

MARTA NAMMACK

PHOTOGRAPHY

ARTIST STATEMENT

I like to capture people, animals, and landscapes, as they are. There is always a different way of seeing the beauty around us, whether it be the expression in a subject's eyes, interactions between people or animals, the patterns made in nature, or a combination of shapes, shadows, and light.

As Rachel Carson wrote in 'Silent Spring,' *Those who contemplate the beauty of the earth find reserves of strength that will endure as long as life lasts. ... There is something infinitely healing in the repeated refrains of nature — the assurance that dawn comes after night, and spring after winter.*" I agree, and I feel renewed by the ebb and flow of tides at sunrise, the fresh aroma of blossoms in the air, and dynamic interactions among animals and/or people. The challenge is to capture these moments creatively.

While I feel comfortable in the natural environment, I also enjoy walking through the streets, wondering what surprise lies around the corner. I like the challenge of composing an image in a matter of seconds to get the candid shot. The resulting images can serve to tell a story and document fleeting moments.

Black and white photography intrigues me because it allows the eyes to focus on the subject, without the distraction of competing colors. Also, achieving the proper exposure depends on the range of shadows and highlights within the scene, and shapes and contrasts stand out well and become more important in black and white.

Through my images, I hope to entice the viewer to feel the subjects' different emotions and states of mind. I enjoy sharing my photographs with others so they can also experience the feelings that these subjects evoke in me.

JURIED EXHIBITIONS

2020

The Art League, Alexandria VA. Open Art Exhibit, Aug 2020

The Art League, Alexandria VA. Landscapes Art Exhibit, Jun 2020

CAMP Rehoboth, Rehoboth Beach DE. *Women's Fest*, Art Exhibit, May 2020

The Art League, Alexandria VA. Open Art Exhibit, Apr 2020

The Art League, Alexandria VA. *Flora/Fauna*, Art Exhibit, Mar 2020

Rehoboth Art League, Rehoboth Beach DE. *Seasons: Winter*, Art Exhibit, Jan – Apr 2020

Rehoboth Art League, Rehoboth Beach DE. *2020 Regional Juried Photography* Exhibition, Jan 2020

2019

The Art League, Alexandria VA. Open Art Exhibit, Dec 2019

Pennsylvania Center for Photography, Doylestown, PA. *Transformations* Exhibit, Nov 2019

Coastal Camera Club, Lewes, DE. Rehoboth City Hall Exhibit, Nov 2019 – Apr 2020

Peninsula Gallery, Lewes, DE. *Coastal Camera Club* Exhibition, Aug 2019
Rehoboth Art League, Rehoboth Beach DE. *Secret Places*, Art Exhibit, May 2019
Rehoboth Art League, Rehoboth Beach DE. *2019 Regional Juried Photography* Exhibit, Jan 2019

2018

Rehoboth Art League, Rehoboth Beach DE. *Street Photography, Humans in their Own Environment*, Exhibit, Sep 2018
Rehoboth Art League, Rehoboth Beach DE. *Animal Farm*, Art Exhibit, Sep 2018
Peninsula Gallery, Lewes DE. *Coastal Camera Club* Exhibition, Aug 2018
CAMP Rehoboth, Rehoboth Beach DE. *Women's Fest*, Art Exhibit, Mar 2018
Coastal Camera Club, Lewes DE. Rehoboth City Hall Exhibit, Jan 2018

2017

Rehoboth Art League, Rehoboth Beach DE. Third Annual RAL Juried Photography Exhibition, Dec 2017
Rehoboth Art League, Rehoboth Beach DE. *In our Backyard*, Exhibit, Sep 2017
Peninsula Gallery, Lewes DE. *Coastal Camera Club* Exhibition, Aug 2017
Coastal Camera Club, Lewes DE. *Rehoboth City Hall* Exhibit, Jul 2017
Rehoboth Art League, Rehoboth Beach DE. *Environmental Impact*, Art Exhibit, Jul 2017
Rehoboth Art League, Rehoboth Beach DE. *Award-Winning Photographs* Exhibit, May 2017
Rehoboth Art League, *Visions and Voices*, Art Exhibit, Mar 2017
CAMP Rehoboth, Rehoboth Beach DE. *Women's Fest*, Art Exhibit, Mar 2017
Rehoboth Art League, Rehoboth Beach DE. *Celebrating Women*, Art Exhibit, Jan 2017

