



## Rebecca Mayberry

Rebecca is 15 and has been homeschooled since kindergarten. As a Christian, she loves using her abilities and talents to glorify God.

Rebecca has always had an interest in art and has been exploring various avenues of

this interest, including photography. She began her journey in photography a few years ago when she decided to play with her dad's new digital camera. One trip outdoors and about 50 pictures later, she discovered an overwhelming joy in capturing the beauty of nature. Continuing the theme of art in nature, she now takes regular hikes and walks in search of inspiration. With each photo, she strives to stir emotion in the observer and draw them closer to the subject, as well as spark a curiosity and respect for the magnificent creation of the earth.

In the future, Rebecca hopes to look into more abstract styles of photography in both nature and daily life of people. She also enjoys writing and has written short poems that relate to her photography. Besides photography, she enjoys drawing and oil painting using colorful and/or unique subjects. Biology is another of her passions, one that she hopes to eventually pursue as a career and serves as another basis for her art. A few of her other hobbies include ice skating; cooking; and reading historical fiction, and fantasy, along with the classics.

# MIXED MESSAGES

## Homeschooled Teen Girls Tell Stories



RAGGED EDGE COFFEE HOUSE  
GETTYSBURG, PA  
MAY 1 THROUGH JUNE 30

OPENING RECEPTION FRIDAY  
MAY 1ST 7-9 PM

Photography show at the Finer Edge Gallery 110 Chambersburg St.





## Emily Fox

Emily Fox is 15 years old and has been homeschooled all her life. Her passions include holistic veterinary medicine and environmental activism. Emily is a member of three local environmental action groups and has recently started “Youth for a Sustainable Future”, a group

of local teens wanting to do their part to combat global climate change. Emily also enjoys baking, kayaking, biking, gardening, drama, playing the piano, training her dog Riley, and reading fantasy and various environmentally themed non-fiction books. Previously the owner of “Emily’s Lemonade and Cookies” Emily’s next business venture is yet to be determined. Emily does not have TV service at her house (and is very happy without it) but enjoys watching online independent news programs and listening to public radio. She is also active with the Unitarian Universalist Church of Gettysburg.

Her photographs include her pets PlayfulOne, Lyra, and Riley. Emily was inspired to try and capture their wonderful personalities through photography in order to preserve their wonderful expressions.

PlayfulOne is famous for her photogenic nature and ability to “strike a pose”. Lyra is a kitten with a cute and energetic nature. It is hard to find Lyra still long enough to snap a photo. And Riley, with her beautiful smile, has the ability to capture the heart of any dog lover.

Emily would like to thank: Caroline Jones for giving her the opportunity to show her artwork to the community; her dad for giving her her first camera; and her mom for her love and support, and for saying yes to getting pets, even though she ends up feeding them more than half the time.



## Eliza Schmidt

Eliza is 13 years old and has been home schooled almost her entire life. She is also a life-long vegan (complete avoidance of animal products) and feels strongly about animal rights and good food. She loves to cook and attends a monthly

vegan potluck where she showcases her famous vegan cupcakes. Hardly anything irks Eliza more than being accused of being a plant killer, or those "save a cow, eat a vegetarian" bumper stickers. After all, eating a *non-vegan/vegetarian* would save more than *two* cows. It's like saving two birds with one stone!

Eliza likes to take pictures of pretty things, or things that have potential to be pretty, and take very close up or interesting shots of them to make them different and more intense than what you see in your everyday life. Photography is just one of many art forms she enjoys. She can also be found writing, drawing, cooking, wood turning, sculpting and much, much more! While she does these activities during most of the time she is off the computer, (and sometimes while she isn't) she also enjoys reading, sometimes until far past her bedtime. Eliza hopes to combine two of her passions – art and writing – into a career as a graphic novelist.

She has spent most of her life on a farm, where she has learned the values of integrity, honesty, hard work, and avoiding getting tossed in the air by the pig, who just didn't know her own strength.