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**Book Signing: “Florida Frontier” Photography Book by Carlton Ward, Jr.
At Lake Wales Arts Center, Lake Wales, FL**

On March 13 at 10:00 am, the Arts Center will host a presentation titled “Black Bears in Our Midst”. Carlton will join Wade Ulrey with the University of Kentucky and Archbold Biological Station’s Executive Director, Hilary Swain. Several other activities are being planned in conjunction with the Carlton Ward, Jr. exhibit that runs through March 21.

Meet **CARLTON WARD, JR.**, as he discusses his exhibit and signs **FLORIDA COWBOYS: KEEPERS OF THE LAST FRONTIER**, with his stunning photographs and 20 essays with historical, cultural, and environmental perspectives. On Monday, February 21, his book was awarded silver medal in the Florida Book Awards for Florida nonfiction! A reception and book signing will take place on February 25 at the Lake Wales Arts Center in the Michael Crews Gallery from 5:00 to 7:00 pm.

Carlton Ward, Jr. is an environmental photojournalist from Clearwater, Florida, with graduate training in ecology and anthropology. Through his photographs, he aims to promote conservation of natural environments and cultural legacies. At home and abroad, Carlton seeks stories where he can use photographs to make a difference.

Carlton’s passion for nature was born from the Florida landscape, where eight generations of family history have grounded his perspective. He sees cultural heritage and the natural environment as two of society’s greatest yet most threatened resources. While at home in the US, Carlton turns his attention toward Florida conservation issues and is beginning a number of long-term projects aimed at celebrating the state’s vanishing natural heritage as a tool for protecting it.

He regularly produces stories for newspapers and magazines including recent features in Smithsonian, National Wildlife, Africa Geographic and Outdoor Photographer.

The Lake Wales Arts Council, Inc. is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization whose mission is to promote, encourage and celebrate the arts for the enhancement of community life. The Arts Center is located at 1099 S.R. 60 East in Lake Wales. The Arts Center is open year round, Monday through Friday, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. For more information, please call 863-676-8426, or visit the website www.lakewalesartscenter.org.

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