



Family Guardian Celebrates 2009 Calendar Photo Contest Winners

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Family Guardian recently hosted a reception for winners of the company's 2009 Calendar Photo Contest and officially launched this year's "Celebration of Nature" calendar.

With the turquoise waters of Exuma National Park gracing the cover, the 2009 calendar is the twenty-third in the "Celebration" series. The fourteen winning photographs showcase the diversity and beauty of Bahamian nature, spanning flora and fauna, seascapes and sunsets.

The reception provided an opportunity to congratulate this year's winners whose photographs were selected from over 500 entered in Family Guardian's photo contest. "The variety and quality of entries made the selection of only fourteen a difficult task for the judges. The winning photographs are a true celebration of the natural beauty that surrounds us," notes Family Guardian's President & CEO Patricia Hermanns.

The Family Guardian calendar is distributed to the company's policyowners and the general public each year and the popular publication is eagerly awaited by nature enthusiasts and local businesses. The company says it is particularly pleased that students and teachers request copies for display in their classrooms as the calendar provides an anthology of Bahamian nature useful in science projects.

While Family Guardian's "Celebration of Nature" is in its twenty-third year, the company has produced a calendar since the early 1970's. The photo contest was introduced in 1986 by then chairman, the late Roscow Pyfrom, an avid photographer himself whose images of wildflowers and orchids were the subjects of four Family Guardian calendars. The photo contest runs March through May each year and winning photographers receive a gift certificate for their selected entries.

The photo shows (from left) *Family Guardian Senior Vice President of Administration* Dr. Kerry Higgs under whose direction the 2009 calendar was produced; winners Ronald Lightbourn (2 photos), Anthony Stubbs, and Olga Stokes; *Family Guardian Chairman* Norbert Boissiere; winners Melissa Maura; Jade Greensword and Anthony Hepburn; and *Family Guardian President & CEO* Patricia Hermanns. Unable to attend the winners' reception and missing from photo are contest winners Jeff Mansbach, Roland Rose (2 photos), Tracy Toogood, Michael Toogood, Jack Hardy and Robyn Seymour.