

Through Their Lens: Views of Conservation in Chatham

The Chatham Conservation Partnership (CCP) is sponsoring a photography workshop and exhibition about conservation issues in Chatham County. CCP wants to use photography as a way to connect people with nature while learning about important conservation issues. Photographs in the exhibit "Through Their Lens: Views of Conservation in Chatham" will speak to people about conservation and educate the public about environmental issues. CCP wants to use this project as a way to raise awareness and appreciation for conservation efforts in Chatham County.

Workshop instructor will be David Blevins, award winning freelance nature photographer and forest ecologist. His photographs have appeared in magazines and calendars as well as three books. His third book, *Wild North Carolina*, is an introduction to the diversity and significance of North Carolina's natural communities. Learn more about David Blevins and his photography by visiting his web site at www.blevinsphoto.com.

The free workshop is open to the general public. This is not a contest. Participants do not have to be residents of Chatham County but the photographs must be created in Chatham County. Workshop participants will have until June 16 to create photographs for the exhibition. During the month following the workshop, participants will have opportunities to go on field trips led by environmental subject matter experts to learn about conservation issues. Participants will also have the option to attend group sessions to work on their images. Pre-registration is required to attend the workshop, and attendance at the workshop is required to participate in the exhibition.

Workshop Date: April 21, 2012

Time: 1:30 to 4:30 PM

Location: Holmes Meeting Room - Chatham Community Library in Pittsboro

Instructor: David Blevins

Registration Fee: none

Pre-Registration Required: Call 919-545-8044 Central Carolina Community College

Exhibition Date: August 17, 2012 Opening Night Reception at Third Friday Artwalk

Location: NC Arts Incubator Gallery in Siler City

Contact gretchen_smith@bellsouth.net for more information about this workshop and exhibition or go to <http://chathamconservation.wikispaces.com/Announcements>.