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**Douglasville Celebrates Photography: “Through the Lens” Exhibit**

*Douglasville, Georgia* – The Cultural Arts Council of Douglasville/Douglas County celebrates one of the world’s fastest growing art forms – photography – during the month of October. *Through the Lens* is a group exhibit that features recent work from Cathy Clemensen, Carl Kriigel, Janet Newton, Nathan Ralston, and Diane Yancey., The free opening reception, hosted by the Douglas County Chamber Singers, will be held on Thursday, October 8, from 6 until 8 p.m. The more than 60 works by the five artists will be on view through Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup> at the Cultural Arts Council, Monday – Friday between 9AM and 5PM. The exhibit is free and open to the public.

Cathy Clemensen, a 1997 graduate from the University of West Georgia, finds nature to be her primary muse; not only in the physical world, but also in the disposition of human weirdness. This interest has led her to create a small ghostly series which will be among the works on display.

Carl Kriigel, a local photographer, learned the love for photography from his father. At age 15, Kriigel received his first SLR camera which opened up a world of creativity. Since then, has won numerous awards – including “Best of Show” in the U.S. military photography competition held in Europe.

Janet Newton, the current president of the Sweetwater Camera Club, is a self-described “Jersey Girl.” Newton’s first interest in photography began while taking a darkroom developing class during a church retreat. Today, Newton’s work can be found in private collections across several states.

Nathan Ralston, a Texas native, turned his artistic attention from sculpting to photography in 2008. What started as a simple attempt to capture his travels, led him to chase thunder storms in an effort to capture nature’s raw power and splendor. Since first picking up a camera, Ralston has worked with countless nonprofits and other companies as photography turned into a life-long passion.

Diane Yancey, an Atlanta native, has been working with photography since 2002 when her first grandchild was born. Since then, she has created photographs in six continents – including Antarctica. Yancey’s wish is to create unique images that “tell a story of a place & a moment in time.”

The Cultural Arts Council of Douglasville/ Douglas County, located at 8652 Campbellton Street in historic downtown Douglasville, Georgia, is open Mondays through Fridays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For directions and more information, visit [www.artsdouglas.org](http://www.artsdouglas.org) or contact the Cultural Arts Council at 770.949.2787.

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*The mission of the Cultural Arts Council of Douglasville/ Douglas County is to nurture, guide and stimulate the enjoyment of and participation in the arts among Douglas County residents by providing an atmosphere conducive to the arts, broadening the spectrum of quality exhibits and performances available to the community, and fostering individual interactions with the arts through a wide range of satellite groups. The Cultural Arts Council is supported in part by the City of Douglasville and the Douglas County Board of Commissioners.*