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Local Artist and Speaker Opens Show at Osceola 32 Gallery!

Stuart, FL---On Friday, October 15, 2010, local artist and national speaker, Lynne Barletta opened her show entitled, "The Art of the Breakthrough" at Osceola 32 Gallery in lovely downtown Stuart. Gallery owners Rachel Goldberg and Michael Penn were excited to kick off the exhibition of Barletta's work. The opening featured several of Barletta's "healing" or sometimes known as "prophetic art" works with such titles as, "Breakout" and the latest piece, "Sound of the City," as well as food, and live entertainment by Tre Arrow, from Portland, OR. The month-long event will support Barletta's Open Heavens Centers and assist in the vision for a Multi-Cultural Center in Martin County.

Lynne Barletta has painted all her life and she has been very involved in missions and ministry. She became well known in 1995 for her marine life Florida art and established a 501(C)(3) in 1998, called Open Heavens Centers. Barletta's dream has always been to rise up a center for the arts that would reach out into the community and beyond for underprivileged children and families; as well as host a variety of conferences focused on prayer, convergence of the arts, healing, leadership training and more. Lynne set her art aside to rise up that dream for a period.

Barletta opened up her first building at the Stuart Center in 2003, and quickly began to expand. In August of 2004, Lynne and Tony Barletta were married. However, within one month of their marriage, the hurricanes of 2004 came in fury and ripped the roof off her beautiful building that housed a prayer center, art gallery, and coffee shop, destroying all the contents. Quickly re-grouping, Lynne led her faithful followers to a new building, only to have a second hurricane take that roof as well. Seeking God for the answers,

Lynne felt that it was simple... "two lids had come off two boxes." Lynne was to expand her vision.

Lynne began to travel building a network of churches, ministries, authors, and artists throughout the eastern seaboard and beyond. Lynne's community outreaches continued and her own community and her ministry continued to grow, and she traveled to speak and put together regional gatherings. Civic recognition came in the form of nominations from the Soroptomist society for woman of the year, and Leadership Martin County through the Stuart, Martin County Chamber of Commerce, and Body Network.

Beginning in 2009, Lynne once again began to paint out of the powerful principles of overcoming difficulties that she had gleaned. A new body of work came flooding out, and she is now re-emerging with the most inspiring work she has ever done, that brings healing to those who partake. Lynne is also now the fine art director at StarStruck Performing Arts Center with a vision to bring the next generation up in the arts, and she is working on the Dreams committee with the Martin County Counsel for the Arts for their January anniversary arts convergence. Her new work has been selling out each time she speaks in churches and community events.

From October 15 – November 18, 2010; Osceola 32 Gallery will host a month of healing featuring Barletta's work. On Friday, October 21st, at 7:00p, & again on November 18th, local author Dr. Bonnie Sapp will read her poetry that features Lynne Barletta's illustrations. Additionally, Barletta & Osceola 32 will host a special event to commemorate the Arts Council's *First Thursdays*, on Nov. 4th featuring Barletta's Open Heavens Regional Band. Moreover, on Wednesday, November 10th, speaker and artist Lynne Barletta will be sharing insights into healing and stress relief. Lynne's ministry is known for remarkable testimonies of healing. Come if you are sick, or bring those that need healing, from 6-9p. For more information about the Osceola 32 Gallery, please see either: www.goldbergre.com, or www.mpenndesigns.com. Osceola 32 Gallery is located at 32 SE Osceola Street, Suite B, Stuart, FL. 34994 – (772) 872-6072. Gallery hours are: 11a – 7p, T – Sat., 12p – 5p on Sunday, and the Gallery is closed on Mondays. To find out more about Lynne Barletta, her work and ministry, please see: www.artofbreakthrough.com

Photo captions:

Lynneforpressrelease.jpg: Lynne Barletta with, "The Power of Rest." Photo courtesy: Thomas Winter, one of Florida's top 10 photographers.

100_0557.jpg: As Barletta would call it, the "Coming Out Party" was well attended. Photo courtesy: Jeannie Ferrara

100_0558.jpg: Lynne Barletta assists local artist Paul Amoroso with interpretation of "The Power of Rest." Photo courtesy: Jeannie Ferrara.

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