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31st Annual
High School
Juried Art Show

Featuring artwork from students of Jensen Beach High School, Martin County High School, South Fork High School, Clark Advanced Learning Center, and The Pine School

April 20 - May 25

GALLERY HOURS:

Tuesday - Friday,
10:00 AM - 4:00 PM;
Saturday,
11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Use the on-line Cultural Calendar at www.martinarts.org to see these events and others throughout Martin County. Your best source for all creative happenings in Martin County!

Cultural Conversations



Friday, February 17, 10:00 AM
Friday, March 10, 10:00 AM
Friday, April 7, 10:00 AM
Court House Cultural Center

artists' palette

Annual summer juried show featuring artwork from members of the Art Associates of Martin County, Hobe Sound Fine Arts League, Jensen Beach Art League, Palm City Art Associates, and The Arts Council.

Applications can be found at www.martinarts.org
June 9 - August 11

Sunset Concerts at the Gallery

February 14
March 14
April 11
May 9

Season #2 starts October 11 and runs through May on the second Tuesday of the month. Join us for a free, relaxing and artistic event.

At the Court House Cultural Center
80 SE Ocean Blvd, Stuart
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www.martinarts.org

ArtsFest 30

February 11 & 12, 2017
Memorial Park • Stuart

February 11 & 12 | 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

General Admission: \$5 | children 12 & under FREE
Special Ticket: \$30 - 30th Anniversary Ticket | Includes general admission, seating for *Chopped*, a poster, and other goodies...
VIP Tickets: \$50 (one-day) or \$75 (two-day, advance sale only). Includes VIP area access, meet & greets with artists, lunch, drinks (2/person), swag bag and special seating

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S LETTER

Arts education

I hope that you read my guest column in the *Stuart News*, where I extolled the benefits of a K-12 education that includes the arts, in all its many forms. It's a topic, an idea and a philosophy that we believe in. And you know, it's about more than creating a future artist...it's about nurturing creativity and fostering creative thinking skills.

From personal experience, I know I am a more well-rounded person, a better problem solver, and a more passionate audience member because I was involved in the arts as a child. Some involvement came through opportunities in my public school but others were because my parents took me to museums, classical concerts, rock and roll concerts, opera, ballet and festivals. I also learned to appreciate classical music as a synchronized swimmer which was one more way the arts were a part of my younger life.

These experiences shaped my way of seeing the world, and led me to pursue a career in the arts. My hope is that some of the students we have given opportunities to will pay it forward, and take the lead for the next generation.

At the end of the day, arts education matters. Not just for the talented few who will go on to have successful careers as artists, musicians or authors but because it teaches creative thinking which allows for the development of new and innovative ideas.

Nancy K. Turrell, *Executive Director*

P.S. Consider making a gift to the Arts Council of Martin County Endowment Fund at the Community Foundation of Palm Beach and Martin Counties or consider making a bequest to the Fund in your will.

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Cover: Original *Plein Air* Oil Painting by Chris Kling, the featured artist for ArtsFest 2017.

coffee
with the
conductor



A Friday morning
of stimulating
conversation about
classical music...

Grab a complimentary cup of coffee and prepare to gain new insights about classical music from the viewpoint of a conductor. The Arts Council is excited to bring back last year's successful Coffee with the Conductor where we get to meet David Amado, the conductor of the Atlantic Classical Orchestra, for an intimate dialogue about music.

Last year's series featured each of the candidates for the conductor position, so this year we'll have four opportunities to learn from David, who was selected to be the new conductor.



February 17, 10:00 AM
March 10, 10:00 AM
April 7, 10:00 AM

Coffee with the Conductor is a unique opportunity to discuss classical music while surrounded by the artwork in the Court House Cultural Center Gallery. This series is a part of the Arts Council's *Cultural Conversation Series* which is sponsored by Wilmington Trust.

learn a little.
explore a new passion.
engage with
cultural conversations.

With thanks to Wilmington Trust for their on-going financial support, *Cultural Conversations* continues to explore new topics and territories.

This year's exciting series will include famous people and the jewelry they collect, a talk about *Abstract Expressionism*, a workshop about how to select and buy art and more!

At each *Conversation* we'll have time to talk, share a libation and celebrate our love for the arts!

Tickets: \$15/person. *Members free.* (Family members and above [including small business], eligible for 2 free reservations.) If you aren't sure your membership is current, check with us.

Reservations are required due to space limitations.

Reserve and purchase a seat online via martinarts.org

or by calling the office, 772-287-6676 ext 4 or email nturrell@martinarts.org.



*The Art of Buying
and Displaying Art*

Presented by Kimberly Perron

Thursday, January 26, 5:30-7:00 PM

Talk to start promptly at 6:00 PM

You have a lovely home here in Florida but those bare walls need some color and style. You start thinking about decorating with art, but you get overwhelmed with all the choices and are unsure about what will look the best and how much it will cost.

With *ArtsFest* just around the corner, the Arts Council of Martin County is teaming up with interior designer Kimberly Perron, who comes

from a family of artists. She has traveled with her mother, a watercolor and colored pencil artist, to shows throughout Florida and will be offering a talk sharing her favorite tips for acquiring art and using it in your home *décor*. She'll be covering topics including identifying your style, creating a plan, navigating the festival, and working with the artists to get the best piece for your collection.

Kimberly Perron is the owner and creative force behind the interior design and home furnishings firm, *Resort at Home*. Kimberly has brought together her love of travel and having a beautiful home to create a brand and variety of services dedicated to helping her clients live a five-star life.

