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*The Butterfly Farm, Penang Malaysia
photo by Vickey Hluchanek-Monan*

“Exotic Locales” Art Exhibit June 27-July 30, 2010 at the Fredericksburg Center for Creative Arts

Fredericksburg, Virginia – The Fredericksburg Center for Creative Arts (FCCA) presents the art exhibit “Exotic Locales Paintings and Photography”. The exhibit will showcase the work of Vickey Hluchanek-Monan and Sandy Leigh Skipper. The show will be located in the FCCA Members’ Gallery and opens on June 27, the first Friday opening reception is on July 2 from 6:00-8:30 pm.

“Exotic Locals” is collaboration of Vickey Hluchanek-Monan’s, and Sandy Leigh Skipper’s artwork based on their travels.

Hluchanek-Monan contributed watercolor pieces and photographs centered on trips she took to Malaysia and Paris. Vickey comments about Malaysia that “the breathtaking beauty there is unbelievable with the plants, atmosphere, sunsets and the people. I hope to share with others an inspiration from this beauty that gave me the desire to create my art and photography and hope that it is seen as coming from the soul.”

The show also features photographs focused on Skipper’s travels to Ireland and the Netherlands. Sandy remarks that “Barcelona, Spain can easily be identified as an exotic local because of the city’s Mediterranean climate, flora and sunny beaches. Although many may not think of Ireland and Amsterdam as exotic places their uniqueness is what makes these locales striking. Ireland is a country where there are numerous unspoiled landscapes. In contrast to the lush scenery of Ireland is the metropolis of Amsterdam where old world charm meets the modern world.”



Burren, Ireland, photo by Sandy Leigh Skipper



"Angel In Orleans"
- watercolor by
Vickey Hluchanek-Monan

Vickey Hluchanek-Monan has recently spent several years, living and traveling around our area as well as internationally; always greatly appreciating our natural landscape. She has a BFA degree in Commercial Art from Texas State University, an Art Certification in Commercial Art, from Art Instruction Schools, Inc. and studied computer graphics at Houston Community College. She has previously won regional and national awards for some of her creative work in commercial art; prior to moving to Maryland in 2002. A "Best of Texas" award for a historical limited edition print, "The Texas Legacy," brought recognition as one of the first pieces utilizing photography with text nearly 20 yrs ago; in the Texas Graphic Excellence Awards. Prior to that a National Award in commercial art and some regional ones for fine art. During 2005 she won a Silver Award with an International photography show in Maryland, for a landscape sunrise at "St. Mary's County at St. George Island." She has exhibited in two FCCA National shows and also regional events during 2009. She won first place in the spring 2009 for Calvert Artist Guild, Inc. in the landscape/watercolor category.



Spirals in the Sunlight,
photo by
Sandy Leigh Skipper

Sandy Leigh Skipper loves to take photographs of places she travels to for work as well as photographing her everyday surroundings. Her favorite subjects are the nature environment and animals. Skipper is a Virginia Railway Express 15th Anniversary photo contest winner. Her picture of Quantico Station won best station photograph. She won honorable mention in the Fredericksburg Center for Creative Arts (FCCA) April 2009 Regional Show for her photo *Frozen*. In November of 2009 she won second place in the FCCA Small Works National Show for *Puppy in Motion*. Her photo *Longest Icicle* was awarded honorable mention in the FCCA April 2010 Regional Show. Skipper was selected for four national and six regional FCCA shows from August 2008 to May 2010.

Sandy and Vickey are both members of FCCA. Their work was selected by a panel of art experts to be shown in the FCCA Members' Gallery. This honor is bestowed upon FCCA members that have been selected for an FCCA show in the last two years that meet the art panel's selection criteria.

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.

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