

# IN FOCUS

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*Image by Darryll Benecke*



# PRESIDENT'S NOTES - NEVA SCHEVE



One step forward and two steps back! Just when we thought we were ready for in-person meetings, the Delta variant had other plans.

So, because of the Delta variant surge, we have decided to continue our general meetings on Zoom for the time being. We all want to go back to normalcy, but since our September presenter was already scheduled to appear on Zoom we can still have a meaningful meeting because of the technology available to us without risking the safety of our members. We will follow all the recommendations of the O'Neal School, the CDC, the state, and county as we move forward.

At the time of this writing, we are getting close to the opening of our exhibit at the Campbell House. **The reception is scheduled for Friday, September 3.** Last month the Campbell House had to cancel the reception for the Fine Arts Festival because of the Covid surge. We hope that will not happen to our reception, but it is possible. At this time, the Campbell House says we will be able to go ahead if the weather permits us to have the refreshments outside. No matter what happens with the reception, the **exhibit will go on as planned**, and Covid protocols will be followed for visitors.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

NEXT MEETING..... September 13

### PROGRAMS

September 13..... "Equine Photography"  
Phyllis Burchett

November 8 ..... "Getting It Right in Camera"  
Brian Osborne

### COMPETITIONS

October..... Golden Hour or Blue Hour  
December ..... Industrial (Online)

### WORKSHOPS

Oct/Nov ..... Night Photography  
Kate Silvio

### EXHIBITS

September ..... Arts Council

### OUTINGS

September 18: ..... Scavenger Hunt – Pinehurst Village  
October 29: ..... Festival D'Avion – Pinehurst Airshow  
November 6: ..... Ederville Train and Tractor Show – Carthage  
November 25: ..... Blessing of the Hounds – Southern Pines  
December 11: ..... Shaw House Christmas – Christmas parade  
downtown Southern Pines (alternate)  
January 2022:..... Jordan Lake Dam Tailrace for eagles and other birds

### Field Trips

Sept 30 - Oct 2..... Wilmington, NC

Our September presenter, Phyllis Burchett, is a very gifted photographer. She will be speaking about equine photography, but even if horses aren't your thing, you will still learn quite a bit about producing an excellent image whatever your interests. I am personally excited that she agreed to make this presentation for us. I "met" Phyllis when we were both students at the online school, now defunct, "Learn to Take Photos" (LTTP) several years ago. I don't know what her photography experience was before she enrolled in LTTP, but Phyllis was a star student, and she took off like a shot, later expanding her training, and becoming a very successful professional photographer in a very short time. If you haven't visited her website, I suggest you do so.

It's time to consider volunteering to run for office!! We have open positions for next year and we need to fill them. Please consider a leadership position for the club.

Here's to a successful photo exhibit at the Campbell House and I'll see you on Zoom at the September meeting.

*Neva*

## PROGRAMS – JACQUES WOOD

### September 13, 2021: “ Equine Photography” by Phyllis Burchett

This program will be presented via Zoom by Phyllis Burchett who is a professional photographer residing in Georgia. She is also a Photography School classmate of our President Neva.



JACQUES WOOD

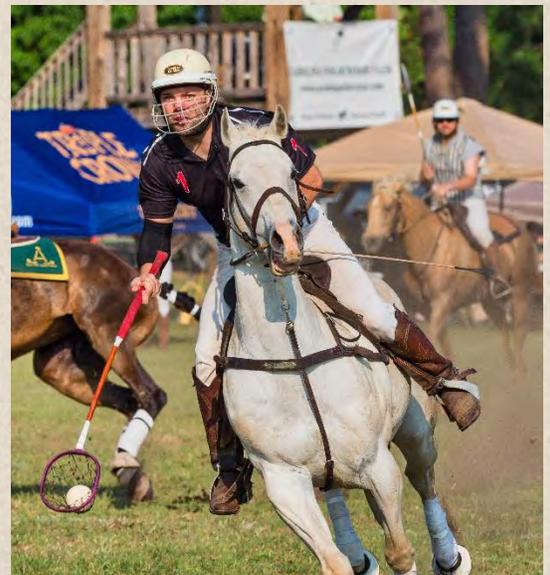
What is Equine Photography?