Kimberly grew up surrounded by art; her mother is an accomplished artist and her father is a musician. She was born with a natural talent of making a space beautiful and comfortable. She and her husband of twenty plus years enjoy living on the Treasure Coast and take full advantage of all the wonderful outdoor and cultural opportunities in our area. They also make time for travel and just returned from an extraordinary trip to Spain, with the Greek Isles next on the list.

To learn more about Kimberly and *Resort at Home* visit www.ResortAtHome.com.



Famous Jewelry Collections at Auction
and the stories behind them,
including Jackie O and Liz Taylor
Thursday, March 9, 5:30-7:00 PM
Presented by Tracy Sherman

Talk to start promptly at 6:00 PM.

We're so excited to hear stories that Tracy can tell with celebrities and their jewelry collections! Plan to join us for a slideshow, and secrets only she can tell! Sherman, a 35-year veteran in the jewelry industry, joined Heritage as Director of Fine Jewelry for the newly established Palm Beach office.

Sherman started her career at Sotheby's New York, as fine jewelry expert, during the heyday of such important estates as the Duchess of Windsor, Andy Warhol and Jackie Kennedy Onassis, to name a few.

She held various positions such as Head of Jewelry for Canada and Head of Jewelry, West Coast. As an auctioneer, she handled the sales of Ella Fitzgerald's and George Burns's collections.

Upon leaving Sotheby's, she started her own jewelry brokerage business, doing what she loved best, helping clients add to their collections, as well as finding new homes for the pieces no longer worn and enjoyed. Most notably, she spearheaded the \$8 million sale of the estate of Marge Kelly's expansive jewelry collection through Christies.

Sherman then became the Founding Director of CIRCA, Jewelry Buyers, Palm Beach office and headed this enterprise for six years. Most recently she has been advising Palm Beach clients in maximizing the prices realized from selling their precious art, antiques and jewelry, utilizing her strong connections in the art world from her experiences.



The Women of Abstract Expressionism
Lecture by Lacy Davisson
Thursday, March 23

*In partnership with the Town of Jupiter Island Arts Council.
Details TBD*

Please join us for "*The Women of Abstract Expressionism*," a Lecture by Lacy Davisson which presents an in-depth look at the work of Helen Frankenthaler, Elaine de Kooning, Lee Krasner, and Joan Mitchell.

These four artists were among the better-known women Abstract Expressionists and contributed outstanding innovation and experimentation to their creative process. Each presents a different approach and singular vocabulary within their gestural paintings.

Abstract Expressionism, as the first internationally-influential American art movement, is primarily identified with artists such as Jackson Pollock, Willem de Kooning, and Mark Rothko. However, there were many women artists working with them who have not been a major part of the art historical conversation. This talk offers an opportunity to expand what you know about Abstract Expressionism and the women who exhibited alongside the men.

The recent exhibition on this subject at the Denver Art Museum has shed new light on the outpouring of excellent-quality relevant work by women of this era.

Davisson has lectured on modern and contemporary art for the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Guggenheim Museum, Christie's International Auction House, the Colony Club, the Cosmopolitan Club, the Society of The Four Arts in Palm Beach, New York University's Graduate Visual Arts Administration Program, and the New York Academy of Art.



STITCHED - Presented by SAQA Studio Art Quilt Associates, Inc.

January 20 – February 25

(SAQA) is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to promote the art quilt through education, exhibitions, professional development, documentation, and publications. SAQA defines an art quilt as "a creative visual work that is layered and stitched or that references this form of stitched layered structure."

Founded in 1989 by an initial group of 50 artists, SAQA now has over 3,400 members: artists, teachers, collectors, gallery owners, museum curators and corporate sponsors. A dedicated core of volunteers and staff keep the organization vibrant, dynamic, and progressive.

Contemporary art quilts are attracting large audiences worldwide. SAQA Florida members are included in this juried exhibition of approximately 45 pieces of stunning tactile creations that inspire, elevate, and beg for inspection. The exhibit, juried by Rosalie Dace, an award-winning quilter from South Africa, will include realistic to abstract pieces using a variety of media and techniques. Martin County residents and Visitors will enjoy seeing how a once traditional craft has evolved into fine art. Exhibition Catalogs will be available for purchase.

Martin County Studio Tour: Quilt Artist Demos January 21 & 22, 9:00 AM-4:00 PM

Opening Reception: Friday, January 27, 5:30-7:00 PM **Exhibit:** January 20 – February 25

Court House Cultural Center Gallery

Gallery Hours: Tuesday-Friday, 10:00 AM-4:00 PM and Saturday, 11:00 AM-2:00 PM



connect: disconnect

Melani Brewer, Linda Finch, Maya Schonenberger



Melani Brewer

of boldly striped zebra longwing butterflies fluttering among passionflowers, to a pristine river flowing through a heritage landscape, to the meticulous elegance of an Altamira Oriole's nest. But as you move further into the exhibit, you will notice subtle changes taking place here and there – expanding human development and the fragmentation and loss of wildlife habitat; the decline and disappearance of healthy coral reefs due to climate change; the strain on our fresh water systems. *connect:disconnect* fuses the beauty of our natural world with some of the harsher realities that we face today.

Opening reception: March 3, 5:00-7:30 PM, **Exhibit:** March 3 - April 11

Court House Cultural Center Galleries, 80 SE Ocean Boulevard, Stuart FL

Gallery Hours: Tuesday-Friday, 10:00 AM-4:00 PM and Saturday, 11:00 AM-2:00 PM

Melanie Brewer, Linda Finch and Maya Schoenberger have each exhibited widely across the US and Florida and are represented in major art collections.

