

PRESS RELEASE

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Event: Cristina de la Vega and Dennis Auiery Opening Reception

When: February 17, 2012

Where: Court House Cultural Center
Cristina de la Vega – Frederic M. Ayres III Gallery
Dennis Auiery – Martin County Community Foundation Gallery

Who: The Arts Council of Martin County

Stuart, FL: The Arts Council of Martin County will present the artwork of Cristina de la Vega and Dennis Auiery at the Opening Reception on Friday, February 17 from 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., at the Court House Cultural Center Galleries, 80 East Ocean Boulevard, Downtown Stuart. The artwork of Dennis Auiery will exhibit in the Martin County Community Foundation Gallery, and Cristina de la Vega will exhibit in the Frederic M. Ayres III Gallery.

Cristina de la Vega and Dennis Auiery are very important and well known Florida artists of their generation. The two artists are alike in that they paint oil paintings very large and smaller. They also share an enthusiasm for working out of doors in plein air, completing the work in the studio.

Ms. de la Vega works in the tradition of the great landscape painters, portraying our great Florida wilderness. She aspires to preserve as much of it as possible on canvas before it is paved over and disappears forever.

Mr. Auiery is interested not only in describing Florida's amazing natural landscape but also in showing us the beauty and design of manmade objects. Boats, trucks, cars, bridges, buildings, and roads and figure in his exuberant landscapes, allowing us to understand them both more completely.

The exhibition will continue through April 20, 2012. Court House Cultural Center Gallery hours are Tuesday – Friday, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm, Saturday, 11 am – 2:00 pm.

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.

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