

Gallery Opening for Local Photographer, Rita Templeton

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McCausland, IA / May 7th, 2012 – Peaceful River Trading Co. will feature the work of Rita Templeton on May 17th, 2012 with a Gallery Opening from 4-7pm. The gallery will feature some of Rita's latest photography work with images focusing on the natural beauty of our surrounding area.

Rita has always enjoyed nature and taking pictures; so it was only natural she took her passion to the next level when she received a SLR camera from her husband. Photography is not her fulltime career, although she hopes it will be some day. "I love to capture nature at her best. You only have a split second to achieve that perfect picture. Many times you have to wait for what seems like hours." says Rita. "I feel it's an honor that God has provided me the beauty and I have been able to capture it." And capture it she does. Rita's work ranges from stunning close ups of animals to beautiful pieces that juxtapose man and nature. When asked what she wants her viewers to get from her work, Rita said, "Life is not measured by breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away. That is how I want people to feel when they look at my photos."

When she wants that perfect shot, timing is everything. Sometimes Rita can capture her shot in an instant and sometimes it can take hours. One particularly long wait she can remember was when photographing a crane (see below). Rita found the perfect framing for this image, but the bird was not quite in the place she wanted, so she sat in the weeds and waited. The whole time she was swatting bugs and hoping her batteries wouldn't die. Her secret to capturing the perfect image is patience and it sure pays off.

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Peaceful River brings visitors back to a simpler time and is housed in a beautiful, circa-1916 bank building, formerly the home of McCausland State Bank. They carry many items from arts and crafts to antiques, gifts, and collectibles. Peaceful River Trading Co. is open from 10am to 5pm Wednesday through Saturday and 11am to 4pm on Sundays. McCausland is located about 20 miles northeast of Davenport, just off Utica Ridge Road on F33 and 5 minutes north of Scott County Park. Explore Peaceful River Trading Co. at www.peacefulrivertradingco.com.

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