Equine photography is any photography involving a horse. It can include but is not limited to:

- A photo where the human/horse bond is the story.
- A photo where the horse itself is the subject.
- Images featuring horseback riding groups such as a rodeo team or a drill team.
- [Event photography](#) of horse based events such as rodeos, show jumping and horse racing.



Ms. Burchett is uniquely qualified to talk about equine photography. Prior to launching her career in photography, she was a horse trainer and breeding farm manager. She primarily showed Appaloosas and won Appaloosa World and National Championships. She also trained horses for amateur and youth clients who went on to win several titles as well. After her show career, she managed an equine breeding farm where she was in charge of all aspects of the artificial insemination program from collection to breeding.



Once she was bitten by the photography bug, she traveled to capture images of the beautiful White Horses of the Camargue in France, the Horse Fishermen of Belgium, the Connemara Pony of Ireland, and the iconic landscape and horses of Iceland.

Phyllis now leads Equine Photo Tours to Iceland, and hosts workshops throughout the country from the beaches of Florida to the ranches of Montana. You can see Phyllis' work at: <https://phyllisburchettphoto.net>

# Treasurer's Report - FINANCIAL REPORT 2021

July 2021

<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>		
	<b>Checking</b>	<b>\$3,770.29</b>
	<b>Savings</b>	<b>888.25</b>
	<b>CD</b>	<b>4,045.43</b>
<b>Grand Total of all Accounts</b>		<b>\$8,703.97</b>



JUDY NAPPI

## 2021 OUTINGS – SUSAN BAILEY

### SEPTEMBER OUTING

Village of Pinehurst  
Scavenger Hunt



Susan Bailey



9:30am - We will meet in the James W. Tufts Memorial Park in Pinehurst. You will be given a list of items to photograph. Roam through the wonderful village of Pinehurst and hunt out your own unique version of these items. Then please send me your best with the category listed and we will have a slideshow on the website.

Where: Meet at James W Tufts Memorial Park  
In the Village of Pinehurst on Cherokee  
Pinehurst, NC

When: Saturday, September 18 – 9:30am

Cost: None

Lunch at 11am: The Villager Deli for anyone interested

### Upcoming Outings

- September 18: Scavenger Hunt – Pinehurst Village
- September 29 - October 1: Wilmington Field Trip – Wilmington
- October 29: Festival D'Avion – Pinehurst Airshow
- November 6: Ederville Train and Tractor Show – Carthage
- November 25: Blessing of the Hounds – Southern Pines
- December 11: Shaw House Christmas – Christmas parade downtown Southern Pines  
alternate
- January 2022: Jordan Lake Dam Tailrace for eagles and other birds

## **MEMBERSHIP – JO ANN SLUDER**

We were so pleased 35 members and 2 guests attended our August 9<sup>th</sup> meeting viewing via Zoom. We genuinely appreciate the patience of all 85 members as we navigate the reality of Covid's influence on scheduling: safety first is of utmost importance. We certainly hope to see declining cases of Covid which will give us comfort to again be able to meet in person. Please mark your calendar for September 13<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m. Zoom.



Jo Ann Sluder

### ***Involve, Inspire, Invite, Introduce***

We find ourselves two thirds of the way through 2021! We realize this year has been another tough year, so we hope you are sharing with family, friends, and acquaintances how your joy of photography is enhanced by being a member of Sandhills Photography Club. Please review the program we initiated Involve/Inspire/Invite/Introduce details in the Membership section on the SPC website.

