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Marietta, Georgia resident Hazel Berger opens her photography show titled “Georgia’s State Parks” at REI Perimeter in Atlanta, Georgia Saturday, September 3. The twelve images feature nine state parks and Wormsloe Historic Site. The show is meant to be educational and includes information about each park. This exhibit is in conjunction with Atlanta Celebrates Photography, an October celebration of photographic art in Atlanta’s art galleries.

Berger's work will be on display until December 3rd. The artist's reception is on October 18 at 7 PM and includes a lecture and slide show. You must RSVP on the REI website at www.rei.com/stores/54 in October. REI is located at 1165 Perimeter Ctr W, Ste 200 in Atlanta.

Her show highlights extremes. The views from Georgia's northern corners at Cloudland Canyon and Black Rock Mountain State Park are stunning. Providence Canyon is just under three hours from Atlanta and also offers a dramatic view as well. Berger has chosen details of the parks to entice the viewer to make the trek to a park new to them. However, the images in this show are more about art than documentary photography. It was designed around the REI customer and meant to be informative. She lists highlights of the parks with signage and includes maps.

The show includes images from the following Georgia State Parks: Black Rock Mountain, Cloudland Canyon, Florence Marina, Indian Springs, Panola Mountain, Providence Canyon, Skidaway Island, Vogel, Watson Mill Bridge, and Wormsloe Historic Site. The artist



states, "I selected these parks because they stand out among those I have visited so far." Berger is touring the Georgia State Parks and writing about them on her blog:

www.hazelberger.blogspot.com. "I decided on this project last winter when the flowers weren't blooming, and I needed something to photograph," says Berger. "It is my hope that this

show will grow and find more venues," says Berger.

Hazel Berger is a floral photographer; this show includes two florals. To see her entire portfolio, which includes many hydrangea and magnolias, visit her website at www.hazelberger.com. The artist travels the Southeastern United States showing her work at fine art festivals. This Fall she will have work in juried photography shows in Atlanta and attend the Marietta Art in the Park and Roswell Arts Festival. Her show schedule is on-line at

www.hazelberger.com/shows.html. Her image titled “Slow Dance” is juried into the Slow Exposures show. And, she was selected for the ACP Portfolio Review October 1.

In total there are 49 state parks and 15 historical sites in the Georgia park system. Learn more about the parks at www.gastateparks.org.

REI is a national outdoor retail co-op dedicated to inspiring, educating and outfitting its members and the community for a lifetime of outdoor adventure and stewardship. REI has four locations in the metropolitan area. The company website is www.rei.com/stores/54.

*The tree image included was photographed at Skidaway Island State Park and highlights the Spanish Moss. It is titled “Dancing.” Berger photographed the camellia bush at Indian Springs State Park this past February; the work is titled Camellia Peace. High resolution jpeg files are available. Please email the artist with your request at hazel@hazelberger.com.