



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **ArtsFest 2014 Wrap-Up**

**Event:** ArtsFest 2014  
**When:** March 15 & 16, 2014  
**Where:** Memorial Park and East Ocean Blvd., Stuart, FL  
**Who:** The Arts Council of Martin County

**For Immediate Release, (April 1, 2014), Stuart, FL:** The Arts Council of Martin County is pleased to announce that ArtsFest 2014 was a great success! New features and long traditions combined in a true Celebration of the Arts!

The event, held in Memorial Park & East Ocean Blvd in downtown Stuart on March 15 & 16, 2014 is the largest annual fundraiser for the Arts Council of Martin County. Each year brings together a wonderful team of volunteers, sponsors, staff and artists who work hard to provide the Treasure Coast with a full weekend of arts and entertainment. Co-chaired for the second straight year by Matt Hollister and Hank Gonzalez, ArtsFest 2014 embraced many art forms and pleased thousands of guests.

New this year, the ArtsFest After Dark kick-off party on Friday March 14, from 7pm to 11pm, brought a slightly edgier and younger vibe to the twenty-seven year old event. The party featured a pop-up art gallery in the park and some of the most popular bands in South East Florida playing alongside a craft beer tap selection and several gourmet food trucks. The culinary arts were a prominent addition to ArtsFest 2014. Many gourmet food vendors served up delicious food throughout the weekend. Another break-out area new the event was the Local Artists Tent. Here a shared common space was provided for artists from the Treasure Coast to come show their stuff and sell their art among the traveling pros that ArtsFest is so well known for attracting. Our area is so rich with talent that the Arts Council anticipates the Local Artists display to grow in the future.

Of course, all the staples that comprise the popular 27 year old event were present in 2014. There were over 120 artists with works ranging from jewelry and sculpture to oil paintings. Children and families are always a large presence at ArtsFest and this year was no different. The Kids Zone was full of interactive art-based activities for a wide age range of children making art and having fun. Memorial Park provided a beautiful setting for another fun weekend of celebrating the arts as it has for many years.

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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](http://www.martinarts.org).

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