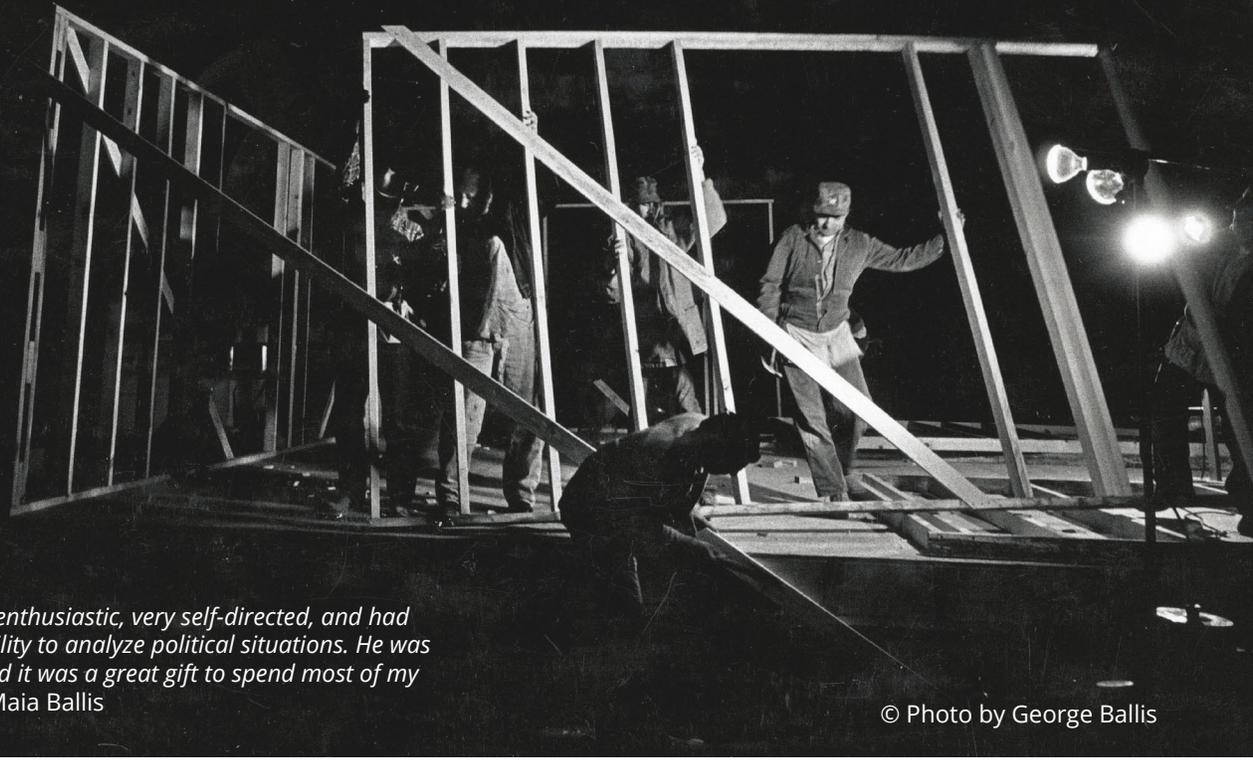


"THERE IS MORE WORK TO BE DONE" CALL FOR ARTISTS



"George was high energy, enthusiastic, very self-directed, and had great confidence in his ability to analyze political situations. He was an amazing individual, and it was a great gift to spend most of my life evolving with him." - Maia Ballis

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The Project

Honoring the legacy of photographer George Ballis (1925-2010) and his deep ties to rural housing & community development, the Housing Assistance Council (HAC) with support from the National Endowment for the Arts is seeking photographers for an upcoming exhibition, *"There Is More Work To Be Done"*. Scheduled for December 2020, the exhibition situates Ballis' work alongside new images of rural America's *Places*, its *People*, their *Plight* and *Perseverance*, and the *Process* of change still underway.

George Ballis had a storied career at the intersection of photography and social justice. He chronicled seminal movements in American history, insisting on capturing images of ordinary community members in addition to leaders at the forefront of social change. According to Ballis, strong leaders like Cesar Chavez were simply the spokespeople of ordinary folks - it was the everyday person he strove to capture. Carrying on his legacy, *"There Is More Work To Be Done"* seeks works that authentically display the conditions of rural America and rural Americans today.

Open Call

"There Is More Work To Be Done" is searching for photographers to document the impact of rural housing and rural community development programs in areas across the USA such as Appalachia, Central California, the Native American Lands of Northern New Mexico, the Texas Rio Grande Valley, and beyond. The exhibition looks to situate the work of Ballis alongside new images that showcase the progress of rural affordable housing and aligned efforts across the country, and to expose the work that still needs to be done.

Selected photographers will be guided by Matt Herron, a contemporary of Ballis', and work with HAC to develop new photos according to the main themes of the project. Participants will be awarded a stipend of approximately \$2000 for their contributions. The developed images will be exhibited physically and virtually at national rural development gatherings.

Applications due August 14th, 2020 at 5pm EST:

<https://forms.gle/Xsexdz2aRsBaPiUU9>

For any questions contact ballisphoto@ruralhome.org

*HAC understands public health concerns and will take them into consideration when carrying out this project, making adjustments as necessary.

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