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Photographer to display images of African grannies

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Well known local photographer Virginia Weiler will exhibit photographic canvases of African grandmothers who are being served by The Nyanya Project (TNP), a local nonprofit

"The Roots and The Light" exhibit/fundraiser celebrates the extraordinary women who singlehandedly raise their grandchildren orphaned by AIDS. Grandmothers are known



"nyanyas" 35 10 Swahili. The photographic canvases will be for sale to benefit The Nyanya Project.

The exhibit will open on Wednesday. May 5. at Simplyummy, 122 Reynolda Village. from 2:30-5:30 p.m. Weiler and Nyanya Project Founder Mary Martin Niepold will be on hand to talk about the project.

In Kenya alone. estimates suggest that more than one million orphans are being raised by these women, who are often widowed, have mini-

One of Virginia Weiler's images.

mal education and receive no government assistance. TNP does not give handouts, rather, it trains grandmothers in various skills to provide ongoing care for themselves and their families.

Weiler traveled to Kenya and Tanzania last summer with TNP and to Kenya and Rwanda this winter where she met dozens of these grandmothers.

"What I witnessed while photographing these extraordinary women - all without exception examples of dignity. strength, hard work and endurance - is a reminder of the nobility of the human spirit and the crucial need for community and hope." Weiler said

For more information, contact Weiler at 336-777-0158 or wweiler @triad.rr.com

Boy Scouts to honor Welch

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Edwin L. Welch Jr., president of I.L. Long Construction Company, Inc., will be honored at the Old. Hickory

Council of the Boy Scouts of America's Distinguished Citizen Award dinner on · Tuesday May 4 at the Benton Convention Center

Dr. Richard H. Dean, past president. and CEO of Wake Forest University

Health Sciences and 2009

Welch

serves on the Board of Trustees for North Carolina Baptist Hospital, Forsyth Community Technical College, Children's Home and Senior Services, Inc.

Additionally, he is the immediate past Chairman of the Board of United Way Forsyth County and remains on its executive committee. Welch is the recipient of the 2004 Duke Power Citizenship and service award, the THE CHRONICLE

DANCE DANCES TO WINS



Ashlee Dance of Positive Image Performing Arts was recently awarded top honors at the Regional Showstoppers Competition in Concord. Ashlee received a Double Platinum ranking, along with firstplace finishes in the Jazz Dance Teen Division and the Recreational Dance Teen Division. Ashlee and the other talented dancers from Positive Image Performing Arts, which is directed by Courtney Taylor, have qualified to compete in the National Kids Artistic Revue in June in Myrtle Beach.

Little Miss Sigma crowned

The Theta Mu Sigma Chapter of Sigma Gamma

Sigma

Rho Sorority Inc. held its

Pageant on April 17 at the

Forsyth County Central

Te'joni Hall won the first-

place award. She is the

daughter of Amanda Walker

of High Point. Theta Mu

Sigma crowned this princess

after her absolutely excep-

tional inspirational dance per-

were: Sierra Samuels and

Aireyona Sanders, who took

second and third place,

The Chapter also present-

The other participants

Miss Khailyn

Little Miss/Mr.

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ed information on two of the sorority's national programs: Buckle Up America, a seat-belt/ car-seat safety initiative. and Wee Savers, which focuses on making wise savings investments for children.



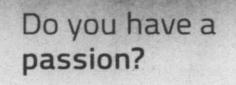
Khailyn Te'joni Hall

of Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center, will deliver the keynote address at the event

Welch has held a series of prominent positions and received many accolades from Centenary United Methodist a variety of notable philanthropic organizations. He has served on the board of the Salvation Army Advisory Hospice Board and Foundation, and currently

Winston-Salem Foundation award and was named by The Business Journal as one of the top 50 most influential people in the Triad in 2008/2009. Welch has also been a devoted member of Church.

For invitation or table sponsorship information, contact Steve Daniel at 336-760-2900 or sdaniel@bsamail.org.



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