Local photographer’s work exhibited

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Turning a hobby into a career has brought much success and many awards to Roger Broussard. The Jeanerette photographer receives much enjoyment from his work. "I love working with people and being behind the camera," said Broussard.

Although he only became familiar with photography 13 years ago, he has received numerous awards and honors for his work. He first became interested in photography while he was enlisted in the Navy. "I was fortunate to be stationed on one of the newer ships with a darkroom," said Broussard. "Others on the ship had some knowledge of photography from high school courses. I developed an interest from them," he added.

As his interest in photography continued, he then studied at Mid Florida Tech. After working with a photographer for a short time, he ventured into business for himself; building a profession around his love for photography.

Although Broussard continues to attend schools to keep up with latest techniques, he admitted much of his knowledge has come from self-teaching.

Throughout the years Broussard feels that the trend has changed more to fashion type photography — not standard type background but more environmental types. Just as ever other photographer, Broussard has a favorite subject which he enjoys photographing. "I really like children. I could do children 24 hours a day 7 days a week," said Broussard.

One of his favorite projects is a children's photo contest he sponsors each year associated with aiding March of Dimes. Next year he is hoping to promote it to different ages. The winner of the contest goes on to compete on a national level.

Achieving the right effect and conveying the right mood is important to Broussard. A favorite portrait of Broussard is one he photographed of his father in a slicker suit. To achieve the effect of rain on the suit, his son squirted it with a water gun. The portrait scored high enough to hang in state competition.

Broussard said the highest award he has ever received for a photograph is seeing the eyes of parents light up as they see their child's portrait.

Broussard's work will be on exhibit through the month of May at the Jeanerette Bicentennial Museum. Anyone viewing his work will receive a complimentary portrait session.