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George Grubb's Wildlife Photography to Be Featured at DCCC Fall Art Show

THOMASVILLE, N.C., _____, 2014 – Davidson County Community College will welcome home nationally-acclaimed photographer and Lexington, N.C., native George Grubb to headline the college's annual Fall Art Show next month. Grubb's exhibition, titled "Earth's Vanishing Species," will open Aug. 18 and remain on display through Nov. 6 in the Mendenhall Building at DCCC's Davidson Campus.

Grubb has traveled to every continent in the world photographing endangered wildlife. The exhibition will include 36 prints of Grubb's photography accompanied by commentary of each animal's threat rating and obstacles to survival derived from the International Union for the Conservation of Nature's Red List. Many of the animals depicted are rated as "threatened" or worse by the organization. Their greatest threat comes from human activity, either through encroachment of their habitat, poaching, pollution, culling to protect agriculture or other activities.

Animals depicted in the exhibition include orangutans in Borneo, Kodiak bears in Alaska, gorillas in Rwanda, Koala bears in Australia, elephants in Kenya, polar bears in the Arctic, walrus in Svalbard and penguins in Antarctica. The Rothschild giraffe, depicted in the exhibit, is the rarest of the nine subspecies of giraffes – only about 500 are believed to live in the wild.

All of the animals were photographed in their wild, natural habitat or on a preservation that breeds and introduces them back to the wild.

"The opportunity to exhibit my wildlife photography at DCCC is a great honor, and it really appealed to me as a way to share some of the beautiful and incredible wildlife experiences I have had," Grubb says. "In viewing this exhibit, I'm hoping the public will take away the breathtaking beauty of these majestic creatures, be invigorated with renewed enthusiasm to learn more about conservation, and feel more inspired to help protect our planet's great natural resources."

On Nov. 6, the college will host a closing reception with Grubb benefiting the Davidson County Community College Foundation. Grubb's award-winning work will be offered in signed and framed, limited edition prints during a silent auction.

"The concept of bundling this exhibition with a closing benefit auction is an idea that sprang from my parents' support for DCCC," Grubb says. "Both Bob and Rochelle Grubb believed one of the greatest gifts we can provide for our youth is education, and it is in recognizing their past contributions that I was inspired to continue and honor their efforts. Not everyone has the means and resources to obtain college-level training, and this project looked like a good opportunity to educate the public about the struggles of our endangered wildlife while also helping to raise funds for the DCCC Foundation."

Founded in 1963, Davidson County Community College is noted for its quality educational programs and services. As one of 58 institutions within the North Carolina Community College System, DCCC offers studies in more than 50 degree programs. A fully-accredited, multi-campus college, DCCC celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2013 and is looking forward to serving students in Davidson and Davie counties for many years to come. The college is committed to developing minds, inspiring imaginations and preparing students for enhanced career and educational opportunities within a changing global environment. Visit Davidson County Community College at davidsonccc.edu.

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