

Larry Zomer

Photographer

Larry Zomer, owner and head photographer for Zomer Photography, a division of Z' Arts, is well known here in the Reed City area not only as a man of local color, but also as an upstanding musician, photographer, and educator. After spending 32 years as band director in various parts of Michigan, the final 18 here in Reed City, he is now doing the things that he enjoys most. Those are working with people, in music throughout the State of Michigan as clinician, adjudicator, musician, director, and now photographer and graphic designer.

Mr. Zomer, originally from Vicksburg, a small town in Southwestern Michigan, is now well known throughout the entire state of Michigan. He graduated from Western Michigan University with a BME in 1972. He has done graduate studies at University of Michigan, Michigan State University, VanderCook College, University of Wisconsin, Indiana State University, Westchester State College, Northern Michigan University, and University of Massachusetts in Amherst.

It was during those first few difficult years that he decided that “maybe the tough road of education was not necessarily the road he wanted to follow to success.” He then went back to Western Michigan University to study Photography in the evenings and in the Summer. When he finally went to see a counselor about graduating in photography, he found out that photography was part of the Library Science Curriculum, not the Arts as he assumed. A new job in the U.P. of Michigan in teaching, made his decision to continue in Music a reality. During this job, he taught a very popular course in Photography as part of the adult education program. He began his own very successful business at the same time doing weddings and senior pictures. A family with a wife and two small boys, and a move back to the Lower Peninsula found him packing up his cameras and darkroom for more family time.

Since his retirement, his photography has now become his foremost passion. He has his own studio at his home where he does family photography, senior pictures, baby photography, and glamour photography. His shots of local scenery and landmarks have become popular in Osceola County. You are welcome to visit his webpage to see more of his photos at www.myspace.com/zomerphotography . You may contact him at lzomer@www.wildblue.net .