

An Artist Looks At Mt. Diablo

By Cathy Tyson



Susan Reynolds

Fourth generation local photographer Susan Reynolds has an exhibit at the Lindsay Wildlife Museum through February 28th. The show, "Mt. Diablo: A Personal View," is her fourth solo exhibit and her most personal to date. As part of the exhibit, a "Conversation with Sue Reynolds" slide lecture and artist's tour is scheduled for October 27th from 4:00 – 5:30. This event and a November 23rd book signing are free with museum admission.

It all started in the basement of her aunt and uncle's home in Orinda many years ago. Then a student at Acalanes High School, Reynolds, "fell in love with the magic of the darkroom." Later working at the Oakland Museum she was exposed to a number of famous women photographers.

"The excitement and magic of having a connection with my

subject is really what its all about.

That relationship is almost a meditation." There is, indeed a certain stillness in her work. "I don't rush into a landscape. I found that because of the work I had been doing (running her own public relations firm) was very fast paced, I needed an antidote for all the traveling and warp speed. Nature is a place I've always gone to, because its very relaxing and it slowed me down."

The current exhibit at the Wildlife Museum is all about Mt. Diablo. Having grown up in the area and living for last 25 years in its shadow in Walnut Creek, Mt. Diablo holds a special place for Reynolds. Her great-grandfather was one of the surveyors in the 1850's that established The Mt. Diablo Baseline and Meridian, which helped distinguish public and private lands as part of the settlement of the Mexican War of 1846 – 1848. It is still used today.

"My grandmother had a sheep ranch in the 1920's on the corner of what is now North Main and Treat Boulevard. My dad used to ride horses through the countryside, and considered Mt. Diablo his backyard." She continues, "as I get older a feel a greater sense of connection with this very special place."

To see more of her work, go to www.susanreynoldsphotography.com.



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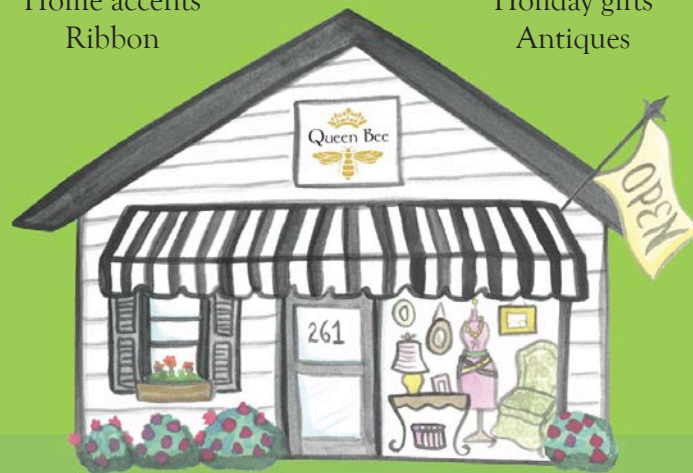
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