

The Society of Bluffton Artists Gallery features “Gentle on My Mind,” an exciting show of photography by local landscape/wildlife artist Ed Funk. Ed’s exhibit will run from February 25 to April 5, 2008.



On Sunday, March 2, from 3-5 PM, the SoBA Gallery will host a reception for Ed. Refreshments will be offered and the reception is open to the public.

This exhibit will be a retrospective of the most popular, award-winning photos that have been taken since Ed’s arrival in the low country eight years ago. In describing this show, Ed says that “it is hard to believe that I have been in the low country for as long as I have and loved every minute of it. I thought it would be fun to display many of the photos that given me the most pleasure during my stay as well as some that have never been shown previously”. The award-winning artist employs a number of digital cameras and lens to express his love of nature and wildlife in a way that allows the audience to experience a sense of delight and serenity when viewing the vibrant color in his work.

Though he has been taking photographs since childhood in New Jersey, the self-taught artist spent all of his 37 year professional life in the graphic arts industry, most of it with the world’s leading manufacturer of printing inks and pigments in both a technical and sales capacity. Throughout his career, Ed, a Ph. D. chemist by training, presented seminars and lectures in color theory which today projects itself in his beautiful low country sunsets, shrimp boat, bird, flower, butterfly and marsh scenes.

Along with his wife, Kathryn, Ed created Vista Enterprises, a photographic services company in 2002, fulfilling a lifelong dream. Ed’s work is featured regularly in over 17 newspapers and magazines, such as the Bluffton Breeze. Many of his award-winning photographs have been the result of his worldwide travels from Europe and Asia to Australia, South America and the South Pacific. His photos have won awards in Judged and Juried Shows at SoBA, Beaufort Art Association and other competitions. Most recently, his photo, “Day’s End”, was chosen for the cover of the 2007 Beaufort County calendar.

In the low country since 2000, Ed has become actively involved with the Hilton Head Art League, the Society of Bluffton Artists and the Beaufort Art Association. He has had Featured Artist Shows previously at each of these galleries, as well as Bluffton’s Pluff Mudd Gallery in 2004. He is a founding member of the Photography Club of Beaufort and a past president and current Board member of the Camera Club of Hilton Head Island. His photography can be seen in the Beaufort Art Association Gallery, Society of Bluffton Artists Gallery, Hilton Head Art League Gallery, Pluff Mudd Gallery and Spotted Dog Gallery in Beaufort as well as numerous other shops throughout the low country. Lastly, Ed’s work can be seen on his website at www.edfunkphotos.com.

Ed is looking forward to meeting patrons of the arts at his reception at the SoBA gallery on Sunday March 2 from 3-5 PM. In addition to Ed’s work, the six-week show will also exhibit the art of over 80 other artist members of SoBA. The gallery is located at 48 Boundary Street in

old-town Bluffton and is open Mon. through Sat. from 10-5. Call 843-757-6586 or visit the SoBA web site at www.sobagalleries.com for more information about the organization and participating artists.