These three south Florida artists have come together to generate a visual spark that will cause viewers to focus on issues that impact us environmentally, and to reflect on our own connection with the natural world.

connect:disconnect is a thought-provoking collection of works created from painted canvas, textiles and paper. At first, you will be drawn to the outward beauty of these works – from a kaleidoscope



Linda Finch



Maya Schonenberger



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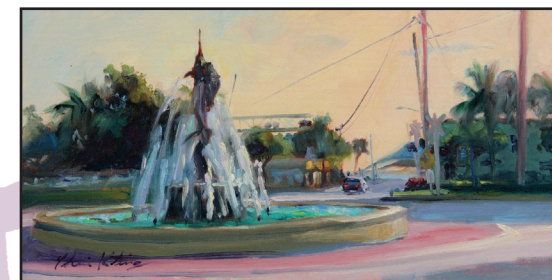
Have lots of fun and great feelings of helping a local nonprofit accomplish its mission! ArtsFest has many components and plenty of areas to volunteer such as artist relations, entertainment, gates, kids zone and more! Signing up to volunteer is easy and can be done at www.MartinArts.org



2017 Featured Visual Artist:

Chris Kling

Stuart Painter, Chris Kling, has unveiled the featured art for *ArtsFest 2017* and has created three unique pieces to be featured on posters, t-shirts and more!



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Stuart Chopped

The wildly successful STUART CHOPPED competition returns for its third year! Much like the popular TV show, local chefs will compete on stage and prepare a gourmet meal from a mystery box of ingredients. This year's competition will take place over the course of two days in our new CHOPPED Arena with the preliminary round being held on Saturday at 11:00 AM and the final showdown on Sunday at 11:00 AM. Who will win the cash prize and who will get CHOPPED at ArtsFest 2017?!

KIDS Zone Fun

Bring your kids - under 12 free - to enjoy hands-on activities and fun in the ArtsFest Kids Area, with support from PNC Arts Alive. Among the community groups participating are Duck in the Truck, Visionary School of the Arts, Atlantic Classical Orchestra, Patty Cake Art face painting, Stuart Ceramics, Gateway to the Arts, and Treasure Coast Wildlife.

Visual Arts Thrive

More than 120 artists, working in all media, will be exhibiting throughout Memorial Park and along East Ocean Boulevard all weekend long. We are excited to announce that the Local Artist Tent sponsored by Stuart Art Supply will be returning for its fourth year and will feature the top emerging talent native to our community!



ArtsFest 2017 30th Anniversary Celebration



Making its debut at ArtsFest is *Friends Welcome: The One with the B-word*

A one-act play written by local author W. W. Whitten!

Friends aired nearly 23 years ago. What happened to the time? Well ... Ben Geller turned 21, and the Buffay triplets are now 18. They're not much younger than when we met their parents in 1994. Ben's taken a chance on reopening the Central Perk, and the triplets are there to support the enterprise. Leslie Buffay has inherited some of her Aunt Phoebe's ... uh, talent, and she's the opening act on our tiny stage. The four-some catch up on a couch after Leslie's set. And a new, but familiar character is hustling to fill orders for the thirsty coffeehouse patrons.

Performed by: Students at StarStruck Academy

Director: Chloe Janson, StarStruck Theatre; Consultant: Peter Morello

Literary Village: Volume II

Literary Village: Volume II The Literary Village is back with a new sequel! Grab a coffee at Stuart Coffee's pop-up coffee shop and meet and greet local independent authors of all genres! Participants from our second ArtsFest Literary Competition will be reading their poems and short stories along with some featured performances by local singer/songwriters both Saturday and Sunday!

Are you a poet and you didn't even know it?

Make sure to stop by the Martin County Library's blackout poetry corner!



ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE :

Saturday February 11th

10:30 - 11AM | Atlantic Classical Orchestra Ensemble
 12 - 2:30PM | Jupiter Narrows
 3 - 4PM | Late Bloomers Band
 4 - 5PM | Sweet Justice

Sunday February 12th

12 - 1PM | Atlantic East Coast Contemporary Dance Theatre,
 Preston Contemporary Dance Theatre, Wings to Fly
 1 - 2PM | Pine School Jazz Band
 2 - 4PM | Nestor Torres
 4 - 4:30PM | The Elizabethans



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Nestor Torres Master Classes



The Lyric Theatre and The Arts Council of Martin County are proud to announce a new joint venture in cultural enrichment. This March, the two arts organizations will partner in a powerful way to bring a monumental master class experience with celebrated Latin jazz flautist, Nestor Torres to area band students. Mr. Torres will kick off his Martin County focused-effort with his Grammy Award-winning jazz flute performance at the 30th Anniversary of ArtsFest on February 12.

The main event takes place in late March when Torres returns for a series of master classes with approximately 25 of the best high school musicians in Martin County public schools. The invited participants will work intensively with Mr. Torres in the classroom setting and some lucky students may be invited to participate in a performance at The Lyric Theatre on March 31, with a never before seen show *Havana & Buenos Aires*.

Both The Arts Council and The Lyric Theatre are passionate about developing a LOVE for the arts in the next generation. By working together, the two nonprofit organizations benefit from the ability to leverage each other's strengths and outreach. At the end, both organizations will be stronger and the programming for our community is improved.



