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High school students to experience art in the “Plein Air”

Stuart, FL, Feb. 24 – Local artists will guide 76 art students from Martin County’s high schools in a plein air art experience on Tuesday, February 28 throughout the downtown Stuart area.

From 9:15 a.m. through 2:15 p.m., local artists Kelly Arnold, Lynne Bartletta, Elizabeth Huggins, Susana Cremin and Deborah Silver will conduct open-air workshops in oil painting, pastels, sketching, watercolors and photography for groups of students selected by county high school art teachers. The students will learn about creating art in natural light and gathering their inspiration from local sites such as Memorial Park, the Court House Cultural Center and Gazebo Park.

“We hope to have the students’ work from Plein Air Arts Day on display during ArtsFest 2012,” said Joanne Wetzl, the event’s coordinator. The twenty-fifth annual ArtsFest will be held in Memorial Park and along East Ocean Boulevard on March 24 and 25.

The students will learn some art history, as well as the Plein Air technique during the event, said Wetzl. Artist Cristina de la Vega will start off the day with commentary about her work, currently on display at the Court House Cultural Center.

Plein Air Arts Day is funded by the State of the Arts license plate program. Student transportation for the event will be provided with a grant from the Education Foundation of Martin County.

For more information about Plein Air Arts Day, ArtsFest 2012 or the Court House Cultural Center exhibits, visit www.martinarts.org or call 772-287-6676.

About The Arts Council

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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