beauty of the natural world with the luminosity of precious metals. Drawing upon a rich background in painting and art history, and inspired by her collection of early 20th-century photographs, Schneider crafts unique, illuminated impressions that evoke a sense of transcendence and ephemeral grace.

First using photography as a reference for her paintings in the 1980s, she soon began layering oils onto her photographs, a technique that evolved into the signature digital layering and meticulous hand-applied metal leafing begun in 2012. Her internationally exhibited and published work is held in permanent collections, including the Asheville Art Museum, the Auburn University Library Special Collections, the Center for Creative Photography, the Memphis Brooks Museum, the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, and the New Orleans Museum of Art, among others.



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Schneider is represented by A Gallery For Fine Photography (New Orleans), Arnika Dawkins Gallery (Atlanta), Catherine Couturier Gallery (Houston), Etherton Gallery (Tucson), PhotoGraphic Gallery (San Miguel de Allende), Rick Wester Fine Art (New York), Vision Gallery (Jerusalem), and Wach Gallery (Cleveland).

Schneider has juried numerous exhibitions and is a member of the Advisory Council at the Colorado Photographic Arts Center.

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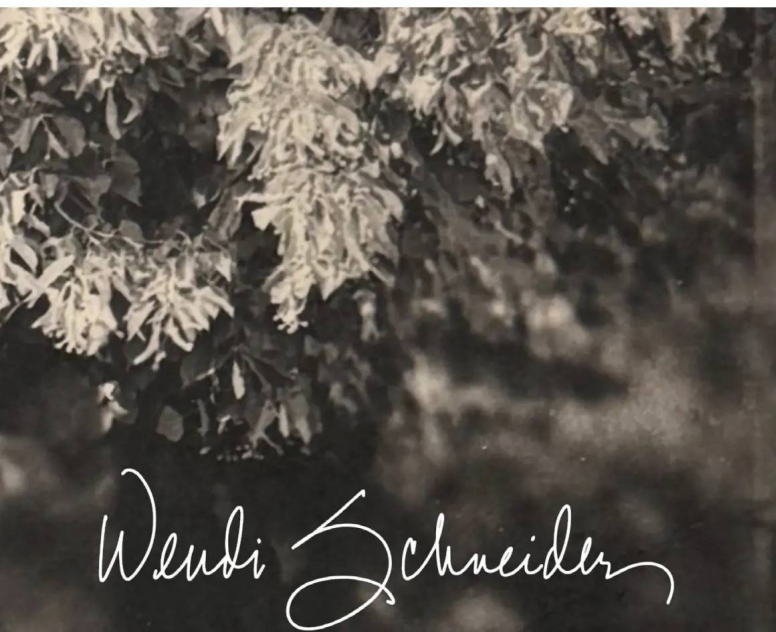
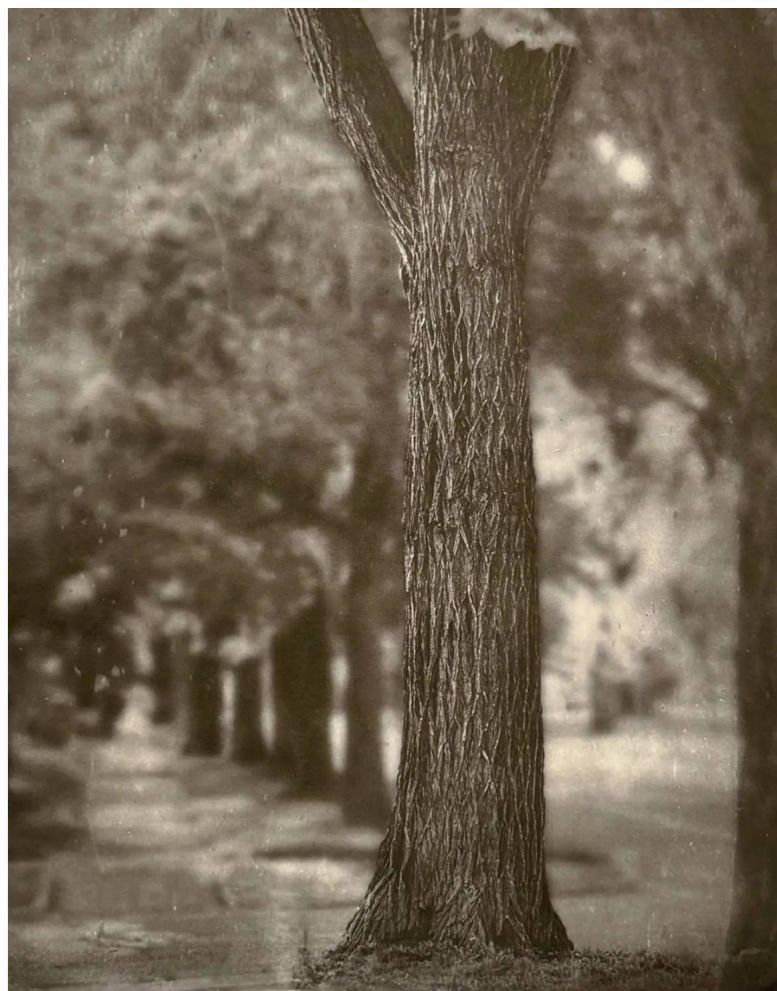
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