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### **WSA Announces Grants for Martin County Artists and Arts Organizations**

Stuart, FL: Women Supporting the Arts (WSA), the first woman's giving circle in Martin County, announced its recent grant awards for artists and arts-related programs. Seventeen projects were selected totaling \$18,000 from among the over \$60,000 requested from twenty-six proposals.

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Cristina de la Vega	Artist's Catalogue
Doreen Marcial Poreba	Photo Inspirational Book
James Powell	Peace Through Drumming - Arts Education
Jane Miller	Art Spots at the Blake Library
Jesse Etelson	East Stuart EcoArt Project
Marybeth Pena, RN	Wall of Wonderful at Hibiscus Children's Center
Artists for a Cause	Therapeutic Music Day
Arts Council, Inc.	Marvin S. Cone H.S. Juried Art Show
Bach's Children Music School	Music and Youth Orchestra
Duck in the Truck	Arts Education and Puppetry
Friends of the Lyric	Discovery Series for Young Audience
Hope Rural School	Art Essentials - Visual and Performing Arts
Martin Youth Leadership	MYL Art and Culture Day
Treasure Coast Community Singers	Spring 2012 Classical Concert
Treasure Coast Youth Symphony	Music Performance Scholarships
Tykes and Teens	Arts Therapy
VSA Arts of Florida	Art Makes Me Whole Project

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In addition to the above grants, Women Supporting the Arts also allocated \$1,000 to an existing fund for a future public art project bringing the balance of that fund to \$12,000. With this announcement of awards, WSA's investment in the arts community surpasses \$160,000.

WSA welcomes grant applications from organizations and individuals who present cultural programs for Martin County. Applications are judged based on value to the community; merit of the program, project or scholarship; and public awareness and appreciation of the

arts and reviewed over a three month period. For grant guidelines and application, contact Nancy Turrell at (772) 287-6676, ext. 14, or [nturrell@martinarts.org](mailto:nturrell@martinarts.org). The deadline for 2012 applications is September 28, 2012.

WSA's mission is to build a community of women philanthropists who inspire, educate and encourage women to strengthen the arts and cultural environment in Martin County. WSA is affiliated with the Arts Foundation of Martin County and the Arts Council of Martin County and was founded in 2003. Membership is open to all women. For more information, contact Nancy Turrell at The Arts Council, Inc. at (772) 287-6676, ext. 14, or [nturrell@martinarts.org](mailto:nturrell@martinarts.org).

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