**!Havana 2015!**

Local fine art photographer, Kathy Silbernagel, has recently traveled to Cuba and will be exhibiting her photographs in our corridor gallery for the coming weeks. The images were made in the tradition of “street photography”, meaning chance encounters on the streets of Havana as well as in the lush Cuban countryside.

Traditional Cuban culture is palpable in these engaging images, which reflect the ingenuity of a joyful people whose lives are surely about to change as restrictions from the United States are eased almost on a weekly basis.  There is much controversy about President Obama’s approach to normalizing relations between the US and Cuba. Some consider it long overdue, and others consider it a capitulation to the Castros. In the making of these images, Kathy spoke one-on-one to the people she photographed, asking each their views of the future, the Revolution, the Castros and their relationship with America. Their views are fascinating and shed a little light on the complex reality that is Cuba.

Kathy will share her experiences and share a few additional images at a talk she will give on Wednesday, April 6th at 7:00 PM in the sanctuary. Please make plans to come for this very timely subject!