

NEWS from the Catskill Watershed Corp

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Photos on exhibit at Catskill Watershed Corp. offices

MARGARETVILLE, N.Y., April 17, 2014 – “With an Eye Toward Nature,” an exhibit of color images by five area photographers, is on view at the Catskill Watershed Corporation (CWC) offices, 905 Main St., Margaretville.

The photographs, by John Mizel of Ulster Park, Linda Moriarity of Highland, Michael O’Donnell of Gardiner, John Hayes of High Falls and Renee Zernitzky of Middletown, can be seen weekdays between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. through June 6. The public is most welcome.

The artists used their unique perspectives, along with macro and wide angle lenses, to produce stunning images that range from the intricate, intimate detail of a spider’s web, to a wide-sky view of the Ashokan Reservoir at sunset.

John Mizel is employed in the computer technology field, but his spare time is devoted to photographic pursuits. He has received awards for his photography which has been exhibited at the Mohonk Preserve Visitor Center, Ulster Savings Bank, Gardiner Library, Esopus Library and Town Hall.

Linda Moriarty says “I live midway between the mighty Hudson River and the majestic Shawangunk Ridge, a region which provides a rich array of subject matter. My current passion is capturing poetic images of fine details in the natural world which are invisible to the unaided eye. Using my camera to get up close and personal has given me a greater awareness of the minute and delicate micro-worlds that surround us.”

Michael O’Donnell pairs a modern aesthetic with classic principals of landscape composition to create simple, bold interpretations of the Hudson Valley. “The viewer is invited to observe the scene but they play no role in its presence,” says O’Donnell, who does most of his work along the Shawangunk Ridge and the Hudson River.

John Hayes has been hiking the trails of the Catskills and Shawangunk mountains for more than 20 years. “For me, photography is that perfect medium that allows me to capture the stimulating beauty of our local natural scenery that provides us with such enrichment of the soul.”

Renee Zernitzky can often be found outside chasing everything from sunrises to hot air balloons as she pursues her passion for photography. An avid hiker, biker, kayaker and horseback rider, she produces beautiful landscapes, as well as unusual and intricate shots found under rock or leaf.

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. Visit www.cwconline.org for more information.

