

Nature & Country Scenes | Photography by Dan Harendza

Biography

Being raised in a rural setting, days were often spent exploring down in the creek or out in the woods close to home. Not realizing it at the time, it was then that I began to develop a love for the outdoors that would deepen as I grew older. Camping with the Boy Scouts, and weekend trout fishing trips with my dad, uncle and older brother further bolstered this appreciation of nature. Dad always had a camera to capture those great memories, so it was exciting for me to get my first Canon SLR.

Over the years, autumn became my favorite season, with the beauty of its changing colors, and I made good use of that camera. But it was the transition to a digital SLR that generated a more serious interest in photography. With encouragement of family and friends, and having more time after retiring from the Postal Service, I joined the Fine Arts Society of the Southern Tier, to exhibit and possibly sell some photos, and am pleased to have done well.

Additional opportunities to exhibit in Bainbridge and Binghamton have been a success. Having been accepted into the Cooperstown Art Association's National Show and Competition a number of times, winning a prize and selling my work there has been a highlight. But what I enjoy most about my photography is the time spent outdoors and the chance to share the beauty of nature and rural back roads, and more recently, the character I see in anything old, rusty and worn, hoping others might appreciate these treasures which they may never get to see.

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