



Joan Bold

I was born in Brooklyn NY in 1934. After High School I started working in the Collection Department of Marine Midland Bank. A year later, I took a job as a Dental Assistant close to my home in Brooklyn and didn't have to travel the Subways. In those days, the Dentist trained you chair-side to assist. I loved the job and stayed for 10 years, during which time I married and had two children.

In 1968, my husband, two children and I drove from NY to California in a Volkswagen Van, seeing all the National parks. I couldn't believe the beauty of this country...we have it ALL...plains, mountains, gorges, caves, farmland, big cities, lakes, rivers, oceans, waterfalls, and deserts. I regret now, not knowing how to capture all that beauty on film.

My husband Al, a fireman, was in an explosion in 1974 and was burned 80% of his body. After 2 ½ years in the hospital and rehab, we moved to New Port Richey where everything was flat, ideal for a wheelchair which he was confined to. We bought a home on the water, because we both loved to fish, got a pontoon boat that he could get on and drive, and we fished happily for 30 years, until he passed away.

My interest in Photography started when I joined Chasco Camera Club about six years ago. I knew nothing about photography except how to take "snapshots". I bought a Canon 4 mp camera, then an 8 mp and then a 12 mp. And now, through Chasco Camera Club I've learned how to capture our gorgeous Florida sunsets, flowers, wildlife, and "simple" things with my digital camera. It is a fun and enjoyable hobby for me. I hope to continue to learn more.