CURRENT LOANS

Representative Peter Schwartzkopf's office, *Harbor of Refuge and Rough Seas*, Aug 2019 – May 2020
Senator Chris Coon's office, *Water at Sunrise and Dolles*, Oct 2019 – Sep 2020

EDUCATION

Advanced Photography Mentoring with Kristi Odom, June 2020
Street Photography workshop with James Maher, NYC, June 2020
Light and Shadows Photowalk with Alan Schaller, Photoville 2019, Brooklyn, NY, Sep 2019
Smith Island Workshop with Jay Fleming, May 2019
Delmarva Nature and Wildlife Photography Summit, Nov 2018
M.A.R.S. workshop - Kelly Schneider *The Salient Portrait: How to Achieve Compelling Images*, Oct 2018
Fine Art Techniques for Portrait Photographers, with Chris Galluccio, Sep 2017
Numerous online photography tutorials
Photography Workshop with Kevin Fleming, Nov 2014
National Geographic Traveler seminar "People & Places," Dec 2013
Washington Photo Safari: *Monuments and Memorials*, Feb 2012

College of William and Mary, School of Marine Science, M.S. in Marine Science 1982
College of William and Mary, B.S. in Biology 1979

AWARDS

2020

The Art League. Alexandria VA. Open Art Exhibit. *Honorable Mention*. August 2020

Rehoboth Beach Book. 2-page spread. May 2020

The Art League. Alexandria VA. Open Art Exhibit. *Honorable Mention*, Apr 2020

2019

Delaware Coast Day Photo Contest. *A Ripple through Time*. 1st Place. Oct 2019

Delaware Beach Life Photo Contest. *Third Place (Scenic Category)*. Aug 2019

Lewes Chamber of Commerce. *Tulip Festival. First Place (Architecture Category)*. Apr 2019

Lewes Chamber of Commerce. *Tulip Festival. People's Choice Award*. Apr 2019

2018

Ward Museum. Salisbury MD. Art in Nature Photo Contest. *Third Place (Scenic Category)*. Aug 2018

Ward Museum. Salisbury MD. Art in Nature Photo Contest. *Honorable Mention (Wildlife Category)*. Aug 2018

Lewes Chamber of Commerce. Tulip Festival. *First Place (Scenic Category)*. Apr 2018

Lewes Chamber of Commerce. Tulip Festival. *First Place (Black and White Category)*. Apr 2018

Lewes Chamber of Commerce. Tulip Festival. *Mayor's Prize*. Apr 2018

Lewes Chamber of Commerce. Tulip Festival. *People's Choice Award*. Apr 2018

2017

Prime Hook Wildlife Refuge Photo Contest. *Honorable Mention (Wildlife Category)*. Oct 2017

Delaware Beach Life Photo Contest. *First Place (Wildlife Category)*. Aug 2017

Delaware Beach Life Photo Contest. *Third Place (People Category)*. Aug 2017

2017 – 2019 Sussex County Coastal Camera Club Awards:

- Masters Group Awards. *First Place* (2), *Second Place* (3), *Third Place* (2). Sep 2018-Apr 2019
- End of Year Competition Awards. *First Place* (3). May 2018
- Amateur Group Awards. *First Place* (4), *Second Place* (2), *Third Place* (1). Sep 2017 – Apr 2018
- Beginners Group Awards. *First Place* (1), *Second Place* (2), *Third Place* (3). Jan 2017 – Apr 2017