

GRAND GALLERY
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The Photography of Brian DeWolf

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Meet the Artist December 7, 2012, 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

“The more carefully we look, the more there is to see.”

Brian DeWolf lives in Batavia, IL. He began taking pictures after graduating from college in 1971. He did some portrait photography, but after having success in photographic competition with his landscapes, he devoted his efforts to it and refined his trademark style.

Brian grew up in Wheaton, IL. He attended McKendree University in Lebanon, IL and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology. He sold hardware and related products as a manufacturer's representative for his father's business in the 1970's and was a policeman in St. Charles, IL from 1979 until his retirement as a sergeant in May of 2000.

Aside from the Kodak Brownie he used as a boy, his serious attempts to be a photographic artist were with a relic Mamiya 35mm camera and two lenses in the 1970's. As time permitted, he photographed on sales trips around the Midwest. Before retiring from law enforcement he built a darkroom and shot with a medium format Hasselblad system. Eventually, high resolution film scans imported into Photoshop replaced the wet darkroom. Now his shooting and processing is all done digitally.

Brian is a member of Professional Photographers of America (PPA). His image "Foggy Morning Ride" was accepted into the PPA Loan Collection for 2002. Marathon Press, publisher of the Loan Collection, describes the collection as "the best of the best" from over 8,000 entries. "Foggy Morning Ride" was featured as the introduction to a special advertising section for Geneva, IL in Chicago Magazine June 2003. It also won the Denise Kavanagh award at the St. Charles Fine Art Show 2003. In 2008, he was awarded the Bronze Level Photographer of the Year award when four out of four entries merited in PPA's international print competition. Thirteen of Brian's images have "merited" in these international print competitions since 2002.

In 2006, about 80 of his images were chosen for "A Toast to the 14 Congressional District" event and fundraiser for Speaker of the House, United States Congressman Dennis Hastert. The featured guest speaker was the late Whitehouse Press Secretary Tony Snow.

In 2007 representatives of the Geneva, IL International Cultural Exchange Committee and Croissy sans Frontieres in Croissy sur Seine, France invited DeWolf to photograph Croissy as a step in developing an artist exchange program between the two cities. Croissy and surrounding villages along the Seine River are called "the playground of the French impressionists." It resulted in a 2009 solo exhibit in France that was attended by a member of the French Parliament, a French Senator, three local mayors, and the family of a former French Ambassador.

He offers a Collector Series that are "investment-grade" prints. Images are printed with inks and papers that have been independently tested for stability and longevity. His work is displayed, and sold, at Proud Fox Gallery in Geneva, IL.

Pieces in this collection are available for purchase.