

Press Release

ICEBOX GALLERY presents:

A fun, new photography exhibit called “Highway 12 Revisited” will open on February 1, 7:00 – 10 PM, at the Icebox Gallery in NE Minneapolis.

Participants of the great Highway 12 Road Trip Photography Workshop experience were invited to submit images from recent and past workshops, choosing from any topic that inspired them on the trip. Under guidance of Icebox Gallery, a group of six former road-trippers volunteered to plan and execute the Highway 12 Revisited show.

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Each July for over a decade, gallery owner, Howard Christopherson, has led the Highway 12 Road Trip Photography Workshop. 12 to 15 photographers of all skill levels, ages, genders, interests and camera choices, including one fellow who brought only his trusty iPad, travel US HWY 12 from Minneapolis to Lily, South Dakota, taking advantage of the opportunity to focus on developing their personal creative talents, spending quality time with like-minded individuals and just having a great time, rain or shine. The group stops at several sites along the way that are ripe with photographic opportunity, but Lily itself is, as they say, a photographers’ paradise. Basically a ghost town, Lily was established around 1883, but fell into ruin after the railroad spur line was closed in 1971. Many old buildings are still standing in various states of repair/disrepair and a few full-time residents are rumored to live there (But who knows. If they do, they keep to themselves.). The band of photographers spend the next two days scouting small towns and abandoned buildings, lakes and high plateau prairie looking for scenes and people to document. Renovated houses in Lily provide inexpensive overnight shelter for the photographers.

This year, Howard invited all recent and past “Road Trip” participants to submit up to 3 images taken during the workshops. A committee of 6 “Road Trippers” selected one image from each applicant for public display at Icebox. Each print was beautifully matted and framed by the gallery and some prints will be available for purchase. The exhibitors include: Greg Abbott, Chap Achen, Will Agar, Philip Anderson, Tom Bartel, Teresa Callies, Howard M Christopherson, Randy Clough, Lori Greenleaf, James Hickstein, Sid Kaplan, Jefferey Kraker, Tom Quinn Kumpf, Chris LaFontaine, Carol Madison, Greg Ochs, Toby Old, John A Olson, Doug Plunkett, Larry Risser, John Rodman, William Pringle Rodman, Laura Sargent, Umberto Stefanelli.

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Above photos (L-R) by Tom Bartel, John Rodman and Randy Clough

Several photographers will be available to answer questions at the opening.

“Highway 12 Revisited” Video, directed and produced by Laura Sargent in conjunction with Icebox Gallery and the Highway 12 Road Trip Photography Workshop, premieres during the opening of a current group exhibit called “Highway 12 Revisited.” The new video will be shown in the gallery and also launched on YouTube and facebook. “Highway 12 Revisited” video is approximately 19 minutes and consists of 99 photos, 8 video clips, and two new songs.

The video showcases participants’ photographic entries for the Highway 12 Revisited group exhibition and several short video clips from past road trips. In addition there are several photographs that highlight the sheer enjoyment to be had on these informative and fun workshops.

The sound track is the hauntingly beautiful music of Joe Cerisano (www.cerisano.com) and Kinny Landrum (www.kinnylandrum.com). Cerisano pours his emotions into his music with a singing style culled from a wide variety of influences. Two new songs, “Ghost Town,” written by Joe Cerisano and Chuck Cannon and “Off the Interstate,” written by Joe Cerisano and John Barranco.

Opening Night hours are 7:00PM to 10:00PM.

Exhibit Opens Saturday, February 1, Opening Night hours are 7:00PM to 10:00PM.

Show continues through May 30th, 2020 / Closing Party. Saturday, May 30, 2020

**Icebox regular hours: Thursday & Friday 10-6, Saturday 12-5 and by appointment.
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