

ART LEAGUE



OF HILTON HEAD

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I retired to Hilton Head, South Carolina, in 1997 from Long Island, New York and Avon, Connecticut.

Photography has been my hobby since the age of eight. I started taking pictures with a Kodak Brownie camera and made contact prints in my darkroom. During the last 40 years I have processed my color negatives and made color prints up to 20x24. Lately photo technology has changed dramatically and I am now using the computer and a digital Canon SLR camera.

I have displayed my photographs with the Cultural and Performing Arts Division of the Town of Oyster Bay on Long Island and also with the Locust Valley Art Show. I received first place and honorable mentions in a color photo contest sponsored by the Long Island Jewish Hospital and have been awarded first place and honorable mentions at competitions of the Camera Club of Hilton Head Island. I am a member of the Hilton Head Art League, the Society of Bluffton Artists and the Computer Club of Hilton Head. I have been on the artist Advisory Council of the Hilton Head Art League and Treasurer of the Camera Club of Hilton Head.

I have conducted numerous training sessions, teaching others how to use image-editing software and sharing my knowledge of photography. I am the monthly contributor of "Photo Tips" published in the *Shutter Release*, the Camera club of Hilton Head Island's newsletter. In addition, I have started the "Digital Imaging Group" (DIG), teaching Photoshop Elements and Photoshop CS to members of the Camera Club. I also teach Photoshop at the Hilton Head Art Academy.

I photograph original works of art created by oil and watercolor artists. These reproductions are on archival watercolor paper or canvas using pigment inks. I also experiment with various photo techniques in my digital darkroom and am able to achieve results similar to oil and watercolor paintings. To me photography is an art of observation and discovering something of interest for everyone to enjoy.