

## Local Photographer's Work Seen at Louvre in Paris

Well-known local photographer, Richard S. McWherter, recently had his photographic artwork shown at a reception held at the Louvre Museum in Paris, France, as part of the Annual Exposure Awards for contemporary photography. Sponsored by See.Me Exhibitions, McWherter's work titled *Yellow Woods*, was seen as part of the digital display on July 13th during the awards ceremony. Along with other photographers representing over 191 different countries, McWherter had the honor of having his artwork being displayed at the most esteemed museum in the world during the one night event.

McWherter's picture was also selected for publication in the companion compilation book *The Exposure Awards – The Nature Collection*. The full-color, hard-cover book is now available online with proceeds from the sale of the book benefiting Pencils of Promise, a non-profit organization that builds schools and educational opportunities for children worldwide.

*Yellow Woods* is from McWherter's portfolio series *Tactual Dreams* and includes his own unique digital process for combining hand-painted artwork with photographic images. Ac-

cording to McWherter, the title is a homage to the poem "The Road Not Taken" by Robert Frost and the imagery is an indirect reference to the obstacles that we all face in our own personal journeys. His work is often of nature or pastoral scenes near his home in rural Pennsylvania, with this



"Yellow Woods" by Richard S. McWherter from his *Tactual Dreams* portfolio.

image starting from a photograph he made in Laurel Hill State Park.

McWherter's photographic artwork is often seen in regional shows and galleries, but also in exhibitions both here and abroad, including international shows last year in Prague and Times Square in New York City. In 2014 he was the winner of the annual State Purchase Award, with his black and

white nature photograph titled *Reach* being added to the permanent collection at the State Museum of Pennsylvania in Harrisburg.

The next opportunity to see his work will be at the Mr. Fred Rogers Fine Arts Regional Juried Exhibition at the Latrobe Art Center, September 1-30, 2015. This annual group show includes a piece by McWherter titled "Flow", which like "Yellow Woods", is also from his *Tactual Dreams* portfolio.

In the fall, McWherter will be starting his 19th year as the Visual Arts Instructor at Derry Area High School, the same high school that he attended as a student. Also this year, he and his classmates last month celebrated their 40th year class reunion. McWherter resides in Derry, PA with his wife, recently retired DAHS chemistry teacher, Kimberly McWherter.

To view more images from the *Tactual Dreams* portfolio, use the link [www.richardmcwherter.com](http://www.richardmcwherter.com). To see a preview of *The Nature Collection* book, follow the link [issuu.com/exposureaward/docs/the\\_nature\\_collection](http://issuu.com/exposureaward/docs/the_nature_collection). The Pencils of Promise non-profit website is [www.pencilsofpromise.org](http://www.pencilsofpromise.org).

