



Smoke N Mirrors Photography, a Creative Venture

Smoke N Mirrors Photography, a new studio and gallery space in Oakland, provides digital photography services, exhibit space for artists, and a venue for events such as concerts in downtown Oakland, Maryland.

Doing nearly every kind of photography except weddings, owner Dave Bruffy freelances for magazines, documents events, creates pet and people portraits, and provides photography for businesses. He offers affordable packages for high school graduates so they can have a record of this special time in their lives.

When Dave was searching for a business space, he discovered Oakland, in Garrett County, Maryland, and was impressed with the active, thriving community and strong rates of tourism. In October of 2016 he found a suitable building and began renovation.

Smoke N Mirrors houses exhibits, events, and a studio. Flexible walls allow adjustments when a large studio or performance space is needed. The floor has been finished in a striking white-streaked black for an effect that Dave calls a poor man's marble.

The grand opening coincided with Winter Fest in February 2017, a time that people remember for its unseasonal 70 degree temperatures. Matt Jordan, a jazz musician, brought his upright piano in the back of a Town & Country van to play for the open house.



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Dave is interested in collaborating with all kinds of artists. Smoke N Mirrors recently hosted the open studio hours of Rebecca McClive, a local visual artist. Dave would like to engage in and create many more events. In fact, part of his volunteer work in the business and arts community has been to contribute to an events committee. He also was part of the successful application that has made Oakland Maryland's 25th Arts and Entertainment District.

Dave has been delighted with the warm welcome of the community. Smoke N Mirrors has hours six days a week to make it easy to stop in and see current exhibits. For information about photography services, exhibiting, or performing, contact Smoke N Mirrors via website or phone.

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Hours:
12-6 Tuesday – Friday; 11-6 Saturday; 11-3 Sunday

Photos on facing page: Visitors admire photography and the gallery interior during Smoke N Mirrors' open house.

