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FAMILY GUARDIAN'S POPULAR NATURE CALENDAR FEATURES WORK OF LOCAL PHOTOGRAPHERS



Thousands of homes and businesses are once again enjoying Family Guardian's popular calendar, "Celebration of Nature," now in its 20th year of publication. The 2006 edition features the work of eleven winning photographers whose entries were selected from among four hundred submitted for Family Guardian's calendar photo contest held in 2005. The variety of photographs ranges from insects to orchids and includes scenes from Paradise Island, Inagua and the Berry Islands.

Since the early 70's, Family Guardian has produced a wall calendar for distribution to clients and the public. Early editions featured the work of the late Stanley Toogood and Family Guardian's late chairman, Roscow Pyfrom. A calendar photo contest for amateur photographers was launched in 1985 when the company celebrated its 20th Anniversary. The most recent contest, expanded to include professionals, was among several special events forming part of Family Guardian's 40th Anniversary celebrations in 2005.

"Celebration of Nature" has wide appeal with requests for copies coming from nature enthusiasts in the US and Europe. A company spokesperson notes that local school teachers often request copies for their classrooms and nature projects. In 1998 Family Guardian was awarded the Commonwealth of the Bahamas Silver Jubilee Award in recognition of the company's contribution to national development through the production and wide distribution of its nature calendar.

Winning photographers celebrated their success and the arrival of the 2006 calendar when they visited Family Guardian in December and posed for the above photo that shows (from left) Mark Lacey, Melissa Maura, Michael Toogood, Olga Stokes (seated), Nancy Young, Eric Rose, Tracy Toogood (seated), Linda Huber, Ronald Lightbourn and Tony Hepburn. Missing from photo is Keith Bethell of Eleuthera.