

Shifting Tides

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Meet Cat Larrea Anchorage, Alaska



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Artwork on Display
Tidewater Glacier

Cat Larrea has resided in Anchorage, AK for over thirty years. A retired geophysicist, her love of nature and science has been constant throughout her life and is significantly represented in her work. Travel and exploration of remote areas is a passion shared with her husband. On her journeys, whether to the local zoo in Anchorage, off the grid in Alaska, or as far afield as New Zealand, Iceland, and Africa, Cat is rarely without a camera. While her creative process most often begins with one or more of her own photographs, the results of her transformation of an image range from realism to abstraction. Cat has exhibited in numerous juried shows and at venues around the world and has taught digital image editing, targeting artists who seek alternative ways to bridge the gap from an inspiring photograph to a completed work.

Artist Statement

A tidewater glacier is one that reaches the sea. Having lived for over thirty years in Alaska, one of the most dramatic indicators of global warming I have witnessed is the alteration and thermal erosion of our sea level "ice rivers." My representation simplifies how multiple glaciers, like rivers, can flow together. However, in a relatively short time, my imaginary glacier will become two independent ones as it melts and seemingly withdraws up each valley. Gone will be its icebergs, its thunder as it fractures and calves, and in its place will be new exposed earth, ready for the change vegetation brings.