

NEWS from the Catskill Watershed Corp

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Flower images on exhibit at Catskill Watershed Corp.

MARGARETVILLE, N.Y. June 2, 2015 – “My Foto Garden,” an exhibition of floral images by photographer Howard Harrison, is on view at the Catskill Watershed Corporation (CWC) offices, 905 Main St., Margaretville.

The exhibit can be seen weekdays between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. through July 31 (closed holidays). The public is most welcome. All of the framed photographs are available for purchase.

The show, featuring 28 images, is a breathtaking tour of the incredible color and complexity of flowers, both wild and cultivated. Explaining his fascination with blooms, Harrison says, “Flowers are associated with celebration of life’s glorious milestones or recognition of sorrowful passings. In nature or in a vase, their wondrous shapes and exotic colors bloom and fade with time. In my photographs their beauty transcends that life cycle. Seasons arrive and pass. In photos the flowers endure. The moment of capture lives on.”

Harrison began ‘playing around’ with photography at age nine and spent 40 years as a Manhattan-based freelance commercial photographer doing sports, fashion and corporate work. He also operated Studio X, a custom lab facility catering to professional colleagues and corporate accounts.

A 1961 Car and Driver magazine assignment brought him to the Catskills, where he found great skiing and became a member of the National Ski Patrol at Plattekill and later a certified ski instructor at Hunter and Belleayre, enjoyed from the family’s Highmount home. In recent years, Harrison has spent the winter as a ski instructor at Aspen, Colorado.

“While the Rockies exalt in their grandeur, the intimacy of the Catskills, particularly in summer, provides a more comforting relationship with nature,” says Howard Harrison. “There’s infinite beauty to photograph. Time is measured by the passing of seasons, not assignment deadlines or imposed work rules. It’s an ideal small world which allows more ‘playing around’ with photography and sharing the results.”

Harrison’s photographs hang in private collections east and west. Recent works are available locally at Catskill Mountain Artisans Guild shops in Margaretville and Delhi, and can be seen on the Shandaken Artists Tour July 18-19.

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.

