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Rep. Andrews to Feature Photography of Local Artists at the State House



Second Franklin State Representative Denise Andrews (D-Orange) will feature the photography of two area residents in her State House office. Michael Kenny and Cynthia Brown Yackenckick are both residents of Greenfield. Four of their original photographs, featuring local landmarks of Franklin County will hang throughout the winter months and are part of an ongoing initiative to highlight original works of visual artists, engineers, scientists and innovators from the region. This is the second installation of visual art, replacing an exhibit by Orange resident Marla Cromwell. “Our region is host to tremendous creative talent and ingenuity in the arts, trades and sciences. Sharing this work with my colleagues and visitors to the State House is a simple but important service my office can provide.”

Two of the works feature the Eunice Williams Covered Bridge in Greenfield, which sustained significant damage due to flooding caused by Tropical Storm Irene earlier this year. The

remaining two pieces are beautiful shots of Poet's Seat Tower and the Bridge of Flowers in full bloom.

Michael Kenny has lived in Greenfield for most of his life. He loves to photograph a variety of subjects during any season. Michael began shooting with support from his coach, nature photographer Cynthia Brown Yackenchick. Mike had his first photo show in Wilson's Department Store for The Greenfield Recorder Winter Photo Contest in 2008. He has also participated in the Artist Window Exhibition, a collaborative effort by the Greenfield Business Association and the Artists of Franklin County, showing artists' work in downtown businesses.

A resident of Greenfield for some twenty years, Cynthia Brown Yackenchick, delights in showing how she experiences her life and love of the outdoors. Cynthia's wish is to inspire and encourage people through her images. "The beauty in nature is all around us but not everyone is fortunate enough to be able to explore the wonders of our world on their own," shared Cynthia.

Residents of the Second Franklin district, including the towns of Athol, Erving, Gill, Greenfield, Orange and Warwick that are interested in showing original works are encouraged to contact Andrews' office by phone at (617) 722-2460 or by email at denise.andrews@mahouse.gov

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