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**“IMAGES OF SHAANXI” AT CAC --  
An Exhibition of Photographs by Huang Fu  
A Performance by the Atlanta Chinese Dance Company**

*Douglasville, Georgia* – The Cultural Arts Council of Douglasville/Douglas County is pleased to present “Images of Shaanxi,” showcasing color photographs by Huang Fu, a retired professor and ethnographic photographer based in Beijing, in its October exhibition at the Cultural Arts Center in downtown Douglasville. Sponsored by China Bridge as part of Atlanta Celebrates Photography, the exhibition opens October 1<sup>st</sup> and will be on view through October 30<sup>th</sup>. Hosted by the Douglas County Cultural Exchange, the reception will be held on Thursday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, from 6 until 8 p.m. During the reception, the Atlanta Chinese Dance Company will perform several traditional Chinese dances. A gallery talk and tour, led by Ed Krebs of Douglasville and co-owner of China Bridge, a friend of the exhibiting artist, is scheduled for Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, from 3 until 5 p.m. Both events are free and open to the public.

Huang Fu was a young staff member of the Youth League in Beijing when he was sent down to a village near Mizhi in 1957. He lived there with a peasant family for about one year, then settled at Shaanxi College of Education in Xi’an, where he and his wife, Zhang Wenjing, taught for more than 40 years (they retired to Beijing in 2004). By the 1980s Huang Fu realized that life was changing in Shaanbei, one of China’s “outback” areas. He set out to organize an effort to capture the changing life of this area in photographs. He started the Shaanxi Folk-life Photography Association, which brought together a number of photographers, including some younger people, to photograph the changing lifestyles of Shaanbei people. The current Douglasville exhibit includes some 40 photographs that show customs in weddings and in funerals, *yang’ge* and other Spring Festival customs, and other aspects of folk life. Huang Fu’s photos reveal the beauty of nature in the Northwest Yellow Earth Plateau, and also reflect the pleasures and hardships of life and the spirit of the people who live there.

Mr. Huang has been engaged in various projects of cultural exchange in recent years. He was the contact person in arranging an international youth art exhibit on the theme of the Olympics, which was organized by Linden Longino, of Atlanta. Ed and Sylvia Krebs, of Douglasville, have been friends of Mr. Huang since 1997, when they taught English in Xi'an. Mr. Huang worked with the Krebses to arrange two exchanges of children's art. Huang Fu had hoped to come to Atlanta for this exhibit in October, but some new health problems will keep the 78-year-old gentleman from making this trip.

Huang Fu's photographs will be available for sale during this exhibit. They would make beautiful decorations for any Chinese restaurant or for individual homes. Huang Fu has sent some beautiful paper-cut art on Chinese mythology and folk-tales that will be available—these are done by women artists in Shaanbei. Ed Krebs has completed a translation of Huang Fu's book, *Yuan yuan*; this will be ready for anyone who wishes to have both Huang Fu's original book in Chinese and the English translation.

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The Cultural Arts Center of Douglasville/Douglas County is located at 8652 Campbellton Street in historic downtown Douglasville, Georgia, about 20 miles from Atlanta and just off I-20 west (exit 36). Hours of operation are Mondays through Fridays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sundays, 1 until 5 p.m. For directions and more information, please contact the Cultural Arts Council at 770/949-2787 or visit our web site, [www.artsdouglas.org](http://www.artsdouglas.org).

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