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JURIED ART SHOWS

Ellipse Photography Show *Ellipse Arts Center* *Arlington, VA*

- ◆ January 26 – March 10, 2007

Art at the Mill *Burwell-Morgan Mill* *Millwood, VA*

- ◆ Fall Show - 2007
- ◆ Spring and Fall Shows - 2006
- ◆ Spring and Fall Shows - 2005

Fall Art Show & Sale *Rockingham Springs Arboretum* *McGaheysville, VA*

- ◆ October 15, 2006
- ◆ October 7-8, 2005
- ◆ October 9, 2004

Art for Gifts *Staunton Augusta Art Center* *Staunton, VA*

- ◆ Winter 2007
- ◆ Winter 2006
- ◆ Winter 2005

Artist of the Week Series *Rockingham Springs Arboretum* *McGaheysville, VA*

- ◆ Various Dates - Summer 2005 & 2007

SAAC Art in the Park *Gypsy Hill Park* *Staunton, VA*

- ◆ May 21, 2005

NON-JURIED ART SHOWS

Downtown Harrisonburg First Fridays and Museum & Gallery Walk *Harrisonburg, VA*

- ◆ Spring 2005 - present

GALLERIES

Co-Art Gallery *Staunton, VA*

- ◆ September 9, 2007 – September 20, 2008

The Art Group *Mt. Jackson, VA*

- ◆ February 1, 2005 – February 1, 2008

ART ADMINISTRATION

- ◆ Summer 2005 – Coordinated 1st annual Rockingham Springs Arboretum, "Artist of the Week" Series

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ARTIST BIO

A Virginia native, Brooke Chao studied Music at James Madison University, where she graduated with a degree in Voice in 1996. Since, graduating, she has remained in the Shenandoah Valley, where she lives with her husband, son and daughter, and where she receives the inspiration for the majority of her photographs.

Brooke's interest in photography began as a child when her Uncle gave her an old Praktica Nova IB. She's loved photography ever since. While her passion remains the same, she currently uses a Canon 20D digital SLR to capture her photographs.

In addition to photography, Brooke also enjoys painting, with her primary mediums being watercolor and acrylic.

ARTIST STATEMENT

I believe that beauty is all around us, whether it be the gossamer wings of a butterfly, the delicate petals of a flower, the sweet laughter and smile of a child, or in the graceful lines and patterns of architecture. I believe our Creator has given us the divine gift of beauty, both through nature, and through our ability to create beauty, as a way to share Himself with us.

Unfortunately, it's all too easy, and too common, to get busy and wrapped up in the little details of our daily lives, causing us to miss what is right before us, and the moments of beauty that are there for a moment, and then gone. My photographs are my attempt to capture and document that beauty, to be enjoyed and shared with others.