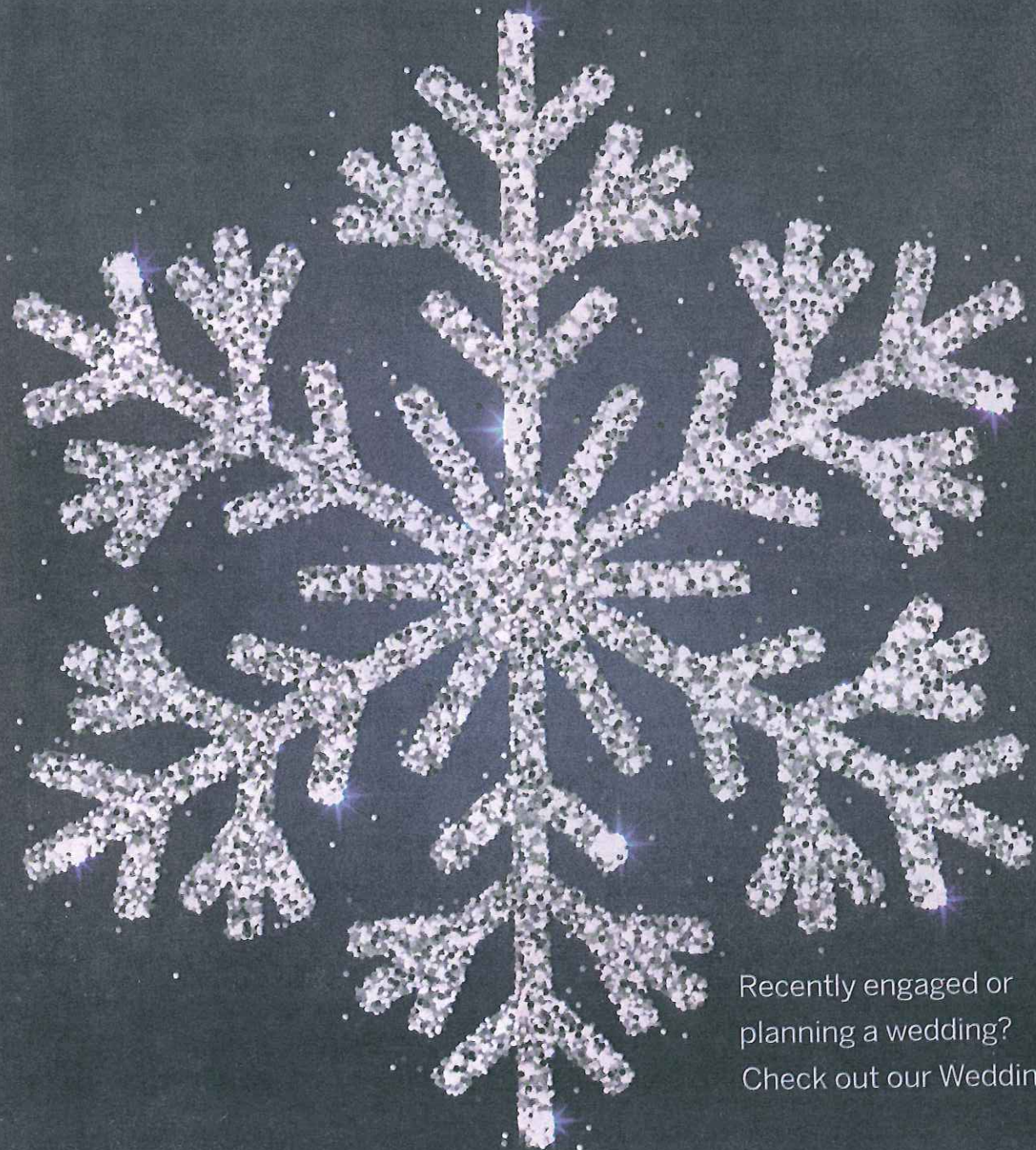


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Gallery features photos of Stone Peng

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“Zen — new type of Photography,” a solo exhibit by Taiwan-born photographer Stone Peng, is on display during January at First Church Art Gallery, 227 E. Fulton St.

Stone Peng has lived in Michigan for more than 28 years, moving to Grand Rapids from Holland about 17 years ago.

HIS PHILOSOPHY

Taking photos since the early 1980s, the artist has tried to show the Chinese philosophy of life and the aesthetic principles “less is more” and “empty is full” in creating his images.

“Using primarily white tones in the background lends a simplicity and ethereal purity to a subject that gives you a calm, peaceful, infinitely deep and immeasurable feeling,” Stone Peng believes.

“The empty space offers the viewer a peaceful feeling and also gives the viewer a chance to focus on what it takes to find balance in life and capture a little piece of our self. Tranquility, simplicity and beauty are the essence of my images.”

In the series of photography works titled “4-seasons, Spring, Summer, Fall and Winter,” Stone Peng uses the primarily white tones in background to lend a simplistic purity to a subject. “Floating Lights Nature Series,” uses the long exposure and moves the camera to create abstract photos.

“My Images of Chicago,” show four images each representing the artist’s view of the relationship of nature, landmarks and the people of Chicago.

DISPLAYS AND AWARDS

The artist’s photos are on display in public and private collections throughout West Michigan, the United States and beyond.

In March, the photographer received fourth place for “4-fence line” at the West Michigan Area Show presented by Kalamazoo Institute of Arts and best photographer award at the East Lansing Art Festival in May and 56th annual Krasl Art Fair on the Bluff, sponsored by the Krasl Art Center in July. Two of his art works were nominated at the 12th annual Black & White Spider Awards from 8,121 entries from 74 countries. Info: stonepeng.com.



Works by photographer Stone Peng will be on display for the month of January at First Church Art Gallery in Grand Rapids. Image from the artist