The Mystical Arts of Tibet Mandala Sand Painting

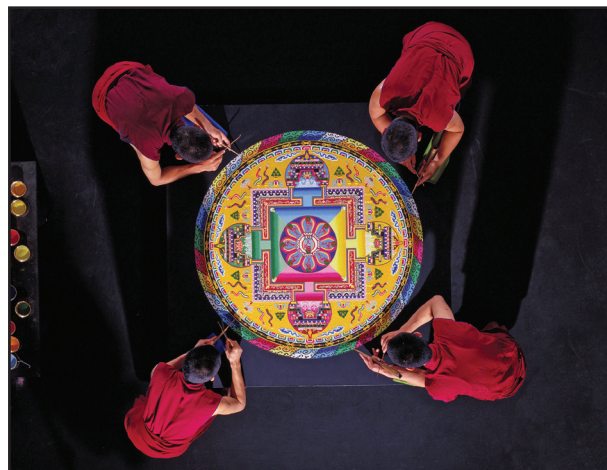
Millions of grains of sand will be painstakingly laid into place on a flat platform beginning February 8 as the monks of *The Mystical Arts of Tibet* create a sand mandala at the Court House Cultural Center Gallery.

Mandala is a Sanskrit word meaning sacred cosmogram. In Tibetan, the art is called *dul-tson-kyil-khor*, which literally means “mandala of colored powders.”

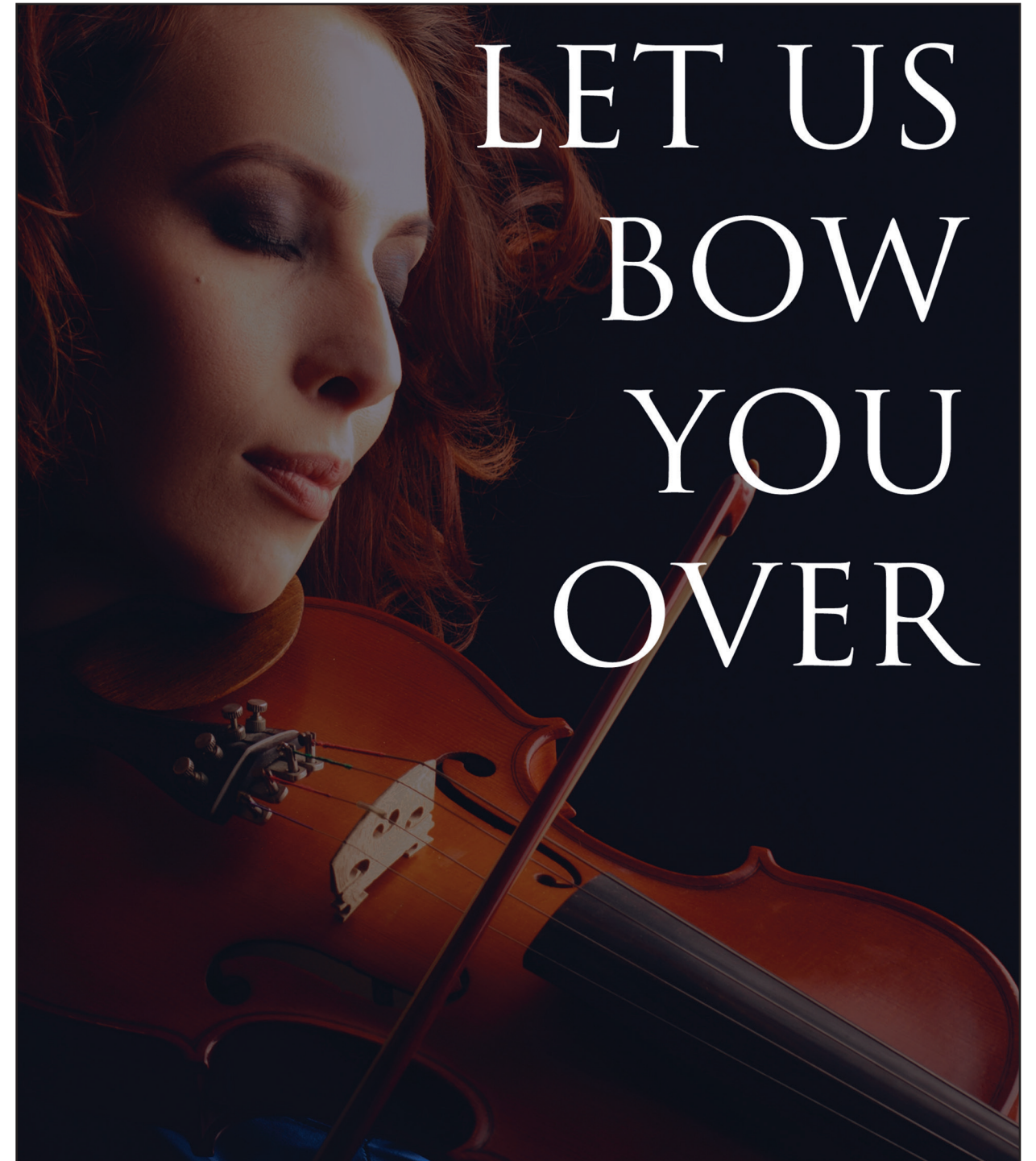
Formed of traditional prescribed iconography that includes geometric shapes and a multitude of ancient spiritual symbols, the sand-painted mandala is used as a tool for re-consecrating the earth and its inhabitants. Of all the artistic traditions of Tantric Buddhism, that of painting with colored sand ranks as one of the most unique and exquisite.

