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**Lighthouse ArtCenter sets off showing of
*Florida Highwaymen, Wildlife Photography***

Tequesta, Fla. (February 22, 2011) — Several hundred people gathered at the Lighthouse ArtCenter on February 17 for the Museum's monthly 3rd Thursday, where they celebrated the openings of the historic *Highwaymen* exhibition and the juried, call-to-artists *Wildlife Photography* exhibition. Guests enjoyed wine and hors d'oeuvres while surveying the rare, flamboyant South Florida landscapes painted by legendary Florida Highwaymen artists, and vivid photography of creations in the wild. *The Highwaymen* and *Wildlife Photography* will run through March 12.

An awards ceremony for *Wildlife Photography* also took place during the evening. The exhibition was judged by professional photographer and Lighthouse ArtCenter School of Art instructor Robert Swinson. Lighthouse ArtCenter Executive Director Katie Deits presented awards to these artists:

Malcolm McKenzie, received Best of Show for *Make Way*;

Barbara Phillips, received First Place for *Mealtime*;

Melinda Moore, received Second Place for *Friends Forever*;

Craig Houdeshell, received Third Place for *Launch*;

Stephen Fitzgerald, received Fourth Place for *Mandarin Duck*;

Phyllis Weekes, received an Honorable Mention for *Motherhood*;

Linda Mathison, received an Honorable Mention for *Bob*;

Tom Kuzma, who received an Honorable Mention for *Dragonfly Lineup*;

Paul Ehrenworth, received an Honorable Mention for *Butterfly on Leaf*.

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The exhibition includes photography taken all over the world of various species of birds, reptiles, mammals, fish, and “an array of perspectives in nature that we can appreciate as humans,” Deits said. “...Work, relaxation, self-sustainment, motherhood and companionship are just a few themes the photographers were able to capture of wildlife on film, and they did it with careful attention to quality and style.”

The Lighthouse ArtCenter is a member-supported not-for-profit 501(c)(3) community arts organization, providing excellence in art exhibitions, instruction, education and outreach for all ages. Programs are funded in part by the Palm Beach County Cultural Council, the Palm Beach County Tourist Development Council and the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners.

For more information on the Lighthouse ArtCenter Museum, School of Art, exhibitions, programs and events, visit LighthouseArts.org or call (561) 746-3101. The Lighthouse ArtCenter is located in Gallery Square North, 373 Tequesta Drive, Tequesta, Fla., one-half mile west of US Hwy 1. Museum hours are Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. with admission free for members and \$5 for non-members ages 12 and up. Saturday and Sunday hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., with free admission on Saturday, with the exception of the golf exhibitions.

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Wildlife Photography award winners (from left to right) Tom Kuzma (Honorable Mention), Paul Ehrenworth (Honorable Mention), Linda Mathison, (Honorable Mention), Melinda Moore (Second Place), Malcolm McKenzie (Best of Show), Craig Houdeshell (Third Place) and Phyllis Weekes (Honorable Mention)—Not Pictured: Barbara Phillips, Stephen Fitzgerald. *Wildlife Photography* runs through March 12 at the Lighthouse ArtCenter. Photo by Durga Garcia.



A Black and White photograph *Make Way* by Malcolm McKenzie, which was awarded Best of Show in the *Wildlife Photography* exhibition. The exhibition runs through March 12 at the Lighthouse ArtCenter.



Mealtime is a photograph by Barbara Phillips, which was awarded First Place in the *Wildlife Photography* exhibition. The exhibition runs through March 12 at the Lighthouse ArtCenter.