



With attention to detail and a reverence for her subject matter, Amy Melious conveys an essence, as well as an image, in her photographic artwork. Mainly self-taught, she brings her experience with traditional photographic techniques and the personal style of experimentation to her mixed media works. "Each image is a process I very much enjoy. When I work with a camera, I begin at first as a witness, next a participant, then craftsperson. In the end, I feel I have learned, celebrated, and given back."

Spending much of her creative energy working with flowers, land or seascapes, Amy finds exquisite beauty in nuance, complexity in what is often con-

sidered simple, and poetry in the language of line and form.

Raised in rural Northern California, she has spent most of her life surrounded by forests near the wild Pacific Ocean. Today, she resides on an Island in British Columbia with her family, discovering a "beautiful, gentle environment that is new yet very familiar".

Amy also experiences a home away from home in Europe among the rich earth colors, cultures, and old friends. She visits periodically for extended stays, returning home with many of her memories on film.

