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### **Education/ Employment/ Adventures**

2008 –2012 Physical Therapy Assistant with Genesis Rehabilitation at various Assisted Living Facilities.  
1999 – 2008 Florida Real Estate agent, then Broker and President of Kokajko & Associates, licensed Residential Contractor (John P Kokajko Builder, Inc) and forming numerous real estate joint ventures.  
1997 - 1998 Physical Therapy Assistant for Sun Dance, Sun City Center, Florida.  
1995 – 1997 Kennebec Valley Technical College, Fairfield, Maine. Physical Therapy Assistant, Associate degree, highest GPA in PTA program.  
1978 - 1994 The Forks, Maine: Professional logger, rafting guide, Outfitter, B&B proprietor.  
1972 - 1978 Odd jobs and adventures – loading trucks for UPS in Edison, NJ; maintenance/painting handyman in Browns Mills, NJ; data control clerk for Blue Cross in Oakland, CA - interspersed with 2-3 month solo trips hitchhiking across the US and backpacking in state and national parks. Highlights included a month long canoe trip in Everglades National Park and enough time hiking in the deserts of Death Valley National Monument to still the inner dialog.  
1970 - 1972 Rutgers University; New Brunswick, New Jersey. Physics program.  
1969 - 1970 Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute; Troy, New York. Electrical engineering program.  
1969 Graduated Indian Hills High School, Oakland, NJ. National Honor Society

#### **Publications:**

- *Mark Piers*: Self published online and in print, soft cover. Four publications, totaling 93 pages, published in 2006 and 2007 that photo document the art and events of artist Mark Piers in Bradenton, Florida.
- *ArtSlam 2010, As seen by John Kokajko*: Self published online and in print, soft cover and hard cover. 80 page photo documentary of Art Slam 2010, an all day art event with 17 teams of artists.

#### **Commercial photography:**

- Still and video integrated into whitewater rafting trip experience with daily shooting by John Kokajko, his staff at Voyagers Whitewater and by Action Photography. 1981-1994
- Print and internet marketing campaigns for several businesses including a package for Green Seasons Nursery in 2007 with photography, design and production supervision of business cards, brochure, web site, trade show display and print ads for trade show publications.

#### **Solo exhibitions,**

**2011:** “**Prints**”, 20 piece exhibit, Charisma Café and Art Gallery, Bradenton FL

#### **2012:**

“**The Geometry of Botany**”, Curator Mathew Woodside, South Florida Museum, Bradenton Florida, 17 photographs on exhibit February 24<sup>th</sup> to April 8<sup>th</sup> (extended through mid August)

“**Plantscapes**”, f8 Gallery, Bradenton Florida. 19 photographs, April 6<sup>th</sup> to June 1

“**Inspiration**”, Manatee Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 14 photographs Sept 14<sup>th</sup> through

#### **EVENTS:**

**2008:** Photography of artist decorated piggy banks for fund raising project for the American Cancer Society,

**2010:** ArtSlam 2010, photo documentary

**2011:** Artslam 2011, Team Member with Claudia Deschu “Art in the Air”

**2010 Group exhibits: Photography entered in all exhibits unless noted otherwise**

“**From the Ground Up**”, Open, All media, Juror Frank Saso, Manatee Art Center, Bradenton FL

**“Feed the Soul”**, Open, All Media, Jurors Allyn Gallup and Diana Shelly, Art Center of Sarasota, Sarasota FL

**“Anything Goes”**, Open, photography, Juror Dottie Favorite, Manatee Art Center, Bradenton FL, 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

**“Ocean”**, Members, All Media, Juror Jamie Friedli, Manatee Art Center, Bradenton FL

**Marie Selby Botanical Gardens 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Juried Photography Exhibit**, Jurors Perry Johnson, Maria Lyle, John Revisky, Sarasota FL, 1st place “Marie Selby Botanical Gardens” category, 2<sup>nd</sup> place “Plants” category

**“A Collaboration With Nature”**, Open, All Media, Jurors Naomi Deutsch and Kim Litch, Art Center of Sarasota,

**Museum of Photographic Arts Member Show**, Tampa FL, Judges Lara Cerri (Photographer for the St. Petersburg Times), Victoria Cooke (Director, Leepa-Rattner Museum of Art), Carol Upham (Friends of Photography), 1<sup>st</sup> place “Digital Submissions” category.

**“The Other Persona”**, member show at Art Center of Sarasota, Sarasota FL

**“Best of the Best”**, all media invitational, Juror Debbie Cason Rankin, Manatee Art Center, Bradenton FL, awarded “Excellence in Photography”

**2012 Group exhibits: Photography entered in all exhibits unless noted otherwise**

**“Breaking Boundaries”**, Open, All Media, Juried, Sarasota Art Center

**Manatee Art Center Member Show**, all media, juried, “Honorable Mention” award

**Longboat Key Center for the Arts Annual Juried Exhibition**, photography juror James Johnson, awarded 2<sup>nd</sup> place and Honorable Mention

**“It’s Who We Are”** Sarasota Art Center members exhibit

**“Light and Drama”**, All Media, Open, Juror: Laura Keats Avery, Manatee Art Center awarded 2<sup>nd</sup> place

**Photography & Digital Arts**, Jurors: Clyde and Niki Butcher, Venice Art Center, 2 Merit Awards

**32nd Annual Juried Photography Exhibition**, Marie Selby Botanical Gardens, Jurors: Clyde Butcher, Maria Lyle, Daniel Perales, Awarded 3rd Place and Honorable Mention in “Selby Gardens” category; 2nd place in “Plants” category

**“The Sum of Its Parts”**, Open, All Media, Jurors Amanda Cooper, Naomi Deutsch, Sarasota Art Center

**“Inspired Visions”**, All Media, Open, Juried, Manatee Art Center, Honorable Mention

**Museum of Photographic Arts Member Show**, Tampa FL

**“Deep See”** Open, All Media, jurors for this exhibition are Laura Avery, Assistant Director of Selby Gallery and Rita Rust of Art Uptown, Sarasota. Honorable Mention.

**“Dog Days”** Open, All 2D Media, Art Uptown, Inc, Sarasota, Florida

**“Think Pink”**, All Media, Open, Juried, Manatee Art Center

**Fall Members Show**, All Media, Venice Art Center

**“Its Political”**, Juried, Sarasota Art Center, All Media, Video Slideshow of 2012 RNC Protest entered

**2013 Group exhibits: Photography entered in all exhibits unless noted otherwise**

**“Annual juried community exhibition”** at Longboat Key Center for the Arts/Ringling College of Art and Design, all media Mari Selby Botanical Gardens series #6904 awarded 1<sup>st</sup> place in photography.