

CENTER FOR PHOTOGRAPHIC STUDIES

A nonprofit organization dedicated to education, outreach and promotion of the photographic arts with studio and community darkroom at 201 North Main Street, Barre

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The Center for Photographic Studies has an exciting announcement. We have been awarded \$1,800 in grants from the Vermont Council on the Arts and the Vermont Humanities Council to continue the Barre Portrait and Oral History Project. Beginning in January, Barre High School teens will be pairing up with Barre elders to take portraits and record oral histories. We need to raise \$2500 in the community to complete the project budget.

Carley Stevens McLaughlin, an experienced photographer and educator who teaches at Montpelier High School and Johnson State College, will teach the students black and white photography, interviewing and presentation skills. Students will learn about the cultural, social and political history of Barre through interviews with participating elders. Visiting artists Ethan Hubbard, Jamie Cope, Andrew Kline and staff from the Vermont Folklife Center will also work with the students.

The final products of the Barre Portrait and Oral History Project will include public exhibits of the portraits along with excerpts of the interviews at sites to be arranged. In 2006 and 2007, the students' work was exhibited at the Vermont History Center, at Studio Place Arts during the annual Stone Show in September and October, at the Berlin Mall and at La Brioche Bakery and the Vermont Statehouse in Montpelier. The students will also be invited to present the project at the Center for Photographic Studies Photography Forum lecture series in Montpelier. Permanent volumes of the portraits and oral histories will be presented to the Aldrich Public Library for their permanent collection.

The Vermont Arts Council grant will cover staff costs. The Vermont Humanities Council funding will cover the cost of a teaching assistant to work with the students preparing for the interviews and helping to transcribe and edit the interviews and to purchase recording equipment. The Center for Photographic Studies is offering a discounted rate on our studio rental fee and providing free use of our community darkroom to the students outside of class time, two evenings a week. The Barre Vocational Technical Center will donate notebooks and binders to the students. Barre High School will offer the students scholastic credit for their work. There is no cost to the students participating in the program.

We are seeking project sponsors and donations to assist with materials (film, photographic paper, and presentation materials) and expenses associated with the exhibits (framing, printing invitations, posters and signs, food and refreshments for the openings). We need

to raise an additional \$2,500 in the community and would appreciate any donation of funds, merchandise or services in support of this dynamic community project.

In 2006 this project was generously supported by the Chittenden Bank, Trow and Holden, Hull Printing, Allstate Insurance Company, Bob's Camera, Afterimage Photography, the Montpelier Community Arts Program, the Vermont Arts Council, the National Endowment for the Arts and Polaroid.

Your sponsorship will be recognized in press releases, on our website, on invitations, posters and on signs at the exhibits. We hope you will join us in supporting the Barre Portrait and Oral History Project. Please call Pam Boyd (828-5075) with any questions or if you would like further details.

Sincerely,

William Steinhurst, President, Center for Photographic Studies and board members
Andrew Kline, Pam Boyd, Sandra Shenk, Annie Tiberio Cameron and Lee Mason

Barre Portrait and Oral History Project Organizing Committee
Pam Boyd, Carley Stevens McLaughlin

Barre Portrait and Oral History Project Donation Form

Yes! I would like to make a donation to the Barre Portrait and Oral History Project.
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