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## **Muscatine History and Industry Center Announces New Exhibit *Vieux Muscatine* Opens with Wine Tasting Event**

July 6, 2010 – (Muscatine, Iowa) – The Muscatine History and Industry Center and Pearl Button Museum will unveil a new exhibit on July 27, 2010. *Vieux Muscatine*, a collection of photographic images by Muscatine native Dan Welk, will be displayed in the second floor gallery.

*Vieux Muscatine* showcases images created in the summer of 2009. “My goal was to capture in print views that we pass by daily, but might not notice or appreciate,” says Dan Welk. “This collection represents my perspective on my hometown.” Dan Welk is a graduate of Muscatine High School and Iowa State University. A former radio broadcaster, Welk now owns the photography company *Click!* in Des Moines, Iowa.

**The exhibit will be previewed during a special *Vieux Muscatine* wine tasting event on Saturday, July 24 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the Muscatine History and Industry Center.** The event will feature a selection of wines from *Wine Nutz* and light appetizers. Tickets are \$15.00 each or 2 for \$25.00. Tickets are available at the Muscatine History and Industry Center, Hy-Vee of Muscatine, and *Wine Nutz*.

“*Vieux Muscatine* juxtaposes iconic Muscatine with modern images in striking black and white,” says Muscatine History and Industry Center Executive Director Kristin McHugh-Johnston. “We’re pleased to place these wonderful images on view.”

*Vieux Muscatine* will open to the public on Tuesday, July 27 and will remain on view in the second floor gallery through early October.

The Muscatine History and Industry Center, located at 117 West Second Street in historic downtown Muscatine, is home to the Pearl Button Museum. Visit the interactive exhibit showcasing how Muscatine once produced 1.5 billion pearl buttons annually. Plus, trace the history of current “Made in Muscatine” industries including the HNI Corporation, Stanley Consultants, and Bridgestone Bandag. The Muscatine History and Industry Center is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Admission is free, donations are welcomed. For more information, contact 563-263-1052 or visit [www.muscatinehistory.org](http://www.muscatinehistory.org).