The actual construction of the mandala begins with the drawing of the design on the base, or tekpu. The artists measure out and draw the architectural lines using a straight-edged ruler, compass and white pencil. Once the diagram is laid out, the colored sand is applied to the mandala through the end of a metal funnel. The funnel is filled with colored sand and is then rasped in order to release a fine stream of sand.

The artists begin at the center of the mandala and work outward. The culmination is a closing ceremony Sunday, February 12 during the last day of *ArtsFest* when the monks will dismantle the mandala, sweeping up the colored sands to symbolize the impermanence of all that exists. The sands are swept up and placed in an urn; to fulfill the function of healing, half is distributed to the audience at the closing ceremony, while the remainder is carried to a nearby body of water, where it is deposited. The waters then carry the healing blessing to the ocean, and from there it spreads throughout the world for planetary healing.



The Lyric Theatre and the
The Arts Council of Martin County
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Mike Terrio, owner,
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Current tax laws favor collectors who donate art to museums or other qualified charitable organizations. Encouraged by the generosity of those laws, individuals, families, and corporations now donate in excess of \$11 billion a year to the

arts, culture, and humanities. According to the AAFRC Trust for Philanthropy, the not-for-profit arm of the American Association of Fund-Raising Counsel, the overwhelming majority of those donations went to the arts.

While every circumstance is different, there are legal and tax implications that apply generally to donations of art to charitable organizations. There are important factors to consider when determining how much and what kind of tax deduction a charitable donation of art is eligible for, and it is always recommended to talk to a tax attorney or CPA when calculating tax deductions. Tax season is right around the corner and we at The Terrio Group are here for you to discuss the various options you may have.

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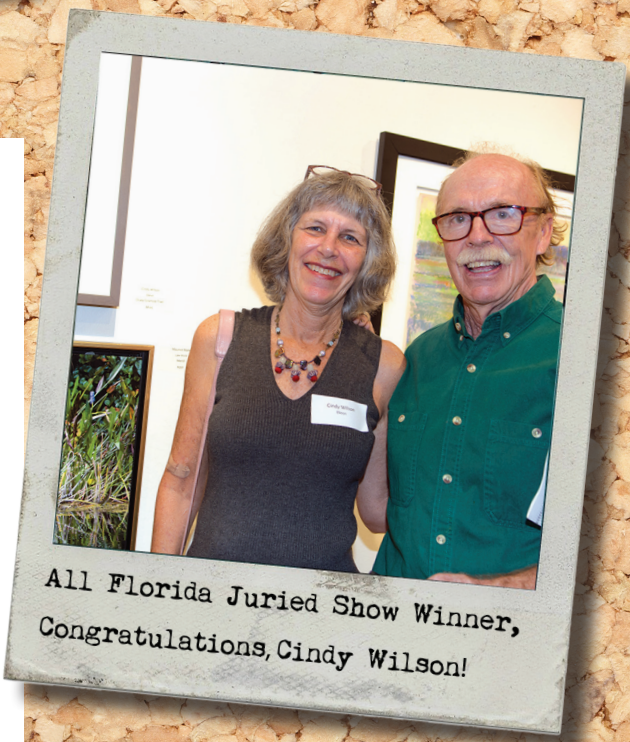


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The Art of Bonsai By Laura Daniel

There is a delicate convergence where art and nature meet in the refined and ancient art of bonsai. Practitioners of this art form coax, with careful technique, a creatively contrived living sculpture. Formalized rules of aesthetics, developed over centuries, blend together concepts of form and balance with the cultivation of a live specimen into an ever-changing work of art.

The Arts Council of Martin County will be celebrating this unique natural artistry in our spring exhibit *The Art of Bonsai* scheduled for April 7 and 8, in collaboration with Heathcote Botanical Gardens and the Treasure Coast Bonsai Society. An exhibit of exquisitely rendered bonsai trees which will represent a range of specimens with the goal of introducing guests to the aesthetics of bonsai.

Bonsai is an ancient art form with records of its practice dating back to the early 4th century as documented in the scrolls of ancient China. Bonsai became widely celebrated throughout the east but was ultimately fully embraced and formalized in Japan.

The word bonsai is Japanese for "tray cultivation", it involves the careful cultivation of a tree by pruning, carving, and bending the branches to create an aesthetically pleasing sense of movement with the tree's form. These special techniques coax the bonsai into a shape that mimics the look of a full-sized tree, an illusion that embraces the art historical technique of *tromp l'oeil*, French for "fool the eye".

A notable milestone in the history of bonsai was reached here in South Florida with the cultivation of the tropical bonsai, which was first developed by South Florida bonsai master Jim Smith, one of the founders of The Treasure Coast Bonsai Society. Due to the mastery and refinement of Smith's work, tropical bonsais are now recognized worldwide.

The Heathcote Botanical Gardens has one of the largest public displays of tropical bonsai in the United States. Courtesy of the current curator, Seth Nelson, four of Jim Smith's bonsais from the



Heathcote's permanent collection will be on display at the Arts Council's special exhibit in April. "Jim Smith is a legend within the bonsai community and it's an honor to curate this amazing collection which he donated to Heathcote. Some of the trees here are older than 60 years, having been carefully tended for decades. Working with these bonsais is such an honor," says Nelson.

