

FRANCIE SCHROEDER

Statement:

Fantasy and reality may seem opposites but in reality they constantly bump up against each other and, I believe, a bit each slips in and out. It may be the slippage occurs only in one's mind but still it does occur. Occasionally one sees it happen; more frequently with imagination it is created. In my photography I often add a small element from a different file or I place animals in altered backgrounds to create the mix of fantasy and reality.

Bio for Francie Schroeder

Photography has played with my life since 1969 when I finished my time in the Peace Corps and started at Brooks Institute of Photography.

I moved to Washington D C in 1971 to work as a printer for the **Smithsonian Institution** and over the years I continued in other various photography related jobs within the Smithsonian, including researching for a photo archive and photographing their gardens and the National Zoo.

I also shared a small studio with my husband in Washington D C and commuted to Rappahannock County on weekends. Eventually I moved to Rappahannock full time.

In 1983 my husband and I had a joint show in Washington, Va. in a gallery that eventually became **Middle Street Gallery**. We had a second show in Rappahannock several years later and in 2000 my son and I had a joint show in **Packing Shed Gallery**. In 2011 I joined **Old Rag Gallery**. Website: www.oldragphoto.com and in 2022 I joined The Artists in Middleburg.