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Clyde Butcher art exhibit coming to Phillippi Estate Park

Renowned photographer and environmentalist Clyde Butcher, will kick off a month-long exhibit of his artwork with a preview reception from 6-9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 24, at Phillippi Estate Park, 5500 S. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota. Tickets are available for \$50 per person by cash, check or charge in advance or at the door. The exhibit, entitled "Florida's Hidden Beauty", is presented by Friends of Sarasota County Parks to raise funds for the renovation of Phillippi Estate Park's historic farmhouse.

After the opening reception Oct. 24, Butcher's black and white photography will be displayed inside the Edson Keith Mansion through Nov. 23. The exhibit will be open to the public Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and on Sunday from noon to 4 p.m. Exhibit admission is \$10 per person.

"We are thrilled that Clyde agreed to this exhibit of his remarkable artwork in support of our mission to restore the farmhouse," said Priscilla Brown, program assistant with Sarasota County Parks and Recreation. "His focus on the environment and old Florida is a perfect fit for Phillippi Estate Park, the Edson Keith mansion and preserving our heritage."

For more information, contact the Sarasota County Call Center at 941-861-5000 and ask about Clyde Butcher and "Florida's Hidden Beauty" at Phillippi Estate Park, or visit www.scgov.net .

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