

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### Photo Contest for 2012 Historic Porch Calendar

Preservation of Wilson invites all photographers, amateur or professional, to enter a photo contest aimed at selecting the top 12 photos to be included in the 2012 Preservation of Wilson Historic Porches Calendar. There is no entry fee and the deadline to enter is July 31, 2011. Applications and a map of the historic districts are available on the website at [www.preservationofwilson.com](http://www.preservationofwilson.com).

Photos must be taken of a porch in one of Wilson's four residential historic districts which date from the 1850's. They are the Old Wilson Historic District (1850s – 1930s); Broad Kenan Historic District (1890s – 1938); East Wilson Historic District (1890s – 1941); and West Nash Historic District (1900s – 1930s).

Color or black and white photos may be submitted. Photos may be recently taken or a vintage photo. Photos may be of the porch in any form highlighting the architecture; porch life with family, friends or pets; focus on the beauty of one of the seasons; or any photo that can leave a lasting impression to the life of that particular porch.

Burk Uzzle & Jerome De Perlinghi will act as judges and select the winners. The judges are highly regarded, professional photographers and residents of Wilson County. Each one has portfolios that include collections of their work at the Library of Congress, solo museum exhibitions and published books of their work.

“Wilson, NC is fortunate to have two renowned photographers, Burk Uzzle and Jerome De Perlinghi, to be a part of this fundraising effort for Preservation of Wilson. It's not often a small town photo contest is judged by individuals with their expertise. We're very fortunate to have them volunteer their time and effort to help preserve Historic Wilson” according to Bill Colon, Preservation of Wilson Trustee and member of the Visioning Committee which is overseeing this project.

Ken Jones, Preservation of Wilson Secretary, says “In the seven years that I have been in Wilson, I have noticed the beautiful porches that Wilson has in all four of the historic districts, both on the east and west side of Wilson. The calendar will represent this important element of Wilson's historic architecture.”

Perry Morrison, Trustee and member of the Finance Committee, "This will be a wonderful project and succeeds for the organization on many levels, including delivering our message and helping to fund future preservation."

Betty Lou Walston, Trustee and member of the Visioning Committee, says "I think a porch is such a symbol of southern life. There is a porch revitalization going on today, taking people out of their homes and back on their front porches. There seems to be appreciation for the connection and sense of community that sitting on a porch gives you."

You can view the work of the judges at their websites: [www.burkuzzle.com](http://www.burkuzzle.com) and [www.jeromedeperlinghi.com](http://www.jeromedeperlinghi.com)

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