

## **"Living on the Edge"**

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### **A multimedia exhibition offers creative solutions to local environmental problems**

Stuart, Florida—"Living on the Edge," the capstone exhibition of EcoArt Treasure Coast will open on December 10, 2010 at the Court House Cultural Center at 5:30 p.m. in downtown Stuart. The exhibition, presented by the Arts Council, Inc. and EcoArt South Florida, will run through Friday, January 7, 2011.

The exhibition, curated by Osvaldo Monzon and Mary Jo Aagerstoun, will feature multimedia pieces from five local ecoart apprentices:

- Jesse Etelson
- Gail Kosowski
- Brenda Leigh
- Jamie Powell
- Mary Segal

"Living on the Edge" is the culmination of the pilot community ecoart education and apprentice program, EcoArt Treasure Coast, that began with a symposium and exhibition in Stuart in April, 2009. The EcoArt Treasure Coast apprentices were each responsible for developing a project that incorporated the four key elements of an ecoart work: community engagement, basis in science, aesthetic interest, and impact on an environmental problem where it is found in natural or urban settings.

A joint collaboration between the Arts Council, Inc. and EcoArt South Florida, EcoArt Treasure Coast is the first ever community ecoart education and apprenticeship in the state of Florida. The project's mentor is Betsy Damon, a New York City-based ecoartist and director of Keepers of the Waters, an organization formed to inspire and promote projects that combine art, science and community involvement to restore, preserve and remediate water sources.

EcoArt Treasure Coast is sponsored by the Florida Department of State, Division of Cultural Affairs, the Florida Arts Council, Martin County Board of County Commissioners, City of Stuart, Suburban Subaru, RAM Real Estate, Jim Moir, and private contributions.

For details on gallery hours of operation and for information on special educational offerings during the exhibition, please visit [www.martinarts.org](http://www.martinarts.org).

The Arts Council Inc. serving Stuart and Martin County is a 501(c)3 non-profit membership organization that supports the arts and artists. The Arts Council and the Court House Cultural Center Gallery are located at 80 E. Ocean Boulevard, Stuart, Florida. For information visit the Arts Council website at [www.martinarts.org](http://www.martinarts.org) or call 772-287-6676.

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