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TROY, OHIO - Brower Stationers announces their new Troy post card collection of 24 different photographs is now in-store. The collection features images taken by 8 different photographers and 4 images Courtesy of The Troy Historical Society. "We were thrilled with the public response to our request for photographs," Lori Gunter stated. "We received so many fantastic pictures that it was hard to choose only 24."

The Photographers whose photos were selected are: Roy Baker-Troy, David Cornelisse-Troy, Rachel Counts-North Royalton, Doug Fosnight-Piqua, Allie Isner-Troy, Wesley Jones-Troy, Tony Riffell-Piqua and Diana Brower-Troy. Each post card has the name of the artist and their website (if they have one) on the back.

Photographers of all ages are represented, from 16 to 73.

"I think what makes this a great collection is the variety in the photo subjects and the style of the individual photographers. You can see their unique point of view in their shots. Some are funky & fresh, some retro while others are classic architectural shots." Diana Brower said.

Two of the 8 photographers are professional and 6 are hobbyists. Tony Riffell of TNT Studios in Piqua and Rachel Counts of North Royalton (near Cleveland) are professional photographers. Each has their own website where they sell their images. Tony Riffell's is: tntstudiosphoto.com and Rachel Counts is: rachel-counts.artistwebsites.com.

Of the 6 hobbyists, Roy Baker is the former owner of BK Photo and is a Certified Photographer Counselor. Wesley Jones formerly made money taking wedding photographs as a 'professional amateur.' Now Wes volunteers at local history museums and has started the [Discover, Troy OH](http://DiscoverTroyOH.com) magazine and website. David Cornelisse of Troy and Doug Fosnight of Piqua both had stunning architectural photos and wanted to share them with the public. Dave also incorporated his dogs into his pictures along the Miami River, illustrating Troy life beautifully.

What started out as a promotional project became a warm hearted experience both for Brower's staff and the photographers who participated. "I asked the contributing Photographers why they chose to participate in this project. Their response surprised us and brought such joy." Diana Brower said.

For example, Rachel Counts is the Grand-daughter of former Fire Chief Bob Counts who recently passed away. Rachel said "I felt like I was supposed to participate. After losing my Grandfather in January, I wanted to do

something to help me deal with the loss. I felt that this was a good thing to do and I know that he would be very proud of me and my accomplishments.”

Allie Isner of Troy is a 16 year old high school student. Brower's staff selected the photos blindly by laying 4”x 6” print outs on a table and then pasting their favorite pictures onto a poster board. Brower's selected two of Allie's photos out of hundreds of submissions. When asked why she participated, Allie responded “I thought it would be cool if I could get some photos selected. No matter how old you are if you put your mind to it, your dreams can come true! And after I found out about the contest and two of my photos were selected my dreams came true. It's a very good opportunity for a 16 year old and I'm glad I got to be a part of it!”

Browers is a local family-owned office supply and educational materials store established in 1944 now in it's third generation of ownership. Brower's is located at 16 S. Market Street in downtown Troy and the hours are Monday-Friday 8:30 am - 5:30 pm and Saturday 9am-2pm. Phone: 937-335-2117 Web: www.BrowersOnline.com

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Attached photos:

Miami County Courthouse – David Cornelisse
First block of East Main Street – Rachel Counts
Troy, Ohio street signs – Allie Isner