

“Librarian’s Shelf” by Rod Supencheck

Upstairs Art Gallery - a hidden jewel in the library

Regular readers of this column know there are a lot of things to do at the library for patrons of all ages.

The Columbus Art Gallery, located in the lower level of the library is currently featuring the 2011 Ernestine Quick Memorial Competition & Exhibit now through February 4th. The 3rd annual Image Competition for Photography will be May 9th to June 3rd.

The Columbus Arts Council offers free concerts in the Art Gallery along with twelve formal art exhibits per year and more. Friends of the Library offer humanities speakers, book sales, story hours and story art for young children, along with summer reading programs.

The Upstairs Gallery, located on the second floor of the library, will be featuring photography works by Rodney Supencheck during the months of February and March. The Upstairs Gallery is managed by the Columbus Area Artists and directed by Doris Hicks, Donna Dubsy and Arlene Gettert. Members or non-members can exhibit - contact Doris for more information on upcoming shows or to inquire about a show of your own.

The Columbus Area Artists have been exhibiting in this small second floor gallery since approximately 1982. There are plaques hanging on the wall displaying the names of past Toni Daniel Award scholarship winners. Toni Daniel was a member artist who died young. This yearly scholarship is used to further an artist’s self-improvement by taking a workshop or buying art supplies.

Rodney Supencheck “Rod” lives in Columbus Nebraska. He is a member of the Columbus Area Artists, the Columbus Area Art Council, and various other organizations in the Columbus area.

Rod has been an active participant in many art shows since he became involved with photography in 2003. He is an award winning photographer and has had exhibits at the Noyes Art Gallery in Lincoln NE, Hot Shops in Omaha, Columbus Art Gallery, the Columbus Days ‘Artful Party’ at Traditions, and numerous other weekend shows in the area.

Rod likes to photograph the often overlooked, everyday subjects; ones we often take for granted or do not pay much attention to. He thinks that a second look at many subjects may reveal a spectacular image.

Many images can totally change from one second to the next. To be in the right spot at the right time to capture God’s creation is a wonderful experience. Rod says, “I thank God for the ability He has given me to capture the colors, shapes, and images of our wonderful world and to be able to share them with others.”

The ‘Old Farmstead’ is a favorite of his. Cattlemen, ranchers and farmers - would you like your homestead, cattle operation, ranch or farm captured in pictures? Do you need someone else’s

perspective? Being a Nebraska photographer his special interests are rustic, rural, and scenic Nebraska.

Let Rod discuss the options of creating prints of your homestead, ranch or farming operation. He will produce photographs that you and your grandkids will cherish for years to come.

Rod's works can also be viewed at the Picket Fence Café, Columbus Community Hospital, David City Chamber of Commerce office, and at OfficeNet in downtown Columbus. All works are for sale by contacting Rod.