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# NEWS from the CWC

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## **CWC hosts exhibit of “Swamp Photos” by Ruth Wetzel**

November 6, 2013 – Photographs of the hidden beauty and mystery of wetlands by Stone Ridge artist and photographer Ruth Wetzel are on view weekdays from 8 to 4:30 through the end of December at the CWC office, 905 Main St., Margaretville.

“Swamp Photos” is a collection of 14 color digital images of what Wetzel describes as “ever changing ecosystems, unique combinations of land and water. Their mystery and wonder bring the viewer proximity and unexpected immediacy to an overlooked topic. This presentation contrasts with the idea of landscape as romantic, benign scenes of familiar beauty.”

Each complex, natural arrangement of leaves, twigs, reflection and surface film evokes a mood or emotion, whether loss, hope, pleasure or foreboding. Most of the photographs were taken at wetlands in Ulster County.

Ruth Wetzel has been a working artist for more than 20 years. She studied design at SUNY College at Buffalo and designed textiles before receiving her MFA from Maryland Institute, College of Art. Additional study was at Studio Art Center International in Florence, Italy, at Bard College and at SUNY New Paltz, where she has exhibited at the Samuel Dorsky Museum of Art.

Wetzel’s work has also been shown at galleries and museums throughout the East and across New York State. This year her work was included in a group show in Okayama, Japan. Images of the artist’s work can be viewed at [www.swampphotos.com](http://www.swampphotos.com) and [www.ruthwetzel.com](http://www.ruthwetzel.com).

The CWC is a non-profit Local Development Corporation responsible for several environmental protection, economic development and education programs in the New York City Watershed West of the Hudson River.

Information on CWC programs and projects, as well as meeting schedules and board agendas, can be found on the corporation’s web site: [www.cwconline.org](http://www.cwconline.org). Inquiries are welcome Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the CWC’s offices; via email at [invest@cwconline.org](mailto:invest@cwconline.org), and by telephone, toll- free: 877-WAT-SHED (877-928-7433).