

Valley Artisans Co-op in Deep River is pleased to introduce our newest member - Olivier Thiriet, photographer extraordinaire. Three years ago, Olivier and his family came to Deep River from Dole, France (population 24,949), perhaps inspired in part by the grandeur of the Ottawa river that separates Ontario and Quebec, much as the Doubs river of his previous home separates France and Switzerland in a similar wild and rural setting.

Several years ago, Olivier began to pursue photography as a hobby, and as his skill grew he set up his business as a professional photographer. As most readers will know, the last few years has been a time of enormous change in photography, as digital devices replaced traditional film cameras, darkroom magic was replaced with computer magic and the English language acquired the new verb “to photoshop”. Olivier would have none of the latter - he remains wedded to traditional photographic techniques, utilizing his computer to crop and frame subjects only.

Yet, his results are remarkable. Viewers are immediately struck by the sometimes vibrant, sometimes subtle, colours in his photographs, and his choice of subject matter. Although in France he particularly enjoyed photographing architecture, his inspiration in Deep River includes the local wildlife and the landscape. He particularly enjoys outdoor portraiture, to maximize use of the many beautiful local backgrounds and the beauty of natural light.

Olivier is feeling satisfied about his move to Deep River. He enjoys the community lifestyle, preferring the quiet and relatively slow pace of life. By joining the Valley Artisans Co-op Olivier hopes to promote his career as a professional photographer, and to present himself, his work and his style to the community and beyond.

View of the Ottawa River as seen from the Deep River waterfront – Olivier Thiriet ©

