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NEWS from the CWC

David Leveson photographs on view at CWC office

MARGARETVILLE, July 2, 2012 – Thirteen photographs by Arkville artist David Leveson are now on view at the Catskill Watershed Corporation (CWC), 905 Main St., in Margaretville.

Visitors are welcome to view the exhibit in the Board Room weekdays from 8 to 4:30 through August 31. All of the photographs are matted and framed, and are available for purchase.

The images reflect the muted hues of late autumn in the Catskills. Even the few buildings that are captured – a barn on Bull Run Road near Margaretville, and a study of rail car and station roofs at the Arkville rail yard – are shades of gray and red. One image, of a distant crag in the Shawangunks, hints at the professional passion of the photographer – geology.

Leveson taught geology from 1960 to 2007 at Brooklyn College, CUNY. His book of essays and photographs, “A Sense of the Earth,” published by Natural History Press in 1971, was a finalist for a National Book Award, Science Category, 1972.

He studied photography with Albert Freed at the Educational Alliance in New York City, and Robert B. Cowan, whose works are in the collection of the Museum of Modern Art. His early photographs were black and white darkroom prints and also color slides.

For the last ten years he has worked with digital images, both newly shot using a Nikon D-90, and digitized versions of earlier color slides and black and white negatives. His original vision is realized using Adobe Photoshop and Capture NX2.

Leveson, who lives in a home built by landscape artist J. Francis Murphy, founder of the Pakatakan Artists Colony in 1886, joined the Longyear Gallery in Margaretville in 2007 as a founding member. He has had one-person shows at Longyear and at the Roxbury Arts Group. Leveson’s photos have also been exhibited in a group show at Blue Mountain Gallery in Manhattan.

His other photographic interests, ranging from industry to rock formations to cityscapes, can be seen at <http://margaretleveson.com/PHOTOWEBSITE/index.html>.

The CWC is a non-profit, Local Development Corporation responsible for several environmental protection, economic development and education programs in the New York City Watershed West of the Hudson River.

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