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## News Release

### **LOCAL PHOTOGRAPHERS HONORED IN WASHTENAW COUNTY LANDMARK PHOTO CONTEST**

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**Ann Arbor, Michigan – July 21, 2008** Photographers, judges and local municipal leaders gathered on July 18<sup>th</sup> to honor the finalists and winners in the Washtenaw County Landmark Photo Contest. The photos of the twenty finalists and the top five "Judges' Choice" entries are on exhibit at the County's Library Learning Resource Center in Pittsfield Township, and published on [www.eWashtenaw.org/landmark](http://www.eWashtenaw.org/landmark), the County's public web site.

The top five photos, depicting the Island Park Gazebo, Michigan Theater and Barton Dam in Ann Arbor; Parker Mill in Ann Arbor Township and the Michigan Firehouse Museum in Ypsilanti, were professionally mounted and framed and presented to the photographers and to officials of the



landmarks' municipalities. Ann Arbor City Manager Roger Fraser was presented with three of the framed photos which he said would be "displayed proudly in one of our City buildings."

The photos, submitted during the year-long contest were assessed by **three local judges**: Washtenaw County Commissioner **Barbara Levin Bergman** – an accomplished photographer in her own right; **Don Werthmann**, a full-time faculty member in the Visual Arts Technology Department at Washtenaw Community College and **Ray Berg**, a local community web master and rural historian.

*Mary C. Kirby, looking at the 2008 Washtenaw County Platt Book*



***Ann Arbor City Manager Roger Fraser and two-time top photographer Ann O'Hagen with their framed and mounted photographs in the Washtenaw Landmark Photo Contest; Washtenaw County Deputy Administrator Verna McDaniel looks on.***

The winning photographers were Mary C. Kirby, Frank Kaelin, Jeff Hudson and Ann O'Hagen who had two "Judges' Choice" entries. The Finalist photos feature sights in Ann Arbor, Ann Arbor Township, Chelsea, Manchester, Salem, Ypsilanti and Ypsilanti Township. Mary Kirby's winning photo, Island Lake Pavilion, was also chosen for the cover of Washtenaw County's 2008 Platt Book from the Office of the Clerk/Register.

All twenty of the Finalist photos are on display at the County's Library Learning Resource Center, 4135 Washtenaw in Pittsfield Township through August.

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