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STREET SHOTS – WALKING SAN ANTONIO

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Originally from New Jersey, Karen Zimmerly graduated with a BA degree from Drew University, Madison, NJ. She first started working in photography when she was employed at a small weekly Rhode Island newspaper. She went on to take photography classes at the University of Rhode Island and in a graduate program at Humboldt State University in Arcata, California, earning a MA in photography in 1981. Karen has worked as a picture framer, a photography teacher and most recently as Collections Manager at the San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts. She worked originally in black and white and in recent years switched to digital color work. She has shown her photography in a number of regional Texas museums and most recently at the Gallery at Musical Bridges Around the World. She and her husband, John Mattson, started a photo project in 1982 when they first moved to Texas, photographing many declining, small towns. In 2014 they moved to San Antonio, where they are renovating an old house and exploring their new city.

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These photos reflect the chance encounters I have with the built world around me taken over the past 6 years during many walks around the streets of San Antonio. I'm attracted to the ways places change over time and what people do to the places they inhabit. I enjoy finding some small unassuming spot that was never intended to draw attention and turn it into an arresting photograph. Photography as a means of artistic expression attracted my attention over forty years ago. I bought a camera, took lots of pictures, found darkrooms to use, and enrolled in numerous art and photo classes. I've worked in many ways over the years from setting up still lifes to shooting at night, but I find that simply grabbing a camera and taking a walk is always a great process. It is something I share with my husband who is a painter and photographer, and though we each work individually we frequently travel on foot together.

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Avenue B, May 3, 2020



Dittmar Alley, November 24, 2019



West Baylor Street, June 26, 2016



Zarzamora Street, February 26, 2018



Carolina Street, December 16, 2018



South Flores Street, November 24, 2019



Florida Street, December 16, 2018



East Josephine Street, March 24, 2019



South Flores Street, April 21, 2019



Broadway, June 16, 2019



South Flores Street, June 26, 2016



Rigsby Avenue, December 15, 2019



West Laurel Street, March 18, 2019



West Avenue, February 26, 2018



West Avenue, January 11, 2020



Rigsby Avenue, December 15, 2019



Zarzamora Street, June 16, 2019



Roosevelt Avenue, June 18, 2016



West Avenue, February 26, 2018



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