

## **Raymond Boc**

I grew up in Rome in central New York in a Polish family. After earning a degree in civil engineering at Syracuse University in 1964, I spent most of my 37 year engineering career with the US Army Corps of Engineers in New York City. Upon retiring, I moved to Rappahannock County in 2002 and married my childhood friend Barbara Adolphi.

My interest in photography started with a Roy Rogers Brownie camera as a child. I became serious about photography in the 1970's. I took private lessons and several courses at the New School and the International Center for Photography in NYC, studying under Ben Fernandez, Philippe Halsmann, Ruth Orkin, W Eugene Smith, Jill Friedman and others. I was a founding member of a group of 10 artists and photographers who rented raw space in Soho, NYC and ran the 22 Wooster Gallery on Wooster Street for 4 years. After moving to Sperryville, I studied and worked with Blue Ridge Workshops led by Elliot Stern and Brian Zwit. Their guidance and instruction motivated me to become the photographer I am today.

Since my retirement I have moved exclusively into digital photography and more recently digital infrared photography. I enjoy photographing people and events, the RAAC Community Theatre and contribute regularly to the Rappahannock News. I am a founding and current member of Old Rag Photography Gallery in existence since 2010. I, as well as gallery members Joyce Harman and Francie Schroeder, teach and provide photographic services. My work is available with Old Rag Photography at the Griffin Tavern in Flint Hill, VA and at Blue Wing Frog in Front Royal, VA and on our website:

[www.oldragphoto.com](http://www.oldragphoto.com)