

arts and entertainment

Unique work of Hesp on display at library

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One local photographer is inviting everyone to see the light.

Until Aug. 31, the work of photographer Elizabeth Hesp will be on display in the foyer of the central branch of the Kingston Frontenac Public Library.

The talent behind Lens Glow Creations, Hesp said she is inspired every day by light. She believes that with the right moment, place and angle, light can transform something ordinary into something extraordinary.

"I see everything as an image," said Hesp. "My eyes, when they look at something, they frame it. If I see things in front of me with ambient lighting at that time, if I go for a walk and see blade of grass, I visualize how it would look with light at a certain angle thrown upon it. It can stand out by itself in all of its beauty and glory just because the spotlight is on it. It's like being on stage. Everything in our environment can be a star."

Born in India, Hesp immigrated to Canada 17 years ago. The appreciation for the country she now calls home shines through in her work.

"There's a bit of homage to Kingston and to Canada," said Hesp. "Most immigrants feel strongly about this. This is a country where you can go a bit further, where you can realize your potential, where you can explore."

She said her upcoming show pays tribute to what is beautiful around her.

"I don't just take images," said Hesp. "It's all emotional. It's the right emotion, the positive emotion, and that's what I want to transmit to my viewers through my images. It's a happy show, a show of inspiration [and] of gratitude. It's all those things, and it comes from the heart. It's a part of me out there."

She said she feels especially lucky to live in Kingston because of its interesting past.

"It is such a historic city," said Hesp. "It's so rich in history and heritage. The limestone buildings in downtown. If you can't get better than that. You have Fort Henry and Queen's [University] and it just lends itself to



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Photographer Elizabeth Hesp prepares to take some photos in Breakwater Park. Some of her work will be on display throughout August in the Foyer Gallery of the Kingston Frontenac Public Library's downtown branch.

art and to photography."

Although she has been a professional photographer for 10 years, the desire to create images with a camera has been in her since she was just a small child. But with two parents in the medical field, art was something she did on the side, something that she had to

make an excuse for.

These days, she balances a part-time job as a research assistant at Queen's University with her career as a photographer. To her, it couldn't get any better.

"It has been a long journey, a long process to be where I am right now," said Hesp. "Being

able to show who I am and give forth and make these images using the medium of photography, it's been a long process. But it started with being able to believe in myself."

Hesp is urging Kingstonians to visit her show at the library to see photography that is not only beautiful, but local as

well.

"I urge people to come and take a look at what is familiar but seen in a different light," said Hesp. "It's an interesting visual treat."

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The central branch of the Kingston Frontenac Public Library is located at 130 Johnson St. Hesp's photo art prints and canvases will soon be available from Randall's on Princess Street and from her own website at www.lensglowcreations.com.