

# ABOUT ME.....



I have loved photography for as long as I can remember - when I was about 15 I begged my dad persistently until he built me a darkroom in the basement & would spend hours working in it. Then life happened....I got married, had a family; as the years passed I felt there was something more waiting . . . I began the next chapter of life exploring the many possibilities, taking classes at local colleges. All that work only brought me back to where I had started: My first love: My true Passion:

Photography.

Occasionally I find myself asking "what makes art Art"? The answer is different for everyone - the closest I have come to a definition is that it makes you feel, it evokes an emotion. My art is a reflection of the unique way I see life, always changing. To me, it's never been about the camera but about seeing. Often I see an image in my head long before I see it in the lens...sometimes it's traditional....sometimes I wake up the next day, take one look & say "what was I thinking?" But it moves me & I love the process. After all, isn't life more about the journey than the destination?

Change is constant in life, mine is no exception; several years ago I was diagnosed with early onset Parkinson's disease. It brings with it new challenges. So now my work will not only satisfy the desire I feel to create but it also serves as a tool to help me battle my struggles. I am happiest behind a lens. I could be in the middle of a crowded street but once I bring the camera up to my face, suddenly it's just me , I become immersed, & for that moment all I feel is reflected in the lens. So as an artist, I will continue for as long as I can lift the camera to my eye....

I look forward to the next few years and expanding my interests. I have recently begun experimenting with mixed mediums & "will continue to dance like no one is watching".

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