



“...and the snowflakes became stars | perkins cove, ogunquit, maine”, aluminum archival dye sublimation print by Eric J. Taubert.

## Photographer Brings Ogunquit Art Colony to Florida

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One of Ogunquit fine art photographer Eric Taubert’s pieces depicting Perkins Cove in Ogunquit, was accepted into Big Arts first-ever juried exhibit to open in their new Dunham Family Gallery on Sanibel Island, FL.

The show is entitled “Create, Inspire, Connect”, and mirrors the Big Arts 2021 Season theme which celebrates the vital role the arts play in reflecting our shared humanity and the healing power of community and creativity. The show opens October 1st and can be viewed on site by limited groups at a time. You can also visit the show online in a 3D virtual gallery starting October 5 at [www.bigarts.org](http://www.bigarts.org).

The photo being exhibited by Taubert at the Big Arts “Create, Inspire, Connect” exhibition is an archival aluminum dye sublimation print of “...and the snowflakes became stars | perkins cove, ogunquit, maine”.

“For half of the year,” states Taubert, “I live in an historic home just outside of Perkins Cove in Ogunquit. When I walk out the door, I’m standing on truly hallowed ground when it comes to American art history. This is the same scenery that inspired Charles H. Woodbury, Gertrude Fiske (and so many other notable artists) to form the storied Ogunquit Art Colony. There are very few towns in the world, especially tiny towns like Ogunquit, that have been depicted so many times by such a wide variety of artists over the years. This photo, ‘..and the snowflakes became stars | perkins cove, ogunquit, maine’, was captured

as part of my ongoing effort to create artwork that honors the legacy of the Ogunquit Art Colony, while also saying something new, adding something original to the large body of work this town has inspired.”

“For the other half of the year,” continues Taubert, “I return to Southwest Florida. Sanibel and Captiva are such an important part of my life. This is where I married my wife. These are the places that sparked something in me, so many years ago, to explore every inch of shoreline with my camera in every quality of light – and begin earnestly working to develop my own voice through the medium of photography. I was very pleased to hear I was going to be able to merge my love for Ogunquit and Sanibel by showing in this “Create, Inspire, Connect” exhibition at Big Arts. It feels like something has come full circle.”

Big Arts received a record number of art submissions for the “Create, Inspire, Connect” exhibition. More than 110 artists submitted 205 pieces of artwork in response to Big Arts call for submission. Submissions included everything from watercolor and oil paintings, to sculpture and photography.

“The response to the show was fantastic!” said Big Arts Programs and Gallery Manager, Lauren Huff “It was great to see the mix of artists, and the artwork they submitted. We had submissions from Big Arts members, past artists who have shown with us, and a ton of new artists from across the country – as well as a few international submissions.”

For more information, call the Big Arts box office at 239-395-0900 or visit [www.taubert-gallery.com](http://www.taubert-gallery.com).