

The Longmeadow News

Young and old across the globe

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CHICOPEE – “YOUNG & OLD ACROSS THE GLOBE: Multicultural Portrait Photography” by Amy S. Dane will be on view at the Borgia Gallery at Elms College from Sept. 1-28. The public is invited to a reception on Thursday, Sept. 12 from 4-6 p.m. Dane, a lifelong Longmeadow resident who describes herself as a “travel addict,” has visited 95 countries so far. Wherever she goes and whatever



At the market in Osh, Kyrgyzstan



Papeete market

landscape, art or architecture she experiences, it’s the people who never cease to fascinate her.

Geri Brunell, associate professor of fine arts and curator of the Borgia Gallery, asked Dane to exhibit some of her portraits taken on a journey across the Silk Road. Dane began in Almaty, Kazakhstan, backtracked through the Xinjiang Uighur Autonomous Region of China, continued through Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan and finally Turkmenistan. The photographer found her subjects in local bazaars, markets and Madrassas, often flashing smiles full of gold teeth.

Brunell was also captivated by an exhibit Dane had previously organized highlighting portraits of children worldwide. She requested both shows to

be mounted at the Borgia Gallery. Dane's response was to eliminate middle-age subjects, add some new faces and create a show focusing on young and old, emphasizing the Silk Road per Brunell's request.

The resulting exhibit is a multicultural glimpse of people from several continents and many countries. Each face has a story to tell, and Dane hopes that her audience will find it.

Dane also enjoys sharing her travels by giving culturally informative presentations. She exhibits her photography at libraries, hospitals and galleries.

Her entry won "Best in Show" in February, 2012 at the Friends of the Agawam Public Library 2nd Open Juried Photography Show. Dane won second place in photography at the Monson Arts Council's 2013 art show. She was honored in June, 2013 as one of "13 Extraordinary Women" by the Women's Philanthropy of the Jewish Federation of Western Massachusetts.

Visit her website at www.amydaneadventures.com for newspaper articles, cable television shows, photographs and upcoming events. She can be reached at amy@amydaneadventures.com.

Dane is a travel agent for Great Dane Travel, a Travel Companion affiliate. She is a contributing photographer to the Longmeadow News; a docent for the Michele and Donald D'Amour Museum of Fine Arts, Springfield, MA.; and a member of the Agawam Community Artists & Artisans. She received her B.A. (Smith College) and M.A. (Williams College) in Art History. She served as Education Coordinator at the Mount Holyoke College Art Museum for 11 years.

The Borgia Gallery is located on the second floor of the Mary Dooley College Center at Elms College, 291 Springfield Street in Chicopee. The gallery is open daily from 8:30am to 4:30pm. Visitors may park in the lot on the corner of Fairview and Springfield Street. For more information, call 413-594-2761.



Medgan, Papua New Guinea.



At the Toltuchka Oriental Bazaar,
Turkmenistan.

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