

News Release

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"SOUTHWESTERN VIGNETTES"



Fredericksburg, Virginia – The Fredericksburg Center for Creative Arts (FCCA) presents the art exhibit "**Southwestern Vignettes**". The exhibit will showcase the work of photographer **Norma Woodward**. The exhibit will be located in the FCCA Members' Gallery and begins with a First Friday Opening Reception on **Friday, April 1 from 6-8:30 pm** and runs through **April 30, 2011**. The exhibition is free and open to the public.

Travel both in the United States and Europe is one of Photographer Norma Woodward's passions. The inspiration for her members' gallery exhibit was a 7 week, 6200 mile, 13 state solo road trip in July and August of 2010 on the back roads of the American Southwest including a major portion of old Route 66.

Norma finds the Southwest fascinating, diverse and wildly beautiful, from the adobe buildings to the desert and mountain landscapes. She discovered the amazing intense colors and her photographs capture those colors as well as the subtle gradations in the monochromatic landscape.

When Norma received her first camera, a Brownie Hawkeye, as a pre-teen in Mississippi, an entire new world opened for her. She was always artistic, but that simple box camera introduced the amazing possibilities of photography and at her current age of 71 her cameras still keep that passion alive.

Norma Woodward has received numerous awards in national juried and regional shows. In the 2007 Fredericksburg Recreation Department Photography Show, she received the Best in Show (out of over 700 entries) for her photograph of a New Orleans street musician "Living by Banjo". Her Paris photograph "The Ice Rink" was published in "Popular Photography" magazine.

Norma and her husband, Les, have lived in Fredericksburg, Virginia since 1962. She retired from Fredericksburg City Schools in 2008 and now has more time to devote to photography and travel. Norma is a member of the Fredericksburg Photography Club, the Fredericksburg Center for the Creative Arts, the Center for Photographic Art in Carmel, CA, the Texas Photographic Society and the Prince William (VA) Professional Photographers Association.

The Fredericksburg Center for the Creative Arts (FCCA) is an all-volunteer non-profit organization supporting the creative arts in Fredericksburg, Virginia. FCCA is located in the Historic Silversmith House, *circa* 1785 and a Partner of the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts. Monthly, FCCA brings new art exhibits, special programs and events, art trips, and art classes for all ages to the Fredericksburg community. These events are planned and organized entirely by volunteer members, and funded through member and community support.

Location: 813 Sophia Street Fredericksburg, VA 22401

Hours: Open 12-4 p.m. Wednesday-Monday & 11-4:00 Saturday (Closed on Tuesday)

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