



**Tai Sophia  
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**COLOR PHOTOGRAPHS BY FRANK SMITH TO SHOW IN  
TAI SOPHIA INSTITUTE'S HIMMELFARB GALLERY**

**Laurel, MD (February 23, 2009)** – “Simple & Elegant,” photographs by Maryland artist Frank Smith, will be on display from March 5 to May 30, 2009, in the Himmelfarb Gallery on the Tai Sophia Institute campus. **An artist reception, which is open to the public, will be held from 5:00 to 7:00 pm on Thursday, March 19, 2009.**

“Simple & Elegant” takes its inspiration from *Shibui*, a Japanese word which refers to a particular aesthetic of simple, subtle and unobtrusive beauty. While attending university, Smith saw an exhibit of Japanese art and encountered this “idea” which has had a lasting impression upon him. Even in his corporate life, he earnestly looked for simple and elegant solutions to issues. Now retired from corporate life, Smith has turned his focus to photography and seeks to apply *Shibui* to his artworks of everyday scenes of our world. In this exhibition, he has focused on the natural world.

Frank Smith holds degrees from Drexel University, as well as an MBA from New York University’s Stern School. Prior to a thirty year corporate career in international business, he and his wife spent two years in Cali, Colombia as Peace Corp volunteers. Since retirement, he has taken intensive courses at the Santa Fe Workshops where he has studied with photographers Jay Maisel, Eddie Soloway, John Weiss, Arthur Myerson, Jack Dykinga, and

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Steve Northrup. Smith has exhibited his award-winning photographs in the Baltimore area and in Ocean City, NJ. His work has been published in *Rangefinder Magazine* and recently selected by *New Mexico Magazine*.

Himmelfarb Gallery hours are:

**Monday—Thursday: 8:00 am–7:00 pm**

**Friday: 8:00 am–5:00 pm**

**Saturday: 8:00 am–4:00 pm**

Call **410-888-9048** for additional weekend hours. Artworks are for sale through the Meeting Point Bookstore, adjacent to the gallery. The Tai Sophia Institute campus is located at 7750 Montpelier Road, Laurel, Maryland (off Rt. 29 and Johns Hopkins Road – 5 miles south of Columbia). For more information, please contact John Wilson at Tai Sophia Institute at **410-888-9048, ext. 6619** or at [@tai.edu](http://tai.edu). Digital images are available by request.

**ABOUT TAI SOPHIA INSTITUTE**

Tai Sophia Institute, a private, nonprofit organization based in Laurel, Maryland, is a center for wellness-based education, client care, and public policy discourse. Founded in 1975 as a small healing arts clinic, the Institute has evolved into a diverse resource providing graduate academic programs, continuing education, community wellness programs, and clinical services in acupuncture, nutrition, and herbal medicine. Its 12-acre main campus also houses a bookstore, herbal dispensary, library, herb and meditation gardens. Tai Sophia is accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education and offers three graduate degrees in Acupuncture, Herbal Medicine, and Applied Healing Arts. The Master of Acupuncture program was the first in the United States to be accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine. The Institute's faculty, staff, and students donate more than 15,000 community service hours to a variety of projects, and its

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practitioners provide more than 35,500 treatments and consultations yearly. The Institute empowers wellness leaders, business executives and communities to learn the art of caring for and serving one another.

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