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ARTIST BIO

My background knowledge in photography was on a self-taught basis and from photography courses taken at community colleges. The one major important bit of knowledge I learned was “composition”. I was drawn to scenic and landscape, architecture, and more – basically I love to capture “LIFE” on film. As a black and white film photographer, I was able to experience my own darkroom for 6 years before moving, but now I shoot digital.

I have exhibited my photography in galleries since 2003 in Sacramento (Blue Moon, Doiron, Artisan, Taylor’s Art and Soul), and was a member in High Hand Gallery co-op, Loomis, CA for over four years, and in Auburn (numerous venues on Auburn Art Walk). I’ve had several ‘featured artist’ exhibits and continue to participate in various art shows in Sacramento and Placer counties. I was a volunteer member on the Auburn Art Walk Committee for several years and now volunteer for the Art League of Lincoln. In September 2010, I was asked to participate as the sole photography juror for 48 Natoma Gallery’s “Interior Scapes Show”.

I am now also painting in acrylic and watercolor; creating Sumi ink paintings, and working in mixed media. As an artist I feel I have expanded my horizons. I’ve taken off the blinders and have stepped ‘outside the box’. I’ve always felt one had to know ‘everything’ about a subject before putting oneself out there, as in photography, and that is probably what held me back for a long time, and being a late bloomer. I know now that is not the case! We continue to learn along the way – something new every day – and I believe that’s what keeps artists going!

My website: www.MariaSotoPhotography.com currently has black and white, and color images from San Francisco, Alcatraz, the Getty Museum, Bodie Ghost Town, and Europe. My repertoire includes images from California, Oregon, Washington; Hawaii, Europe and more. I also have a Facebook page: www.Facebook.com/MariaSotoArt to showcase all my artwork.

