

***Photographer, author Nancy Rica Schiff to visit
Buell Children's Museum, Sangre de Cristo Arts Center***
Her book, Odd Jobs, part of summer exhibition

PUEBLO – Meet the award winning photographer Nancy Rica Schiff. She will be coming to the Buell Children's Museum at the Sangre de Cristo Arts Center and the Pueblo City-County Library District, June 22-24, 2004. Ms. Schiff created the book *Odd Jobs: Portraits of Unusual Occupations* profiling 65 of the most unique jobs in America. Who blows the bugle at the Kentucky Derby? Or, who fills the cracks on Mount Rushmore? *Odd Jobs* introduces you to the real people who perform these truly peculiar duties and captures the personalities and occupations of these oddball professionals.

Her work is part of the hands-on fun of the Buell Children's Museum summer exhibit, *Summertime Circus of Colorful Careers*, exploring jobs in the arts through Aug. 28, 2004. The schedule of her visit includes:

Thursday, July 22, 2004

- **Book Signing** at 1 p.m., *El Pomar Magic Carpet Theater, Buell Children's Museum*. Ms. Schiff will be doing a book signing and selling copies of *Odd Jobs*. This unique experience is free with admission.
- **illuminating Your Portraits**, class from 7-9 p.m., *Boardroom, Arts Center*. Join this wonderful class taught by Ms. Schiff and find out from a pro how to use minimal light and get great effects in your portrait photos. She will share photo techniques and a sneak peek at her newest project. The cost is \$12 for the general public and \$10 for Arts Center members.

Friday, July 23, 2004

- **Photo Experiences ArtSandwich** at 11:30 a.m., *Magic Carpet Theater, Buell Children's Museum*. Bring your lunch and take part in an informal talk with Ms. Schiff as she discusses her career experiences. Admission is free for Arts Center members and non-members are \$2. Make your reservation by calling 719-295-7200 by the preceding Thursday.

Saturday, July 24, 2004

- **Explore Career Choices** from 1-3 p.m., *Robert Hoag Rawlings Public Library, InfoZone News Museum*. Ms. Schiff will give a presentation and then will be available for a book signing in the Ryals Room. Seating is limited; please call 719-562-5604 to reserve your seat.

The InfoZone is sponsoring two contests in conjunction with Schiff's appearance. The first contest is for teens, "The Most Creative Odd Job that I Would Like To Do In The Future" is for ages 19 and under. The second, "Pueblo's Most Odd Job" will be for ages 20 and above. Adults must submit a description of the job and photo (if possible). If the odd job is odd enough, the job may be featured in Schiff's next odd jobs book. Prizes will be awarded for each age

group. Contest entry forms are available at each of the library's branches, as well as the Rawlings Library and the front desk of the InfoZone. Forms can also be found on-line at www.pueblolibrary.org or www.infozonenewsmuseum.com.

Find out more about her professional work, including her other well known book — *A Celebration of the Eighties*, featuring portraits of famous and active octogenarians — on her website, www.nancyricaschiff.com.

Admission to the Arts Center, including the Buell Children's Museum and Helen T. White Galleries, is \$4 for adults and \$3 for children. Members of the Arts Center receive free admission. Hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, please call 719-295-7200 or stop by the Arts Center located at 210 N. Santa Fe Ave., just off of I-25, exit 98b.