Current president of the TCBS, Noreen Sherman, is thrilled to be part of the exhibit, her passion for bonsai resounds in her statement, "Bonsai is the only living art form known to man. It is an art of illusion, in which the artist is challenged to create the impression of age, mass and weight of the elements in a miniature replica of a natural tree."

If you are interested in learning more about bonsai, join the Treasure Coast Bonsai Society, who always welcome new members. TCBS meets on the fourth Saturday of every month from 10:00 AM-12:00 PM at the Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens where they provide demonstrations and instruction. Call Barbara at 772-287-5356 for more information. Heathcote Botanical Gardens in Fort Pierce,

open Tuesday-Saturday 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM, Sundays 1:00 PM-5:00 PM.

The Art of Bonsai | April 8 and 9

Opening reception: Friday, April 7, 5:30 -7:00 PM

Saturday April 8: 10:00 AM-4:00 PM

Family friendly activities which include live bonsai demonstrations by artists who will discuss the aesthetics of bonsai, the basics of caring for trees, and the history of bonsai. Live performance by Ashley Alarcon performing selections of traditional Japanese flute music. Haiku poetry written by students will be on display, along with live poetry readings. Origami will be created inside the gallery. Stuart Ceramics Studio will offer a bonsai pot making workshop. Guests will be invited to create their own bonsai pot for a small fee.

For sponsorship opportunities please contact:

Laura Daniel, 772-287-6676, ext 6



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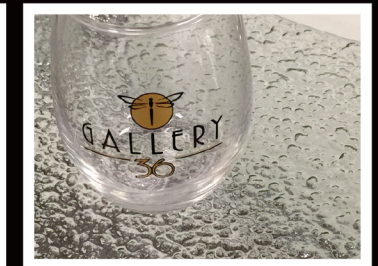


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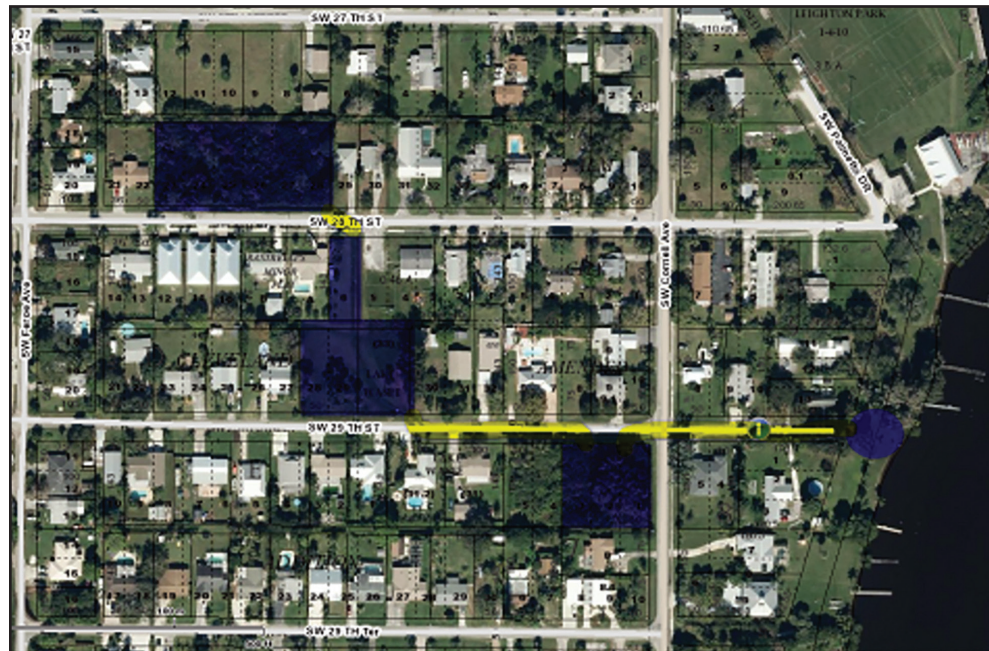
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EcoArt Ripple Project

The Arts Council of Martin County is proud to announce the start of Old Palm City's Ripple EcoArt project! *Ripple* will be located within the Old Palm City Community Redevelopment Area and will reconnect the Old Palm City neighborhood with the St. Lucie River at three distinct sites using a series of artist designed elements and devices to manage polluted stormwater. The project is a partnership between Martin County Community Redevelopment Area (CRA) and the Arts Council of Martin County, and has engaged artist Lucy Keshavarz of Art & Culture Group to develop the project with significant citizen input and community outreach. The art features will create green infrastructure, public spaces and improve community education about the importance of our waterways in Old Palm City.



Old Palm City Martin County Owned Parcels RippleEcoHeritage Project

Ripple will make visible the community's connection to water and the water quality impact of humans on the St. Lucie River, which is part of the larger Indian River Lagoon system, the most diverse estuarine environment in North America.

"The creative solutions for the *Ripple* project will be realized through community engagement. While we have scientific, engineering and landscape criteria we must follow, we don't yet know what this project will look and feel like. This unknown offers exciting opportunities for the community to become engaged with the design team to create an authentic and meaningful design while functioning to collect, store and clean stormwater. I feel so honored and excited to be leading this creative journey!" said Lucy Keshavarz of Art & Culture Group.

