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The Photographers Portal to Sharing, Learning & Connecting

Betty Gross Biography

It's really difficult to choose the right words to tell someone that's never met you exactly who you are and what you're about. Here's my attempt:

I was the 5th child of immigrants who came to the U.S. from the Netherlands in 1954. My father developed a true interest and love of photography early on, and I think there was a lot of absorption by example for me. It wasn't until years later that I picked up a camera on my own and "saw" for that first time, and haven't looked back since.

My father, being a new citizen, impressed on all of us kids that it was our responsibility to learn as much about our new country as we possibly could. It was our home now, and everyone knows about home! As a teenager I traveled the nation with my parents and saw more than a lot of folks ever see in a lifetime - watching my father take photographs all along the way.

All the talk of "green" and conservation of our natural resources struck a chord with me as well. Having seen so many of the wonders this land has to offer I feel strongly that my children and grandchildren have the same opportunity. I also

feel that, through my photography, I have the ability to document and share all these wonders with those not as fortunate to travel those backroads. My photos, as you can see via my website (www.bagnaturephotos.com), are nature, landscapes and wildlife photos. And most of those photos are relatively unchanged, except for color accuracy, from what they were as originally seen.

My philosophy:

"To remind us all that nature is something to be enjoyed and preserved for future generations. Those undisturbed, natural areas around us should be at the forefront of our minds each day as they shrink and disappear at an alarming rate. To educate those unfamiliar with the outdoors and all the beauty it has to offer. To help preserve these areas so vital to our very existence in the world."

I believe that the greatest woods is just an example of God's greatest cathedrals and love nothing better than walking quietly there on a snowy day so quiet you can hear the snow fall.

I'm fortunate to be married to a great guy and have two wildly successful children.