### ***Members Share***

Since we are not having an opportunity to see others in person at the meetings to chat and we know some of you do not utilize Facebook, we would like to offer you an opportunity to share with fellow members. Introducing a new Newsletter section: Members Share. We invite you to submit to us a message you would like to share with fellow members. Perhaps you would write an article about a topic you are excited about such as: a photography shoot experience, sites you recommend for others, new equipment which you believe is a must have, perhaps an upcoming event of which you think others may not be aware ie: a message you believe would enrich others' photography experience. Please send to: [alisonspcnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:alisonspcnewsletter@gmail.com) .

### ***Pictures Speak A Thousand Words***

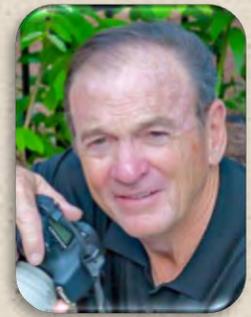
To all members who are active-duty military, retired military, have family, friends or acquaintances who are serving or who are now or have spent time in Afghanistan and to all the Gold Star Families and those who have lost loved ones representing our Country's challenges:

We want you to know our heart hurts with yours with the devastating situation in which our Country's finest and allies find themselves. We have so much respect and warmest regards for the people who are willing to give their life to keep us safe and protect the citizens and allies of the land of the free and home of the brave.

The entire SPC Membership contingency honors and appreciates you. God Bless America.



# FALL FIELD TRIP - *GARY MAGEE*:



GARY MAGEE

## Fall Field Trip to Wilmington Sept 30 - Oct 2

We are finalizing all events and it is time for those who have confirmed they will attend and to those who might still want to consider the trip to take some action:

There are a couple of steps you need to complete:

1. Confirm your room reservation directly to the Hotel. To insure you get the room configuration you want you will need to confirm by August 30 or sooner. They will accept reservation now.

All the information to accomplish this is on the attached “**Comfort Inn University Document**”. **Our Contact person is Shulinda Hall - Office Manager**

**Please let me know when you have secured a room.**

2. We will be pre-paying the fee to the venues we are attending. I will be paying for them and would ask you to forward your payment directly to me. ( Sept 1<sup>st</sup>)

Airlie Garden	\$ 9.00 PP
Aquariums	\$12.95 pp
Sun Set Cruise	\$22.00 pp

Total                    \$43.95 pp

3. I have confirmed a deal for daily travel for Thurs and Friday. We will be making multiple pickups and delivers each day. You can park your car at the hotel and there are no fees for this parking. Basically you will not need your vehicle for any daily travel except for those who want to go to the shore early Friday morning sunrise shots. **The cost will be \$100 pp.**

I will need to collect this fee along with the above mentioned fees by Sept 1<sup>st</sup>.

4. All meals will be handled individually and while we will be going as a group we are not set up in special rooms etc. We have asked to sit in the same area together but small group tables (probably 4- top maybe a few larger). This is social time not meeting time.

The two restaurants we have selected are known for good food and reasonable prices.

Hopefully you will all make arrangements to get to Wilmington and the Hotel by 10:00 AM Thursday September 30. I have made two trips to Wilmington this past 9 months and found that it is approximately 2.5 hrs from Southern Pines.

I have had one request to go a day early and still get our block room rate at the Hotel I am sure they will work with you on this if you want to come early and or stay longer. You can cover these type questions with them when you call to make your reservation.

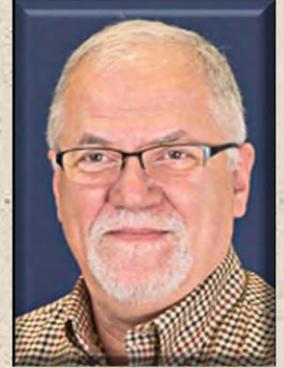


BONNY HENDERSON

## COMPETITION COMMITTEE

*Bonny Henderson and Jerry Kozel*

Congratulations to all the winners in the “Seasides and Beaches” competition. Our judge Stacey Spreng joined us via Zoom and offered many useful and knowledgeable comments. We sent out her comments last week and all images are on the website if you missed the meeting.



