



THE VANISHING AMERICA PROJECT

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America Is Changing... Fast

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Can photography change our country's future?

"What will our country be like 100 years from now? Will there even be wild horses, bears, and mountain lions that aren't confined to a zoo? Will still there be vast tracts of undiscovered natural wilderness? Will there be such a thing as a small town? Will our descendants even care? If we continue to let Progress go unchecked, these, and other cherished aspects of our country and culture, will be lost to us forever.

What:

Precious aspects of our country and culture are in danger of vanishing within the next 2-3 generations, and photographer/writer Holt Webb is using his artistic eye to show the world what is at stake when we let Progress run rampant.

Where:

The lower 48 states plus Alaska.

When:

Now!

Points of Interest:

- Endangered Ecosystems and American culture
- Alternative Fuels – Biodiesel, Vegetable Oil, and Solar Power
- Art – Digital and Film

Beginning in May of 2007, and continuing through the end of 2012, Artist and writer Holt Webb will be driving an *ecologically-friendly* motor coach, powered by Vegetable Oil and Solar Energy, around the United States documenting and publishing images and stories of American treasures that could be lost to us during our lifetimes.

Holt's Vanishing America Project looks to enlighten Americans on the fragile nature of our wildlife, our landscapes, and our own ways of life. Subjects include the great, but vulnerable, Okefenokee Swamp, the dying shrimping industry of the Atlantic coast, the uncertain fate of the Wild Mustang, and the search for authentic small-town life. Visiting 49 states, and traveling only by back roads, Holt seeks to capture scenes of America and American life that are all too easily forgotten in this age of technology, reality shows, and global commercialization.

The images and stories he brings back are both beautiful and shocking as we are shown man's encroachment on nature, nature's changing ecosystems, and our own forgotten cultural icons.

"America is changing fast. And, often, change is good. But sometimes change destroys the things we love about our country. Hopefully these images, and the ones that will follow as I travel across the United States, will remind people how precious, how ephemeral, and how important these aspects of our country and our culture are."

-- Holt Webb

Articles, presentations, photo essays, books, Fine Art gallery exhibitions, a documentary, and a TV show will be forthcoming. Holt's progress can be followed at www.vanishingamerica.net.

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Objective:

To use Fine Art photography as a medium of preservation to document those aspects of our country and our culture that may be in danger of disappearing in the next few generations.

Personal:

Photo Experience (highlights)

- **May 2007** – Began The Vanishing America Project
- **2005-2007** – Taught privately-held photography classes in San Diego
- **2005** – Freelance Photographer for *At Home* section of San Diego Magazine
- **2004-2007** -- Managed George's Camera, San Diego, CA
- **2003-2007** – Began freelance photography business (concentrating on architecture)
- **June 1992** – Graduated University of Georgia (BFA/Photography)

Awards

- **April 2005** – Best of Show – APA San Diego (Advertising Photographers of America) "Power of the Image"
- **1992** – Best of Show – 5th Annual University of Georgia Visual Arts Student Photography Contest
- **April 2005** – First Place, *City Beat* Magazine Photo Contest, San Diego, CA

Gallery Exhibitions

- **January-March 2009** – Group Exhibit – Athens Institute of Contemporary Art, Athens, GA
- **Pending early 2009** – Solo Exhibit – Terry Cannon Gallery and 1401 Gallery joint exhibition, Chattanooga, TN
- **July 2008** – Solo Exhibit -- Ann Jackson Gallery, Roswell, GA
- **September 2005** – Solo Exhibit – 4 Walls Gallery, San Diego, CA
- **May 2004** – Group Exhibit – 55th Annual San Diego County Fair Exhibition of Photography
- **2001** – Solo Exhibit – Pannikin Café, La Jolla CA
- **2001** – Solo Exhibit – Bob Davis Camera on-site gallery, La Jolla CA
- **Spring 1992** – Solo Exhibit – University of Georgia Art Department, Athens, GA
- **1991** – Group Exhibit – Bluebird Café, Athens GA

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Points of interest:

- Environmentally friendly “Green” vehicles – The motor coach and the Land Rover both run on Used Vegetable Oil, Biodiesel, and diesel fuel, and the motor home also uses solar power
- Fine Art Photography documenting what’s disappearing in America and American culture
- High-Definition Video documentation of the journey
- Articles being written for national and regional magazines
- Presentations to schools, clubs, and organizations

Organizations helping Vanishing America:

- The Smithsonian Institution
- University of Georgia
- Atlanta Preservation Society
- Chattanooga’s Lyndhurst Foundation
- Captain Planet Foundation

Current Sponsors:

- Fernandina Beach Kiwanis – Fernandina Beach, FL
- The Shop – Norcross, GA – Land Rover Specialists
- Rover Hybrids – Redding, CA – Land Rover conversions, vegetable oil conversions – www.roverhybrids.com
- Chattanooga Allergy Clinic – Chattanooga, TN -- www.chattallergy.com
- Adams Avenue Bicycles – San Diego, CA – Cycling specialists
- Newman’s Own – www.newmansown.com
- Scott Shop Towels -- <http://www.kcdiy.com/diy/products/Shop-Towels.asp>
- Dr. Bronner’s Magic Soaps – www.drbronnens.com
- Blue Ox Towing Equipment – www.blueox.com
- The Rush Fitness Center – www.therush247.com

