

Lori Cleland

Photographer, Cheboygan, MI

Coming from a family of musicians and artists, the arts made an impact on my life from an early age. I studied piano as a child and added the guitar at 16 which led me to performing for more than 20 plus years as part of an award winning folk group, Just Friends. I sang lead, played the guitar and 5-string banjo. We were privileged to play for many audiences throughout the midwest as well as Cape Breton, Nova Scotia. I went on to achieve a Bachelors of Music Education and Vocal Performance as well as a Masters in Music which enabled me to enjoy a teaching career as a music educator in the Michigan public Schools.

After retiring from teaching my husband and I relocated from Oakland County to Cheboygan. I have always loved photography but never seriously approached it until our move up North. After joining the Cheboygan Area Photography Club I was hooked. I love the beauty and nature in this area. With the Cheboygan River and Lake Huron minutes away, natural beauty and wildlife is everywhere. Being in nature and on the water is my "Zen." I try to immerse myself in it as often as possible.

Through photography my hope is to bring the wonder and beauty of northern Michigan to the general public. The endless beauty is astonishing. It is ever-changing and something new is to be seen every day. Most of my photos include nature; birds and wildlife as well as rural scenes and landmarks from the surrounding area.

In addition to my prints, I have also self-published two books, "The Cheboygan River Song" and "Hey, Little Bird" which include photographs of Cheboygan, the surrounding areas and the U.P. accompanied by songs I have written that are available for download. I have been fortunate to share my photographs in juried and non-juried exhibits including the Crooked Tree Arts Center, The Cheboygan Library, The Mackinac Island Reflections Exhibit, the Cheboygan Carnegie Library, Pellston Airport and the Gaylord Council for the Arts, to name a few.

If you are around Cheboygan you may find me performing regularly at the Queenshead Wine Pub or at the Beau est Beau. In the summer, you'll find me on the water as much as possible!

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