



Photographs by

Robert C. Johnston

a joint exhibit with painter Kathryn M. Niles

Friday, April 13 thru Sunday May 6 Hours: 12-3 PM or call 724 4183 for appointment

Focus on Venezuela and Other Places

Reception for the artists Friday, April 20th 4-7 PM Join Ruth and Bob Johnston for dessert and an exciting photo trip down the Grand Canyon of the Colorado Thursday, April 26, 7-9 PM

Cooperative Gallery213 on State Street www.cooperativegallery.com





# Kathryn M. Niles

# Robert C. Johnston

## A Collusion in Water and Stone

October 18 - November 10, 2002

Robert C. Johnston Kathryn M. Niles

Opening Reception Friday, October 18, 5–8 p.m.



Cooperative Gallery 213 213 State Street, Binghamton, New York 13901

#### Gallery Hours:

Friday, Saturday, Sunday, noon–3 p.m. for appointment call: 607.724.4183 or 607.723.9377 http://www.cooperativegallery.com Front: Harmony, 6" sq., Mixed Media, K Niles; Chaos, 11" sq., Silver Print, R. Johnston



 $H_2O$ Water in its many forms

Cumulus over Galveston Bay Robert C. Johnston

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Watercolors by Carolyn Gilligan

October 28<sup>th</sup> thru November 20<sup>th</sup>

Opening: Friday, October 28th 5-7PM

Gallery Hours: Fri 3-6, First Fri 3-9, Sat 12-3, Sun 12-3 By appointment: call 724 4183





## "CLOUDS"

An exhibit of black and white photos of landscapes featuring clouds by

**Robert C. Johnston** 

April 20 thru May 13, 2007

COOPERATIVE GALLERY 213 ON STATE STREET BINGHAMTON, NY

Hrs: Fri 3-6pm, First Fri: 3-9pm, Sat & Sun: 12-3pm

**Opening Reception:** Friday, April 20, 5:30 - 8pm

First Friday, May 4, 3-9pm

Binghamton Skyline by Robert C. Johnston



## Whispers from Our Industrial Past

Robert C. Johnston: Photography

Cooperative Gallery 213 On State St. Binghamton NY

Whispers October 3-26, 2008

Also Showing: Alexandra Davis, Karen Fedczuk, and Kathryn M. Niles

Reception- First Friday 10/03/08 3-9pm Artists Talk- Third Thursday 10/16/08 7 pm

Open Friday 3-6 pm Sat. 12-4 pm And by appointment.

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# **ROBERT C. JOHNSTON**

	EXHIBITING WITH KAREN FEDCZUK AND ÅLEXANDRA DAVIS IN "IT IS WHAT IT IS"
	<b>THIRD THURSDAY ARTISTS' TALK</b> JUNE 17TH, 7 PM AND BY APPOINTMENT WITH THE ARTISTS
	FIRST FRIDAY ART WALK JUNE 4TH, 3- 9 PM
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	JUNE 3 - 26, 2010
	PHOTOGRAPHS BY ROBERT C. JOHNSTON CURATED BY SUSAN AND RICHARD KENDROT
	IMAGES IN SILVER: ARTISTS' CHOICE

### **Robert C. Johnston**

### **Artist's Statement**

A camera is a wonderful instrument for forming a two dimensional record of whatever is within the scope of its lens. Depending on where we point it and what we include in the view finder we can single out those aspects of the physical world that create emotions for us: a sense of calm and serenity or perhaps excitement, terror, awe, loneliness, humor, joy, etc.

Part of our reaction to any picture stems from abstract shape and form (composition) and is almost instinctive. Our emotional response to a lovely curve, pleasing proportions or strong vertical, horizontal or diagonal lines seems to be universal and to cut across cultural lines.

Another part of our reaction depends on the subject matter itself. Based on our lifetime experiences and our imagination we may feel the excitement and perceived danger of a trip through thunderous rapids, the god like view from the top of a mountain, the quiet of a walk in the woods the joy of spring, the stimulation of people in action or the quiet calm of winter snow. For me the successful photograph is one in which both the abstract elements and the subject matter of the image reinforce each other to provide an emotional experience for the viewer.

I have been taking pictures since I was in grammar school some 70 years ago. I still recall the thrill, and often the disappointment, of getting prints back from the drug store. Later my first darkroom was the family bathroom. From the time I developed the first roll of film I have not relied on drug stores for developing and printing the output of my camera. (Today I don't think CVS would know what to do with black and white film!)

My father encouraged my interest in photography. He helped me build an enlarger and we even constructed a camera to make three-color separation pictures! When it came time to go away to school he urged me to study chemistry with a view to a career in the photographic industry. I agreed and my first job after graduation from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute was at Ansco here in Binghamton.

My present darkroom is a convenient facility where I can develop a roll of film or make an enlargement with a minimum of preparation. I find as much, or more, satisfaction in making prints as I do in taking the photograph. The controls available in the darkroom are a major factor in the making of a good photograph. Questions of what portion of the negative to include in the print, choice of paper and contrast, how dark to make the print - these and many other decisions made in the darkroom have a major influence on the impact of the final picture