JERRY KOZEL

The galleries for our October competition will open on September 11 and close on September 18. The topic is “Golden Hour/Blue Hour” and is defined as:

*In photography, the golden hour is the period of daytime shortly after sunrise or before sunset, during which time daylight is redder and softer than when the sun is higher in the sky. The blue hour occurs when the sun is far enough below the horizon so that the sunlight’s blue wavelengths dominate. Golden hour and blue hour are states of natural lighting that usually occur at daybreak in the morning and during the last stages of twilight in the evening. The photograph can be of any subject taken at either of those times.*

Our judge will be Niki Dunlap of <https://www.alookaboutphotography.com/> ... She is a professional photographer from Tallahassee, Florida.

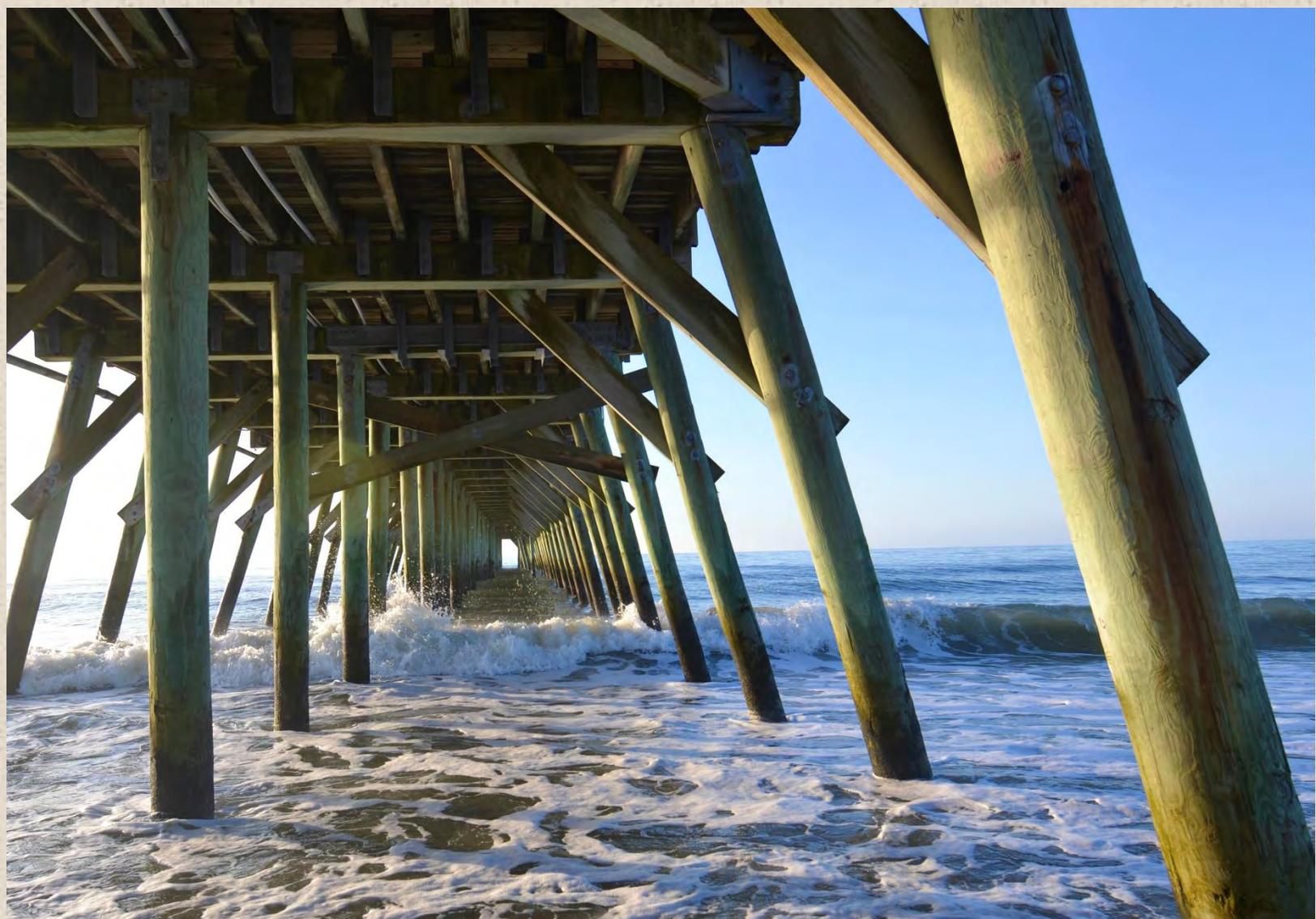
Our final competition for this year will be “**Industrial.**” The galleries for that competition will open November 13 and close on November 20. There will be no judge and member voting will select the winners.

