



WILTON MANORS HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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PHOTO CONTEST - 2007 THE OLD, THE NEW, AND, THE DOOMED, CAPTURED IN WILTON MANORS PHOTO CONTEST

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The Historical Society Photo Contest was a spectacular success both in coaxing pictures loose from peoples' closets and getting fresh talent to capture Wilton Manors today. The contest was divided into the categories of "Historical," "Around Town," "Kids and Pets," "Events," and entries from Fourth and Fifth Graders at the Wilton Manors Elementary School.

The Grand Prize went to Guy Avoth's "After Wilma." It is a remarkable study capturing all that we all felt immediately after Wilma – relief, despair, exhaustion, determination to move forward, some confusion about "what's next," and humbled.

In the "Historical" category, First Prize went to Diane Mason's photo of the old Publix at Five Points. It is a great picture, with the building confronting Dixie Highway head on with a great big pink butterfly. This photo is the perfect example of what the Historical Society is looking for. Diane gave us a little snapshot which we were able to enlarge to the impressive photograph you see exhibited. Second Prize in the Historical Category went to Gweneth Thompson's Ground Breaking Ceremony of the Woman's Club – 1947. The Historical Society thanks Gwen for this historically important photo.

Entries in the "Around Town" category recorded the old, the new, and the doomed. Guy Avoth's First Prize "Moved!" is a reflective, both literally and figuratively, black and white of the About Town Lock and Safe Company. A couple doors down, Guy's Second Prize photo, "Use Other Door" is a cheery, hopeful peeling pastel. Both photos are of the soon to be demolished 2100 block of Wilton Drive. Third Prize in "Around Town" went to Daniela Peret for "The Island City – North Fork of the Middle River," a study of the river which makes us an island.

Kids and Pets Category included wild animals and flowers. "Island City Stand-Off" by Roy Lyons and Bill Richardson won First Prize. Nickel, the German Shepherd's confrontation with an unimpressed iguana on the Almar Canal may be an allegory for why Wilton Manors is such a great place to live. The glamour shot of Mary Jo Thomas with her Scooby Doo

Fishing Pole, taken by her mother Gail Thomas took Second Prize. Third Prize was Don Biehn's "Where's the Spider," taken at Richardson Park.

There are lots of "Events" that happen in Wilton Manors. One of the biggest is the Stonewall Parade in June. Guy Avoth's "Stonewall Parade" took First Prize, capturing the absolute best of this festive occasion. "St. Clement Under Cover" (How do they do that?) by Geri McCarthy as Second Prize elevates the mundane activity of tenting to the ecclesiastical. Wilma was certainly an event. Roy Lyons and Bill Richardson, in their Third Prize "Tourist Attraction (No 2)" took it to its logical conclusion.

The Community Affairs Advisory Board was more than generous in supporting this Photo Contest and provided Fourth and Fifth Graders at the Wilton Manors Elementary School with cameras. The School narrowed the entries down to 17, all of them excellent.

First Prize went to Maya Bermudez for her photograph of the Butterfly Garden at WMES, perfectly capturing the play of the Florida sun against the geometric shapes of the end of the building. Second Prize went to Cameron Canton for "Family at Play," reminiscent of the Soap Box Derby photos in the Historical category. Third Prize went to Syed Rahman for his fine photo of the Woman's Club of Wilton Manors. Fourth Prize was awarded to Christopher White-Boyd for his photo of the Middle River.

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