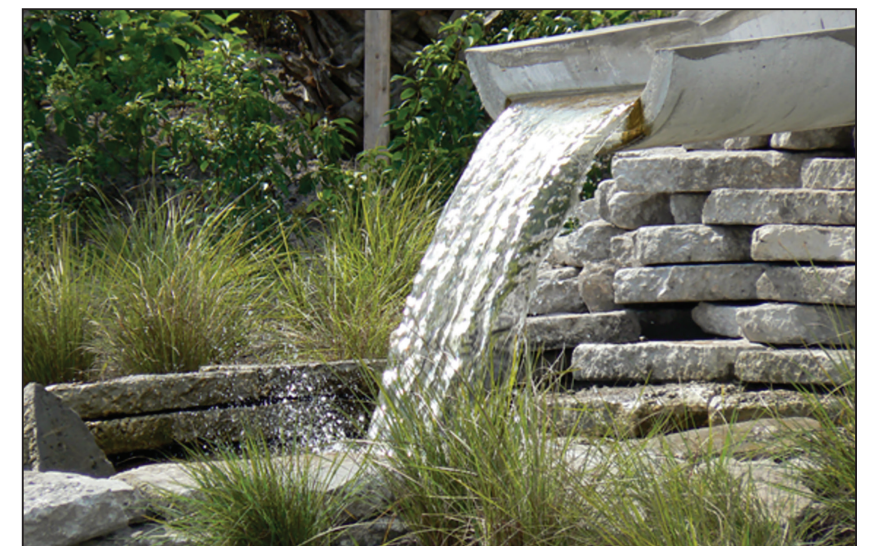
Ecological Art (EcoArt) is an art practice that is project and site specific. This means the physical needs of the site and the social needs of the community become part of the solution. The goal of *EcoArt* is to remediate and/or prevent damage to the environment. To accomplish this, the artist engages community members in creative placemaking workshops and collaborates with needed experts, such as scientists, engineers, and landscape architects. Community engagement is key to bringing about education and sustainability.

The *Ripple* project provides the opportunity to reconnect the Old Palm City neighborhood with the St. Lucie River at three distinct sites. As seen in the aerial image, the project sites are located between

EcoArt Ripple Project



An example of a stormwater EcoArt project by artist Lucy Keshavarz, "Babbling Brook" is located in Westgate / Belvedere Homes Community Redevelopment Agency, Palm Beach County, Florida. The head of the brook is a fountain using stormwater pipes and recycled concrete sidewalk slabs.



An example of a stormwater EcoArt project by artist Lucy Keshavarz, DzBabbling Brookdz is located in Westgate / Belvedere Homes Community Redevelopment Agency, Palm Beach County, Florida. The head of the brook is a fountain using stormwater pipes and recycled concrete sidewalk slabs.

SW 27th Street, SW 29th Terrace, SW Feroe Avenue and the St. Lucie River. The artist will lead community workshops and outreach to engage significant citizen input that will inspire the conceptual design. The goals of the *Ripple* project are:

- Improved environmental education & stewardship
- Water quality improvement
- Creative placemaking that encourages public interactions
- Make visible the community's connection to and impact on the St. Lucie River

The establishment of EcoArt Treasure Coast pilot project in 2009 gave *The Arts Council* and *Martin County* government a good understanding of how this art practice could bring about needed infrastructure improvements while at the same time engaging the community in creative placemaking design. It was this understanding that led to *Ripple* being awarded the prestigious *Technical Assistance and Our Town* grants from the *National Endowment for the Arts*. These grants, along with matching county funds will support the project through conceptual designs and aid in acquiring future funding for completion of *Ripple*.

Community engagement will be vital to a successful and authentic outcome. EcoArtist Lucy Keshavarz gave a presentation during the *Old Palm City's Neighborhood Advisory Committee* meeting on December 5. This presentation along with updates on the project will be available at www.martin.fl.us/cra.

Stay tuned for information on the *Creative Placemaking Workshops* being scheduled in 2017.

New Murals Come to Life!



The City of Stuart's visual environment is getting better all the time. We just welcomed the final water bird sculpture to the row on Colorado Avenue and as we move into 2017, there will be new murals to see come to fruition!



Memorial Park: Local multi-media artist Brenda Leigh will be facilitating the creation of a mosaic oak tree on the new bathroom facility in Memorial Park. Working with a cadre of partner artists, including the *Port Salerno Mosaic Studio*, the canopy of a live oak will come to life on the wall!

Downtown Stuart: on a prominent wall in downtown Stuart, artist Lynne Barletta and her students from *Visionary School of Art* will be creating a large image of the St Lucie River and the fish that have lived in this habitat over 60 years ago. Lynne consulted with *Harbour Branch Oceanographic* to obtain historically accurate fish species for the young emerging artists to recreate. This project serves multiple purposes, first as a large public art installation, second as environmental education and awareness and finally as an opportunity to Lynne's sister nonprofit, *Catch the Wave of Hope*, to raise funds for victims of trafficking and abuse.



Alighting on The Treasure Coast, The Wings To Fly Dance Company

By Laura Daniel



When altruism meets the arts, beautiful things transpire. Artists who direct their talents toward making a positive impact in the world change the lives of those they encounter. Tasha Patterson Shirley has achieved just that here on the Treasure Coast with her *Wings To Fly Dance Company*. A professional dancer for 25 years, with an outstanding career that led her to travel worldwide with artists such as Madonna, Diana Ross, and Earth Wind and Fire, Tasha now devotes her talent to enrich the lives of those with special needs and physical disabilities. While volunteering for the *ARC of Martin County*, Tasha became inspired by the idea that she could use her skills to transform the lives of people with unique physical challenges through movement and dance and founded *Wings To Fly Dance Company*.