If you have any questions or need help entering a competition, contact us at [competitions@sandhillsphoto.org](mailto:competitions@sandhillsphoto.org).

Happy shooting,

*Bonny & Jerry*

# SEASIDES AND BEACHES TIER 1 WINNERS



1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE  
JACK MATTHEWS  
MYRTLE BEACH PIER



2ND PLACE  
WESLEY FORD  
SEA CASTLES



3<sup>RD</sup> PLACE  
FRANK LIPSKI  
TUBING

# SEASIDES AND BEACHES TIER 2 WINNERS



1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE  
BONNY HENDERSON  
ROLLER COASTER ROPE



2<sup>ND</sup> PLACE  
DARRYLL BENECKE  
4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY



3<sup>RD</sup> PLACE  
KATHRYN SAUDNERS  
LIGHTING THE WAY



HONORABLE MENTION  
KATHRYN SAUNDERS  
THE BIG SPLASH

# SEASIDES AND BEACHES TIER 3 WINNERS



1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE  
GISELA DANIELSON  
DRUNKEN SAILOR



2<sup>ND</sup> PLACE  
DONNA FORD  
ST. JOHN'S PIER



3<sup>RD</sup> PLACE  
PAT ANDERSON  
LAKE BATHING



HONORABLE MENTION  
DONNA FORD  
SCULPTED BY NATURE



**SANDHILLS PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB'S WEBSITE**  
WWW.SANDHILLSPHOTOCLUB.ORG



## Website

This month's featured member's gallery on the club website is **Frank Dalmau**. Click his name to view his gallery or the link to his gallery on the website homepage.

You may view the club directory at: **Club Directory**. If you would like to have your photo added to the directory, or change the one in the gallery, just send a favorite to me at **John German**. I will add it to the gallery.

## Member Galleries

**Members who would like a personal gallery** should let me know at **website@sandhillsphotoclub.org** <mailto:joiegerman@outlook.com>, and I will send an upload link for their use. See the website "Member Galleries" page for instructions on sizing, etc. **This link will continue to work but if you wish to change images, I must delete the old ones. You can upload at will. If you have lost your link, just let me know and I will resend it to you.**

**If you have a personal website**, please let me know and I can provide a link on the "Member's Galleries" page for you. Please view the member's websites & galleries on this tab on the club website.

Thank you,  
John German

PS: Please email any errors that you may notice on the website. I will correct them as soon as possible. **website@sandhillsphotoclub.org** <mailto:joiegerman@outlook.com>

## WORKSHOPS, *FRANK LIPSKI*

### Two Workshops Coming Up:

1. **2 Part Night Photography by Kate Silva,**  
**Introduction Wednesday Oct 27 7pm-9:30,**  
**Image Evaluation Session Wednesday**  
**November 17 7:00pm – 9:30.**



