

# Radigan's Adirondack Heart... cont'd from page 5

tragically intertwine: *Forever/Every time I put my arm around you/wish that word/And if I forget/the slow burn of your eyes/reminds me.*

"Reflecting on Sunrise" is an image of the most beautiful Adirondack decay, a boggy patch of water surrounded by tamaracks in decline, yet bathed in re-

flected roseate fog and blue.

Past and Present: *The memories of the ancients/lay waiting in the mists and reflections/I love being at the still point/where everything is possible/and the past has lost its grip.*

"Sunset at Browns Tract Inlet" an image of dark woods against a golden sky, it is so very human to gaze on it and imagine feelings of Guilt: *Ask for forgiveness/while the woods wait indifferently.*

"The Adirondack Heart" is divided into two sections: "Certainty" and "Mystery."

This division appears artistic or related to photographic technique, yet Radigan may be asking the reader to consider the concept of Perception.

In "Certainty" the style often is very Asian in simplicity.

One might think of Radigan's choice of subjects the way George Nakashima viewed wood in his philosophy of furniture making: *"There must be a union between the spirit in wood and the spirit in man. The grain of the*

*wood must relate closely to its function. Gradually a form evolves, much as nature produces the tree in the first place."*

Betsy Folwell, Creative Director of Adirondack Life Magazine, in a forward says that her friend John Radigan "...took artistic risks, his images ranging from the serene and evocative to vivid kaleidoscopes that challenge the viewer."

In "Mystery," Radigan challenges ideas of perception: *What if the things we see/are no more than thoughts/the voice of an animal unseen/calling in the night?*

Peering through a lens or admiring great photographs, or gazing at a lover may be very different from now on.

To young or inexperienced photographers this advice is offered: *Turn the stuff in front of us/Into Dreams.*

In "Mystery" the risks are beautiful and evocative of other risk takers.

The image "Melancholy" may evoke Monet; "Study in Blue and Orange," Mark Rothko.

Even for those with only the bare patience of Clark Griswold in the great Grand Canyon scene from the movie "National Lampoon's Vacation," these Adirondack scenes are powerful enough for pause and contemplation.

"Sunrise-Bald Mountain" and "First Light-Moss Lake" are wonders of morning and light, while "Guide Boat at Sunset-Seventh Lake" and "Blue Mountain from Raquette Lake" are lustrous fabrics of color.

For your inner leaf peeper waiting for PEAK COLOR, the images "Fall Color-Cary Lake Outlet" and "In the Mood for Fall" will always be there to pass around to guests showing the beauty of this time of reds, yellows, and oranges.

"The Adirondack Heart" will be on sale at Gallery 3040 (gallery3040.com) in Old Forge.

Other works by John Radigan are easily accessible online at John Radigan Photography (ad-klight.com).

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