



**Tim Ernst to present
Nov. 2 Lecture Featuring
Buffalo River Area Photography**

Tim Ernst, Arkansas' premier wilderness photographer, will narrate a special slide show of his photographs of the Buffalo National River area Monday, Nov. 2, at 7 p.m. in the L.E. "Gene" Durand Center for the fall presentation in the John Paul Hammerschmidt Lecture Series.

Congressman Hammerschmidt has a unique bond with the Buffalo River. He was the author and initiating sponsor of the Public Law preserving the Buffalo River as a free-flowing stream, adding it to the National Park System in 1972.

Photographs by Ernst have appeared in hundreds of national, regional, and local publications. Some of his credits include *National Geographic*, *Audubon*, *Backpacker*, *Outside*, *Outdoor Photographer*, *American Hiker*, *Natural History*, *Country*, *Chevy Outdoors*, and *Arkansas Times* magazines, Sierra Club and Hallmark calendars, National Park Service and U.S. Forest Service maps and brochures, *Readers Digest* books, and *The New York Times*.

An award-winning photographer, writer, and volunteer, Ernst's backpacking articles have appeared in numerous national publications, and he is the author of more than a dozen hiking trail guidebooks. Ten collections of Tim's wilderness photographs have been published as coffee table picture books - *Arkansas Portfolio: Twenty Years of Wilderness Photography* (1994), *Wilderness Reflections: An Intimate Look at Wild Places in America* (1996), *Buffalo River Wilderness* (with watercolors by William McNamara, 1998), *Arkansas Spring: Dogwoods, Waterfalls and Wildflowers* (2000), *Arkansas Wilderness: My Favorite Photos from the Natural State* (2002), *Arkansas Portfolio II: Spectacular New Images from The Natural State* (2005), *Buffalo River Dreams* (2006), *Arkansas Waterfalls: Scenic Icons of the Natural State* (2007), *Arkansas Landscapes* (2008), and *Arkansas Wildlife* (published in the fall of 2009).

This will be the 20th presentation in the JPH Lecture Series. As a presenter in the series, Tim Ernst follows astronaut and cosmonaut Dr. Jerry Linenger, Sherpa mountain guide Jamling Tenzing Norgay, CIA officers Tony and Jonna Mendez, internationally syndicated columnist Gwynne Dyer, former North Vietnam prisoner of war Colonel Edward L. Hubbard, 1972 Olympic 800-meter-run champion Dave Wottle, FDNY Chief Richard "Pitch" Picciotto, Harrison native and music therapy specialist Dr. Frederick (Ted) Tims, Savant Syndrome expert Dr. Darold Treffert, retired Wal-Mart senior vice-chairman Don Soderquist, "Homeless to Harvard" heroine Liz Murray, Navy Commander (retired) Scott Waddle of the USS Greenville, Arkansas Democrat-Gazette staff writer and Iraq war correspondent Amy Schlesing,

animator/filmmaker Gary Goldman, former college and pro football great Keith Jackson, Clinton School of Public Service Dean James L. “Skip” Rutherford, *Horns, Hogs, & Nixon Coming: Texas vs. Arkansas in Dixie’s Last Stand* author Terry Frei, award-winning journalist Juan Williams of Fox News Sunday and PBS, and pollster and author John Zogby.

The JPH Lecture Series is funded by gifts to the North Arkansas College Foundation. Copies of Ernst’s photography books, including his newest publication, *Arkansas Wildlife*, will be on sale at the lecture, which is open to the public free of charge.