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GENERATIONS: A BLUE SMOKE CONNECTION **A Photography Exhibit at RCC Hunters Woods**



RESTON, VA – Reston Community Center is delighted to showcase the works of father and son duo, John and Michael Mendez, along with former neighbor Rick Rosenwig in *Generations: A Blue Smoke Connection*. The exhibit will run from June 17 through July 31 at the Reston Community Hunters Woods.

The three artists developed an interest in photography while all residing on Blue Smoke Trail in South Reston 30 years ago when Michael and Rick were students at South Lakes High School. Since then, each artist has pursued his own artistic ways within the realm of photography. Michael is experimenting with non-camera studio imaging, Rick focuses on digital imaging exploring a wide range of subjects and John stands firmly entrenched in film-based landscape photography.

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Michael Mendez has made art and photography his career. He currently teaches photography, art history and aesthetics and design at Shepherd University. He is also a curator for the Aftermath Gallery in Boulder, Colorado, The Blue Elephant Art Center in Frederick, Maryland and the Frank Center for the Creative Arts Gallery in Shepherdstown, West Virginia. Michael earned his Bachelors of Fine Arts from the Corcoran School of Fine Arts and his Master Fine Arts from the University of Colorado. Visit www.michaelmendezart.com for more information.

Rick Rosenwig holds a Bachelor of Education from Virginia Tech and is currently employed in the high-tech Internet field. In his not-so-spare time, Rick operates a photography studio where his experimenting with digital panoramic photography by seaming together numerous digital files. For more information, visit www.ashburnphotos.com.

After his retirement, John Mendez made photography his key pursuit of artistic endeavors. John has received many awards in national and international competitions and his images are frequently featured in calendars and corporate advertising. In addition to his photography, John is showing some of his three dimensional work and "Haida" based pen and ink drawings.

About the Reston Community Center

Each year RCC offers more than 1,800 positive, self-development experiences that enhance the quality of life for all people living and working in Reston. RCC provides a wide range of programs in arts, aquatics, enrichment and life-long learning. We also create and sustain community traditions through special events, outreach activities and facility rentals. To find the programs or events that are right for you, visit www.restoncommunitycenter.org or call 703.476.4500.

Photo: "Amish Farm" by John Mendez.

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