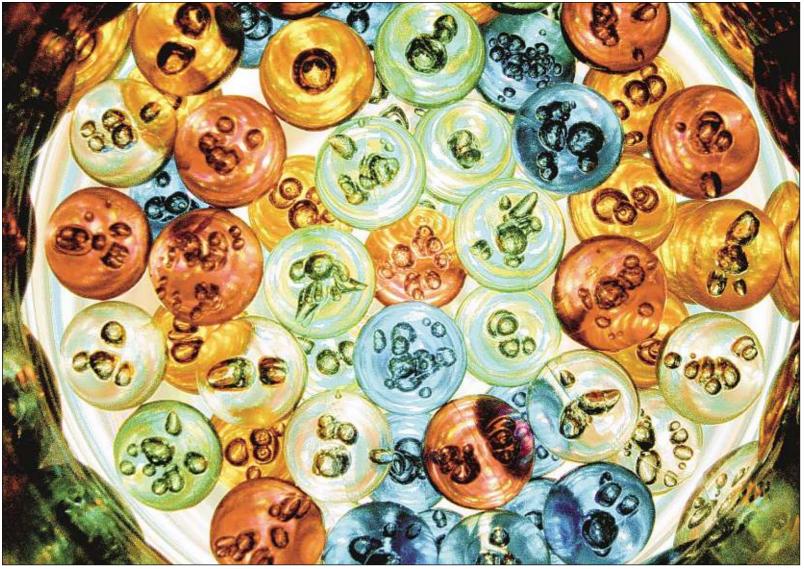
LOCAL ARTIST

Keegan puts photography on display



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"Color Pulse" at Charlies Den

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"Being artistic, I am drawn to things differently," said photographer Denise Keegan, 26, of Cliffside Park. "I notice ordinary objects in a new way."

Several of her photographs will be on display in an exhibit entitled "Color Pulse" at Charlie's Den, 1064 River Rd., Edgewater, through out the month of November.

On Nov. 4 from 5 to 8 p.m., a reception will be held and Keegan will be on hand to discuss her work and answer questions about life, photography, and what goes into snapping pictures "in a new way.

"Her work was on display here [along with other members of the Palisades Camera Club] and it stood out," said Willie Mack, co-owner of Charlie's Den.

Keegan said, "I decided when I was in the group exhibit with the camera club that Charlie's Den was the place I would love to do a solo show."

Keegan said that another inspiration for placing her work at Charlie's Den, was her fellow camera club member James Damion. Damion's exhibit featured photographs he had taken of independent, hard core, and punk musicians.

Mack said the goal of Charlie's Den's was to provide a place for live entertainment, open microphone nights, and where up and coming artists -singers, painters, photographers, and the like - can feature their work. "Charlie's Den is a different environment," Keegan said.

"It has a music stage, gallery, and café, you can sit, eat, and be comfortable in a more casual atmosphere?

She added, "I talked with Willie and Charlie, himself, about placing my work there, and they liked the idea." Mack explained why the two owners went with Kee-

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gan's work.

"Her work has a variety of colors and it is just a little different and her work has something that catches the eye," he said.

Adding, "She has such a great personality and she is really looking forward to doing great show."

Thomas Frawley, head of the adult services at the Louis Bay, 2nd Library in Hawthorne, said he saw Keegan's previous exhibit at Charlie's Den and asked her to display her work at the Hawthorne library during the summer.

"I saw her photos displayed at Charlie's Den and thought they would be a great addition for the library," said the Frawley.

He said he was convinced after meeting Keegan. "Her photos reflect her personality," Frawley said.

The name of Keegan's exhibit, "Color Pulse," she said, came when she and her boss Mark Polo (from the Fort Lee based interior design firm Polo, M.A Inc.) were sitting and brainstorming with the word "color" and said "Color Pulse?

"I love it!" said Polo.

"Mark used to own an art gallery in Edgewater," said Keegan. "Working in interior design and having a background in art, he knows a great deal about art?

Besides Charlie's Den, her photographs have appeared in "201" magazine, "The Gazette/Community News", "Elegant Lifestyles," "Weird New Jersey," and been displayed at the Louis Bay, 2nd Library in Hawthorne and the Monroe Center in Hoboken.

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