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**RECENT WORKS –**

**Photographs by members of the Sweetwater Camera Club  
at the Douglas County Chamber of Commerce and WellStar-Douglas Hospital**

*Douglasville, Georgia* – The Cultural Arts Council of Douglasville/Douglas County presents recent works by members of the Sweetwater Camera Club, one of the Arts Council’s most active and popular satellite arts groups, at the Douglas County Chamber of Commerce and WellStar Douglas Hospital in its spring outreach exhibitions this year. The works on display at the Chamber and the Hospital include 75 digital photographs, manipulated prints and “photo paintings” in a wide variety of styles and representing diverse aesthetic and technical approaches to the art of photography. The exhibitions, which are free and open to the general public, opened February 5<sup>th</sup> and will be on view through April 15<sup>th</sup>. Another 41 photographs by Sweetwater Camera Club members are also being presented at the American Red Cross Blood Services Southern Division headquarters in Douglas County and on view through May 2009. Receptions honoring the 22 exhibiting artists and their organization are scheduled for Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, from 3 until 5 p.m. at the Chamber of Commerce and from 5 until 7 p.m. at WellStar-Douglas Hospital.

Officially formed in 1988, the Sweetwater Camera Club meets the second Thursday of every month at 7 p.m. at St. Julian’s Episcopal Church, 5400 Stewarts Mill Road in Douglasville. Its purpose is to share and promote photography for enjoyment and recreation. With more than 75 members, this active group conducts monthly photo contests on different themes, presents expert professional photographers as guest speakers at its meetings, maintains a reference library, and offers several field trips during the year. The group last exhibited at the Cultural Arts Center in October 2008 in conjunction with Atlanta Celebrates Photography, presenting a fascinating exhibition of images on the themes in Harper Lee’s novel *To Kill A Mockingbird*.

The Cultural Arts Council has developed its highly successful community outreach exhibitions initiative, “Art on Loan,” over the past four years. Working with Diamond Level Sponsors like WellStar Health Systems and the new American Red Cross facility on Riverside Drive, the CAC offers seasonal shows of works from its permanent collection and by local artists to the general public in places where the art is unexpected and much enjoyed. The shows at the Chamber of Commerce present the only regularly scheduled visual arts exhibits in historic downtown Douglasville.

The mission of the Cultural Arts Council of Douglasville/Douglas County is to nurture, guide and stimulate the enjoyment of and participation in the arts among Douglas County residents by providing an atmosphere conducive to the arts, broadening the spectrum of quality exhibits and performances available to the community, and fostering individual interactions with the arts through a wide range of satellite organizations. The Cultural Arts Council and its exhibitions at the Cultural Arts Center are supported by its members, sponsors, the City of Douglasville, the Douglas County Board of Commissioners, and Georgia Council for the Arts through appropriations from the State General Assembly. The GCA is supported in part by the National Endowment for the Arts, which believes a great nation deserves great art.

WellStar Douglas Hospital is located at 8954 Hospital Drive, and the spring photography exhibit is presented in the ground floor surgical waiting area foyer; the Douglas County Chamber of Commerce is located at 6658 Church Street in historic downtown Douglasville. The Cultural Arts Center of Douglasville/Douglas County is located at 8652 Campbellton Street; Douglasville is about 20 miles from Atlanta and just off I-20 west (exit 36 for the downtown historic district). The Chamber of Commerce and WellStar Douglas Hospital's surgical waiting area are open Mondays through Fridays, 9 a.m. to 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).