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Moraga photographer featured in gallery at local boutique



Moraga photographer Thomas Black Photo provided

Thomas Black, a Moraga-based photographer, is the featured artist at Hollie's Homegrown, an artisan boutique located in Lafayette at the corner of Moraga Road and Mt. Diablo Boulevard. The exhibit runs May 2 to Labor Day.

Having taken up photography upon retiring some years ago, Black specializes in Rural Americana subjects - "anything old, in a non-urban setting, and preferably in no better than worn-at-heel condition," he said.

Favored subjects include old barns and anything else that is farm-related. He is particularly drawn to old cars and trucks, many of which have been put out to pasture literally.

Although concentrating on California, he travels coast to coast in quest of subjects that "serve as a nexus to the past and evoke a feeling of nostalgia," he said.

"Although few of us grew up on a farm, all of us can relate to Rural Americana images. The more urbanized we become as a society, the stronger the pull."

Black's photography has garnered numerous awards, including juried competitions. Images have been published here and abroad, including in a magazine in the U.K. dedicated to Nikon photography.

His work can be viewed during normal business hours, Sunday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. The store proprietor, Hollie Lucas-Alcalay, has scheduled Saturday, May 14, as Meet The Artist day. Black will be on site from noon to close. His website is www.tblackphotography.com.

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