

SCC photographer couple to exhibit in St. Petersburg and Tampa at different venues

Married couple Peter Bates and Cheryl Levin will both be exhibiting their photographs in September, but at two different venues. The St. Petersburg Museum of History will host "Florida Bodegas and the Immigrant Experience" by Peter Bates. The Bunker in Ybor City will feature the photographs of Cheryl Levin in an exhibit entitled "Day at the Junkyard."

Bates has been a documentary photographer for over 40 years. For his current series, he travels all over Florida in search of colorful bodegas and convenience stores, mostly owned

and run by immigrants. He employs unusual techniques and mostly photographs at twilight. In addition, he photographs and films the owners to convey compelling details about their lives and businesses. He has exhibited in many venues in Florida and New England and is currently a member of the Sun City Center Photo Club.

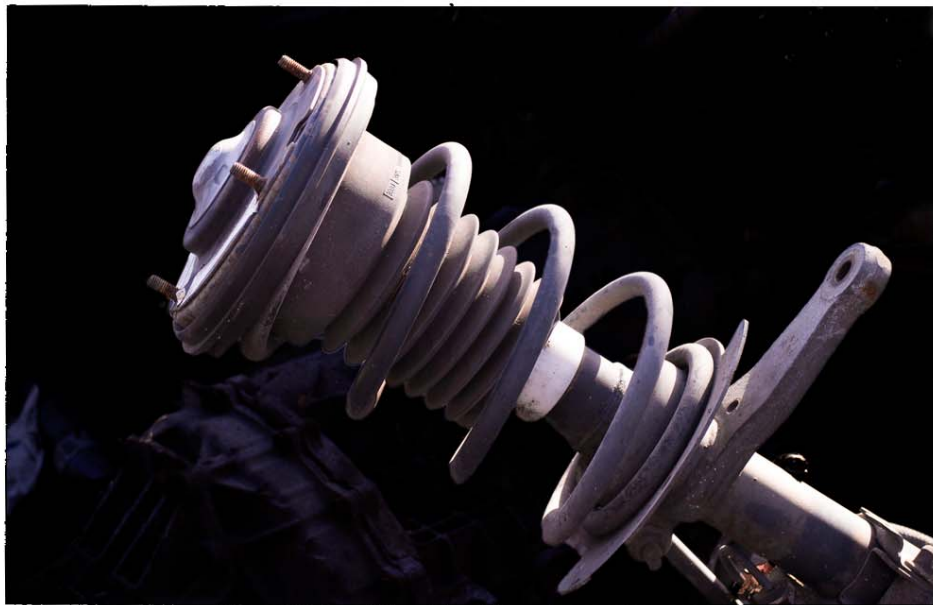
Levin has been foraging in junkyards for the past 10 years, looking for scrap electronic components, auto parts, recycled metal and peeling paint. What she comes up with are photographs that give junk and scrap a chance to

live again as works of art. She, too, has exhibited in Florida and New England venues and also is a member of the Sun City Center Photo Club.

Opening Information:

The St. Petersburg Museum of History, 335 Second Ave. N.E., St. Petersburg. On view from Sept. 15 through Oct. 31. Opening reception: Sept. 15 from 5 to 7 p.m.

The Bunker, 1907 N. 19th St., Ybor City, Tampa. On view from Sept. 11 through Oct. 8. Opening reception: Sept. 24 from 1:30 to 3 p.m.



Suspension Spring by Cheryl Levin



Hidalgo by Peter Bates