

CONTEST CORNER

Highlight Your Hometown

(NAPSA)—If you're like most people, you take pride in where you grew up and where you live. Whether you're a busy entrepreneur or a working parent, you have an affinity for your hometown. You want to show people around, you want to show it off, you want to guide people to local landmarks large and small—any place that means something to you or to the community.

Now it's easy for people with a digital camera to share what they love most about their hometown. Staples, the world's largest office products company, is offering amateur photographers a chance to have their photos viewed and sold to countless customers in stores throughout the country.

The Staples "Hometown Views" Photo Contest gives everyone the opportunity to show the entire country what makes their hometown special simply by sharing photos of their neighborhood.

Each contest entrant will receive a coupon for one big free color poster redeemable at any Staples Copy & Print Center inside every Staples store.

The grand-prize winner will be selected by Staples with the assistance of the Professional Photographers of America (PPA), the world's

oldest and largest not-for-profit association for professional photographers. PPA will also provide visitors to the contest Web site with information about how and when to select a professional photographer and how to avoid accidental copyright violations. Approximately 40 regional finalists will be

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selected and will receive prizes, which may include Staples gift cards and royalties of up to \$5,000 from photos sold in over 1,300 Staples stores. One grand-prize winner will receive an "Ultimate Photo Vacation to Iceland."

Visit www.staples.com/hometownviews for contest details, how to submit your entry and a complete list of rules and eligibility requirements. The 40 finalists and grand-prize winner will be announced in May. To make it even easier to capture an award-winning image, Staples will also feature helpful tips provided by the experts at *Nature's Best Photography* magazine on the contest Web site. The deadline to enter Staples "Hometown Views" Photo Contest is March 15, 2007.