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### Coalition of Photographic Arts: Wisconsin Artists Capture Nature

Brookfield, WI (May 24, 2010) The Coalition of Photographic Arts (CoPA) brings a variety of artistic talents to the Sharon Lynne Wilson Center for the Art's Ploch Art Gallery from **June 4-July 30**. Thirty photographers have been accepted into this juried exhibition, which focuses on visions of the natural world. The Ploch Art Gallery is free and open to the public Monday-Saturday, 9:00 am-5:00 pm. **The exhibition reception is from 5:30-7:30 pm on Thursday, July 8.** The reception is free and open to the public; RSVP by calling (262) 781-9520 or e-mail [rsvp@wilson-center.com](mailto:rsvp@wilson-center.com).

Work from the following artists will be on view: Joe Buck, Corree Coppinger, Patrick Dean, Sadie Derouin, Christine DeSpears, Mary Dumont, Susan Foley, Marcia Getto, Ted Hamm, Ron Horbinski, Bob Israel, Marty Knippel, John Koeppen, Chuck Koosmann, Geri Laehn, Cindy Lesky, Peter Mandli, Grace Matson, Terrence Molter, Bernie Newman, Dan Patrinos, Daniel Sung Pugliese, Beth Rodgers, Ben Stuart, Robert Simiele, Rikki Thompson, Peggy Wright, Jim Wend, Steve Yeo, and Yong-ran Zhu.

Jurors for the exhibition include traditional Chinese brush painter, Charlotte Fung Miller and nature and landscape photographer, Wayne Nelson. Awards will be given for Best in Exhibit, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place.

Through exhibitions, lectures, panel discussions, and portfolio review, the Coalition of Photographic Arts (CoPA) fosters connections within the photographic community to cultivate awareness of contemporary photography. Members include artists, students, professionals, amateurs, enthusiasts, and collectors, but non-members also benefit from the opportunity to view and learn about the photographic media.

Founded in 2006, the mission of CoPA is “to develop appreciation, promote growth and support the creation of photographic arts in the Greater Milwaukee Region.”

**The Sharon Lynne Wilson Center for the Arts** is a non-profit, multi-disciplinary cultural arts center that offers performances by regional and touring groups, arts education, and an art gallery with changing exhibits. The Center nurtures lifelong learning through innovative programs and classes for all interests, ages, and abilities in state-of-the-art studios and classrooms. Some of Southeast Wisconsin’s finest arts organizations offer professional instruction at the Wilson Center, including Danceworks, Inc., First Stage Theater Academy, and the Wisconsin Conservatory of Music. Wisconsin fine artists are showcased at the Hidden River Art Festival in September and in the Ploch Art Gallery with five exhibitions each year. **The Wilson Center for the Arts is just minutes west of Milwaukee, nestled in Brookfield’s Mitchell Park south of 198<sup>th</sup> & Capitol Drive. For information about the Wilson Center call (262)781-9470.**

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