

**PRESS RELEASE**

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**Event:** “Exploring the *New*” – First Thursday Gallery Night  
**When:** Thursday, February 2, 2012  
**Where:** Court House Cultural Center, 80 East Ocean Blvd., Stuart  
**Who:** The Arts Council, Inc.

**Stuart, FL:** The Arts Council, serving Stuart and Martin County, presents the avant garde works of four artists on First Thursday Gallery Night, February 2, 2012 from 5-8:00 p.m. as part of the “*New*” exhibit currently on display at the Court House Cultural Center, 80 E. Ocean Blvd, downtown Stuart. First Thursdays are free and open to the public.

The *New* artists, **Joe Apicella, Marcia K Moore, Virginie Goffin, and Rochelle Reinhard** have received much acclaim from this exhibit. Curator, Debra Magrann, will moderate a panel discussion starting at 5:30 p.m. and close with “the *New*: Next Steps”.

Comments from opening night were consistent: “Powerful!”, “Beyond my expectations...”, “The best show I’ve seen in a long, long time!”, “This is amazing!” The public continues to be enthusiastic: “*I just wanted to tell you that I finally got to see the exhibit at the Court House and it was the most interesting one I’ve ever seen there. Fantastic job! Placing the contrasting styles together was a stroke of genius.*” ~ Linda Relis, Port St. Lucie artist and Founder of St. Lucie Professional Arts League.

The art works are for sale with a portion supporting the Arts Council. The “*New*” will continue through February 3, 2012.

The Arts Council is the designated local arts agency for Martin County. The Arts Council provides services to visual and performing artists, arts organizations, students and the public and strives to instill a passion for and participation in the arts. For more information, please call 772-287-6676 or visit [www.martinarts.org](http://www.martinarts.org).

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