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Local Photographers' Work Selected for Display at International Exhibition of Professional Photography

Bonnie Hamilton, of Happy Valley, OR, and Frank Nichols, of Woodland, WA, received honors at the 115th International Exhibition of Professional Photography. Mrs. Hamilton was honored with the selection of three prints into the PPA General Collection and one print into the prestigious PPA Loan Collection. Being selected into the Loan Collection classifies Mrs. Hamilton as one of PPA's 2006 Photographers of the Year. Mr. Nichols was honored with the selection of three prints into the PPA General Loan Collection. These seven prints were held on display at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center on January 14-16, 2007 in San Antonio, TX. The exhibition was held in conjunction with Imaging USA, Professional Photographers of America's annual convention.

Approximately 5000 entries were submitted to PPA's International Print Competition from which a panel of more than 40 eminent photographers from across the United States selected the images that would comprise the 2006 General and Loan Collections. Each of these works was shown in San Antonio along side approximately 4000 other photographic works from not only PPA's print competition, but also traveling and special invitational displays. Altogether these images constituted the world's largest annual exhibit of professional photography gathered simultaneously under one roof.

In recognition of the achievement, PPA members receive one merit certificate for each entry into the General Collection and two merits for each entry into the Loan Collection. These merits are applied toward degrees granted by the PPA.

The Professional Photographers of America, an international association, exists to assist its more than 16,000 members in achieving their professional, artistic and fraternal goals; to promote public awareness of the profession; and to advance the making of images in all of its disciplines as an art, a science and a visual recorder of history. More can be learned about the PPA and its members at www.ppa.com.

Mrs. Hamilton is a staff photographer of Impact Images Studio in Vancouver, tour leader of Sunrise Photo Adventures, Managing Director of the Pacific School of Photographic Arts and owner of River City Art and Framing. Mr. Nichols is the Creative Art Director of Impact Images Studio, tour leader and owner of Sunrise Photo Adventures, instructor at the Pacific School of Photographic Arts and owner of Pacific Photographic Arts. They support each other's photographic endeavors as a team approach to accomplishing their individual businesses. Their businesses meld together to form a joint venture that provides complete photographic and art services to Vancouver and the greater Portland Metro area. More information can be found at www.impactimagesstudio.com or by calling 360-750-0800. Their studio and frame shop is located at 1720 NE 64th Avenue, Suite B, Vancouver, WA 98661.