

**OUR PRECIOUS PARKS – TREASURES OF BEAUTY**

by **PETER OTIS** through May 11

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*Ken Burns’ spectacular series –* ***The National Parks: America’s Best Idea*** *– highlights the beauty and significance that is ours in the U.S. Sixty three national parks and many more monuments and historic sites make up the 423 national park holdings. Add to this collection state and municipal parks that are for us. We are blessed! Distilling my images from 32 national parks and even more monuments has been a sizeable task. Of my 6 images upstairs 2 are from state parks, and 2 show the fascination our grandkids experienced in these settings. Sharing my love of these special places is another important joy filled focus.*

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**Loft Gallery exhibits are organized by Michael Haggans – jmhaggans@gmail.com**

Also on display downstairs are oil paintings of local landmarks by Jeffrey Suraci

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