

DAWSON COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Gallery 126 & Impromptu Gallery

Peaceful Beauty JOHN BEDERMAN

ARTIST'S RECEPTION Wednesday, September 8th 5:00 to 7:00 pm

Monday, September 7th – Friday, October 29th



The new school year is about to begin, and we're getting ready for the first art exhibit of the season *Peaceful Beauty* opening in Dawson Community College *Gallery 126* with an artist's reception for photographer John Bederman, on Wednesday, September 8th from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. As always, everyone is welcome to come enjoy the artwork, conversation, and refreshments. If you can't make it then, Bederman's photographs will be on display in both *Gallery 126* and the *Impromptu Gallery* through Friday, October 29th. *Gallery 126* hours are Monday through Friday 8 am to 4 pm, and evenings Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday 6:30 to 9 pm. Located in room 126 computer lab next to the library. The *Impromptu Gallery* located in the Ullman Center is open during regular building hours. For more information and to see the 2010 – 2011 gallery schedule go to <http://www.dawson.edu/arts/visual/gallery-126>

Photographer, John Bederman is from Houston, Texas where he has lived all of his life. I've had the pleasure of knowing him for a long time. In fact we grew up together. He's my brother. John is very creative and rather eccentric, as one of his friends, whom he has known since kindergarten, put it. He's very talented, not only a photographer, but a sculptor, landscape artist, and poet as well. John is, one might say, a fanatical photographer with a sensitive eye capturing the transient everyday beauty of his environment.

Although John has been taking photographs since he was a youngster, his interest in photography really took hold when he was company photographer in the army stationed at Bayreuth, Germany. During that time he, also, traveled extensively capturing the beauty and fleeting details of rural and urban landscapes. When John got back home to Houston, he set up his own darkroom and continued to photograph, exploring his environment, his camera his ever present companion. Bederman uses Nikons and he, also, collects antique cameras. Over the years photography has been his passion and favorite past time. Today with digital photography, John is gleeful. "What can I say? I just LOVE to take pictures. To have the ability to take thousands of pictures at any one time is an amazing gift. I carry 10 batteries, 40GB of memory, and two or three lenses with me at any given time. The SUN is a good friend, working with light, high contrast, and shadows, adds a little mystery to the frame."