



Photos by Nancy

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In addition to photographing and choosing which negatives she wants to have enlarged, Nancy enjoys selecting frames, cutting mats, dry mounting larger photos, and assembling the finished product. For some of those larger photos, she uses frames custom crafted by David in his PA woodshop. She and her husband, a retired school administrator, continue to maintain their residence in PA but spend much of their time at their Kill Devil Hills, NC, condo, welcoming their 3 children and their families and other relatives and friends from PA.

Nancy's photos can be found in the Waterfront Shops in Duck at SEADRAGON and at the Dare County Arts Council's SEA AND SOUNDS GALLERY in Manteo. During June and July 2004, she was excited to have a solo show of her photos at THE GOOD LIFE GOURMET DELI AND RESTAURANT in Kill Devil Hills. It pleases Nancy very much to know others share her enthusiasm for the beauties of the NC beaches that she and her family have been enjoying since their first visit here in 1970. It was love at first sight!

*Nancy's photos are also at Sea Tree Gallery
at Shalboro Junction in Nags Head.*

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Nancy also enjoys choosing negatives for enlarging, cutting mats, dry mounting larger photos, and assembling the finished product. The frames she uses are custom crafted by her husband. He fashions frames out of boards of juniper, oak, sycamore, elm, and cherry wood as well as commercially prepared moulding. It pleases her very much to know others share her enthusiasm for the beauties of the North Carolina beaches that she and her family have been enjoying since their first visit there in 1970. It was love at first sight!

Photos by Nancy can be found at Gallery 101 in Manteo and Cap'n John's Marine and Nautical Consignment at Surfside Plaza in Nags Head. For seven years her photos were featured at the SeaDragon Gallery and Gift Shop in Duck, NC. As a member of the Dare County Arts Council, she was privileged to display and sell her photos at the Gallery in Manteo, NC, from 2003 until the remodeled gallery was reopened in 2012. For several years Life on a Sandbar and Hair Wraps in Nags Head, NC, carried her smaller framed and matted photos.

In Indiana, PA, Nancy's photos are displayed and sold at the Artists' Hand Gallery in the downtown area, at The Framing Hut at Regency Mall, and at Twolick Valley Nursery Gift Shop on Airport Road,

She has displayed and sold her photos at juried art festivals in Indiana, Altoona, and Bedford in Pennsylvania and in Corolla, Elizabeth City, Manteo, and Buxton in North Carolina. Most recently she displayed her juried works at the Seafood Festival in Nags Head. Her photos have been accepted in the juried art show in conjunction with the Blair County Arts Festival in Altoona where "Puffy Clouds, Footprints, and Wind-Sculptured Steps" and "Shipwreck at Coquina Beach" received Honorable Mention awards.

Also, Nancy has participated in art shows in Avon, at Chicamacomico Historical Coast Guard grounds in Rodanthe, Dare Day in Manteo, and at the Hilton Garden Inn in Kitty Hawk,

Nancy is a member of the Indiana Art Association, the Punxsutawney Arts Association, Inc., and the Dare County Arts Council in North Carolina. She is pleased to display her works along with other association members at various art shows and public buildings.

Previous solo showings of her work have been hung at the Horace Mann Elementary School Art Gallery in Indiana, PA, and at the Good Life Gourmet Restaurant in Kill Devil Hills, NC.