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NEW PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION CAPTURES LIVING CULTURE OF NEW MEXICO PUEBLO TRIBES

***Lee Marmon Exhibit Opens September 22, 2007 at
Acoma Pueblo's Sky City Cultural Center and Haak'u Museum***

Acoma Pueblo, NM September 2007: New Mexico's Acoma Pueblo hosts the new Lee Marmon '*Pueblo Places and Faces*' photography exhibit at Sky City Cultural Center & Haak'u Museum September 22, 2007 through September 2008. The collection of images taken throughout the career of this famed photographer and Laguna Tribe Elder explores the living culture of the state's Pueblo tribes and will be the last exhibition of his work before retiring at age 82. Never before seen images of Acoma Pueblo will also highlight the exhibit.

Marmon has captured the shifting living culture of New Mexico's Pueblo Tribes over his lifetime, now compiled into a photographic exhibition providing a glimpse into Pueblo life throughout the 20th Century. "The Haaku Museum is proud to have Lee Marmon's exhibit, which will be his final work before ending this man's popular career as a photographer," said Damian Garcia, Sky City Cultural Center Curator. The exhibit also contains some of his most-loved images including "*White Man's Moccasins*"

Marmon's photographs have been published and exhibited internationally, most recently at the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of the American Indian in New York City. His still photography in the PBS video, "*Surviving Columbus*" won an ADDY award in 1993.

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Marmon began his professional career at age 10, receiving a Kodak Postcard Camera from his father as a diversion activity for the young child while his parents worked at the tribe's Trading Post. Within weeks he sold his first photo to an insurance company for marketing collateral. Marmon recalls, "One day, when I was hanging around the stove at the trading post, my dad said I should take some pictures of the old-timers before they were gone, then we'd have something to remember them by." That was 1947. He was rarely seen without his camera from that point forward.

Marmon is available for interviews upon request.

Location and directions to Sky City Cultural Center and Haak'u Museum, can be found on www.skycity.com. The museum is open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. April through October; and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. November through March. Admission into Haak'u Museum is \$4 per person and free to all members of the Museum along with exclusive programming. For more information, visit www.skycity.com or call 1-800-747-0181.

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