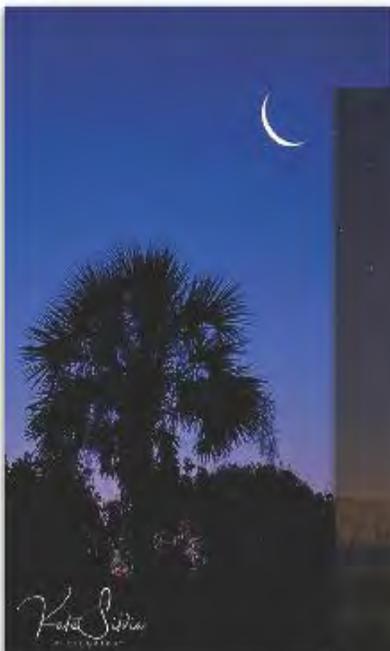
Frank Lipski

Cost is \$78/person (covers both sessions) A link from club website is available to register and pay for the workshop.

<https://www.sandhillsphtoclub.org/work-shops>

#### Night Photography On-Line Workshop with Kate Silvia

- Instruction via Zoom:  
Wednesday October 27, 2021  
7:00 p.m.-9:30 p.m.
- Image Evaluation Session  
Wednesday November 17, 2021  
7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.



During this on-line workshop, you'll be learning about all aspects of night photography.

#### Topics Covered Include:

- Settings
- Equipment
- Preparation and research
- Apps that will help you
- Advanced techniques
- Using a sky tracker
- Image blending to reduce noise
- Image blending to incorporate foreground and sky
- Pinpoint stars and Star Trails
- Focusing at Night
- Light Painting
- Photographing the moon
- And more...

I hope you can make it!

## 2. Getting it Right in the Camera:

A hands-on workshop developing critical photography and camera skills

SPC In-Person Class

Tuesday, November 9, 2021, 9:00 am- 4:30 pm

Presented by Brian Osborne, The Photo Classroom

This brand new workshop option will take participants through our Killer Checklist of camera settings that matter and will help everyone, not only better understand the concepts but help them getting better about getting the right settings quickly to capture images that are great out of the camera.

We will walk through elements such as modes, exposure (with a good understanding of the histogram), white balance,

focusing options, flash use (both indoors and outdoors) and much more. Students will leave feeling more confident of not only the right settings for certain situations but how to execute those quickly and precisely. There will be written materials as well as a laminated checklist provided to each person as well as lots of hands-on practice times both inside the classroom and outside.

Pricing & Details:

- \$ 125 for SPC members and \$150 for non-members
- Workshop limited to 14 participants
- Presented at Sandhills Community College Horticultural Gardens Visitors Center Meeting Room - 3395 Airport Rd, Pinehurst, NC 28374  
Registration and payment is required in advance of the workshop date and can be done at <https://book.peek.com/s/0c1dcd96-f3fa-4c3f-ab72-00efdfc59470/emPX7>



OUTING PICTURES FROM HOUSE  
IN THE HORSESHOE:



*Dave Powers*



*Neva Scheve*



*Shari Dutton*



*Diane McKay*



*Neva Scheve*



*Shari Dutton*



*Dave Powers*



*Diane McKay*



*Diane McKay*



SHARI DUTTON

**Sandhills Photography Club Exhibition  
“A Moment in Time”  
Presented by the Arts Council of Moore County  
September 3 thru 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

This exhibit will be shared with glass blower artist, Wayne Manning. Please view his wonderful artwork at Wayne Manning Glass on Facebook. We thought this would be a good partnership as he will not be taking up wall space, just floor space.

**Important Dates:**

- **Aug. 31<sup>st</sup>** – Artwork to be delivered to the Art’s council.
- **Sept. 3** – Opening Reception from 6-8 P.M. (We will need a few volunteers to host. Food, drinks and wine details will be provided later.)
- **Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>** – Exhibit Ends
- **September 24<sup>th</sup>** – Artwork to be picked up between 9 A.M. and 4 P.M.

Thank you! Please email me with questions at [www.shari.dutton@yahoo.com](mailto:www.shari.dutton@yahoo.com) or call me at 910-585-2037.

*Shari*

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