

PRESS RELEASE

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Event: “Private Beauty” Collector’s Reception

When: February 3, 2010

Where: Court House Cultural Center Galleries

Who: The Arts Council, Inc.

The '**PRIVATE BEAUTY**' Exhibit at the Martin County Courthouse Cultural Center, 80 E Ocean Blvd. captures a rare open door into the collection of 6 community figures. Almost 50 works of art from private collectors will be on exhibit until Saturday, Feb. 12th. The public opening for the 'Collectors Reception' will be Feb. 3rd., on First Thursday Gallery Night. Featured works by these collectors generous loan will inspire you.

On display in the Martin County Community Foundation are 9 intimate portraits by the most famous celebrity photographer of our time, Annie Liebovitz. The people she captures have opened their hearts and lives to her camera as seen in the photograph on display of John Lennon & Yoko Ono in NY City, 1980 just 5 hours before Lennon was shot. Only 40 prints of each photograph were produced by the artist and most of the photographs in our gallery were personalized to the collector.

The participating collectors are: Mr. & Mrs. Stuart Lamb, Mr. & Mrs. Michael Braid, Ms. Silka D'Alessandro, Mr. H. Allen Holmes, Mr. Tom D' Alessandro, Ms. Renata Metelska, and curator, Ms. CJ Lucien. The list of Artists collected in the Gallery's include: Pamela Wilson, Ynez Johnston, Leonard Edmonson, Theodoros Stamos, Shiro Ikegawa, Jehudith Sobel, Johnnie Winona Ross, Brain Rutenberg (simultaneous show at Melburg Gallery, NY), sculptures by Alex Kveton, Yulla Lipchitz (wife of famous sculptor, Jacques Lipchitz), and more.

The 'Unexpected Arrival' painting by California artist, Pamela Wilson exemplifies the entire show. Who would ever think an exhibition of this caliber could be viewed in Stuart, FL ? Some of the first visitors from VIP Night, Dreams: 30th Anniversary Gala Concert exclaimed, "it feels like a taste of New York". Don't miss this once in a lifetime opportunity to see these private collections, curated by CJ Lucien and brought to you by the Arts Council who's mission it is: *To provide advocacy and leadership that inspires participation in and a passion for the arts in our community.*

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. The Arts Council is sponsored in part by the Florida Department of State, Division of Cultural Affairs, the Florida Arts Council, the National Endowment for the Arts, the City of Stuart, Martin County Board of County Commissioners, and private contributions.