Publicity:

Newspapers:

- **FRONT PAGE – Florida Times Union (Insert) My Nassau Sun** – Jacksonville, FL – Saturday, Jan 17, 2009 – http://jacksonville.com/community/my_nassau_sun/2009-01-17/story/vanishing_america_documentarian_visits
- **FRONT PAGE --Fernandina Beach News Leader** – Fernandina Beach, FL – Wednesday, Jan 14, 2009 -- <http://www.fbnewsleader.com/articles/2009/01/16/news/00newsvanishingamerica.txt>
- **Atlanta Journal-Constitution** – Atlanta, GA – Thursday, July 24, 2008 -- <http://www.accessatlanta.com/blogs/content/shared-blogs/accessatlanta/atlarts/>
- **Atlanta Journal-Constitution** – Atlanta, GA – Sunday, June 29, 2008
- **Alpharetta-Roswell Revue & News** – Alpharetta/Roswell, GA – June 26, 2008
FRONT PAGE -- http://www.northfulton.com/Articles-i-2008-06-26-173003.112113_Vanishing_America_Images_of_a_fading_past.html

- **Alpharetta-Roswell Revue & News** – Alpharetta/Roswell, GA – June 19, 2008
<http://www.northfulton.com/Articles-i-2008-06-19-172921.112113-Alpharetta-photographer-lives-out-quest-of-preservation.html>
- **San Diego City Beat** – San Diego, CA – February 5, 2008
<http://www.sdcitybeat.com/cms/story/detail/beating-the-bulldozers/6615/>
- **Cherokee LedgerNews** – Woodstock, GA -- February, 2008
<http://www.ledgernews.com/Archives/02.20.08/cherokeeprofile.html>
- **Redding Searchlight** – Redding, CA – August, 2007
<http://www.redding.com/news/2007/sep/02/photographer-gives-rv-green-makeover/>
- **Alpharetta Revue** – Alpharetta, GA -- September, 2007 <http://www.northfulton.com/Articles-i-2007-08-23-161419.112113-Former-hometown-boy-chronicles-rural-America.html>
- **Milton Herald** – Alpharetta, GA -- September, 2007 <http://www.northfulton.com/Articles-i-2007-08-23-161419.112113-Former-hometown-boy-chronicles-rural-America.html>
- **Daily Astorian** – Astoria, OR – October 21, 2007

Magazines:

- **Land Rover Lifestyle Magazine (online)** – January 18, 2009 --
<http://www.lrlmagazine.com/blog/The-Land-Rover-Blog-Roll>
- **RV Life**
Written by me: July, 2008 -- <http://www.rvlife-digital.com/rvlife/200807/?u1=texterity>
Written by me: February, 2008 -- <http://www.rvlife-digital.com/rvlife/200802/>
Written by editor: December, 2007 -- <http://www.rvlife-digital.com/rvlife/200712/?pg=6&pm=2>
- **Land Rover Monthly** – Written by me (includes cover photo): October 2008
- **San Diego City Beat**
February, 2008 -- <http://www.sdcitybeat.com/cms/story/detail/beating-the-bulldozers/6615/>
- **San Diego Magazine**
May 2008 -- <http://www.sandiegomagazine.com/media/San-Diego-Magazine/May-2008/Front-Pages/>
- **Georgia** (Univ. of Georgia Alumni magazine)
June 2008 -- <http://www.uga.edu/gm/artman/publish/0806holtwebb.html>
March 2008
- **Sign of the Times**
May 2008 -- <http://www.signweb.com/index.php/channel/31/id/2836>

Television:

- WDEF (CBS) – Chattanooga, TN – September 30, 2008
- WRCB (NBC) – Chattanooga, TN – June 2008 -- <http://www.wrcbtv.com/Global/story.asp?s=8486940>
- KRCR (ABC) – Redding, CA – July 2007
- KVAL(CBS) – Eugene, OR – October 2007
- KEZI (ABC) – Coos Bay, OR – October 2007
- KOLD (CBS) – Tucson, AZ – November 2007

Radio

- KFMB (Jack FM) 100.7 – San Diego, CA – January, 2007
- Photo Talk Radio (Online) www.phototalkradio.com – San Diego, CA – April 12, 2008
- WUGA – Athens, GA – February 3, 2009

Presentations

- University of Georgia Photography Department – Athens, GA
- Athens Institute for Contemporary Art – Athens, GA
- Fernandina Beach Kiwanis Club – Fernandina Beach, FL
- Sweet Apple Elementary School – Roswell, GA
- Atlanta Kiwanis Club – Atlanta, GA
- Cherokee Photography Club – Canton, GA
- Etowah High School – Woodstock, GA
- Baylor School – Chattanooga, TN
- St. Peter's Episcopal School – Chattanooga, TN
- Photographic Society of Chattanooga
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