Tasha serves as the artistic director and choreographer for the company which integrates dancers with and without disabilities in an effort to celebrate, "the depth and spirit of the human struggle". For over a decade, Tasha's students have been delighting audiences on the Treasure Coast with performances that have moved viewers with their artistic passion and energy. The company embraces contemporary dance, ballet, modern, jazz, and yoga, blending the disciplines of the classical

and contemporary. Often accompanied by live musicians and vocalists, performers on stage in wheelchairs dance with others free of constraints to combine their artistry into an enticing display that embraces and celebrates the beauty of movement and music in unexpected ways.

Sharing a peek into her creative process Tasha explains, "we are always busy creating new pieces of work including some very spiritually enlightening dances." Her program is, "keeping our local talent dancing, plus getting wheel chairs into the studio and engaging in enhancing the lives of those so capable of so many things." Her inspiration extends beyond choreography, as Tasha conveys, "I am presently immersed in all things inspirational, adding music and costumes to finish each piece."

As far as a vision for the future, Tasha hopes to, "expand our reach into the communities and find those with special needs who are yearning to express themselves artistically."

For more information on
Wings to Fly Dance Company
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mARTies Award Recipients: Joann Gallagher, Sharon Ferina, Carol Kepp, Nadia Utto, Brad Hurlburt, Geoffrey Smith, Terri & Mike Pettengill, Lynne Barletta, Ryan Chimelis, Victoria Bartolotta, and Karin Leone. Missing from photo: Joanne Payson.

A successful celebration of art, music and more...the evening started with a delightful cocktail hour in the sparkling courtyard at St. Mary's and then continued with a lively welcome from the *Pinewood Performing Panthers*, a choral group from Pinewood Elementary led by conductor, Michael Robbins. *WPTV News Anchor* Kelley Dunn served as our emcee and told us she can't wait to do it again next year! Neither can we...

With a heartfelt rendition of *Amazing Grace*, Cindy Kessler helped guests remember award recipients who have passed away, including two recent losses, Nancy Steinberg and John Whitney Payson. During the evening, all named award recipients were honored, along with the announcements of each of the recipients of the 2016 *mARTies Awards*:

- Geoffrey Smith, *Visual Artist*
- Ryan Chimelis, *Student Visual Artist*
- Karin Leone, *Performing Artist*
- Victoria Bartolotta, *Student Performing Artist*
- Joann Gallagher, *Volunteer in the Arts*



Morgan Lewis, Jill Sonke, and Janeen Mason, all members of Citizens for Florida Arts



Josef & Nadia Utto, Boshia & Stephen Stone



Guests in the Courtyard



Nancy Turrell, with Joanne Payson, accepting John Whitney Payson's Lifetime Achievement Award posthumously



Nancy Turrell & emcee Kelley Dunn



For more photos from the event, visit:
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 Nominations for the 2017 mARTies Awards
 DUE May 1, 2017



Student Nominee Nick Leonard performing

Sunset Concert Series

At the Gallery

By Laura Daniel

The Court House Cultural Center's MCCF Gallery resounds in a myriad pleasing tones through the course of the *Sunset Concert Series*. Make sure to mark your calendar to attend the remaining concerts throughout the spring. These concerts feature a host of talented musicians performing classically-based selections due in part to the gracious sponsorship of *The Marie and J. Calvin Jureit Foundation*.

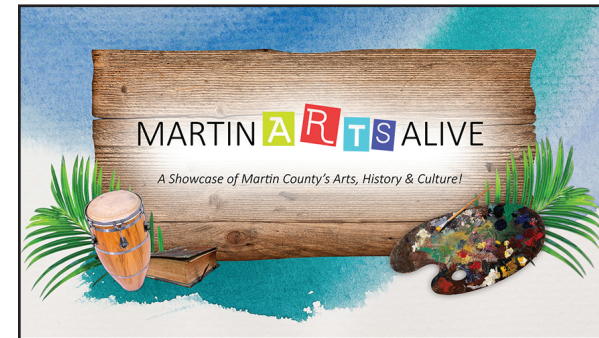
The *Sunset Concert Series* performances are free to the public and perfect for the entire family to experience a taste of classically trained artists residing on The Treasure Coast. The performances last about an hour and guests are welcome to linger and enjoy refreshments while viewing the changing gallery exhibitions.

The 2017 *Sunset Concert Series* season started off in January with a performance by *The Treasure Coast Community Singers* who presented a double quartet. On Valentine's Day, lovers and friends are invited to venture out for a serenade by the *Guitar Duo Rowdy Carlton & Jan Wismuller*, who will play classical pieces by Brahms, Torres, and Castelnuovo-Tedesco. In March, *The Stuart School of Music* will showcase student talent in piano, string arrangements and vocal performances of Broadway tunes. April brings the *Blue Sky Guitars* from *Joette's Strings Music Studio*, whose students will present music from the Renaissance to the present day with solos, duets, and ensemble music. Wrapping up the season in May, *The Treasure Coast Youth Symphony* will showcase talented young musicians with an array of classical pieces.

Enrich your cultural experience by joining the *Arts Council* in celebration of the musical arts at the *Sunset Concert Series*, where the music and visual arts combine at the *Courthouse Cultural Center Galleries* in downtown Stuart.

Sunset Concert Series Event Details:

- Tuesday, February 14 | 5:30 PM
Guitar Duo, Rowdy Carlton and Jan Wismuller
- Tuesday, March 14 | 5:30 PM
Stuart School of Music
- Tuesday, April 11 | 5:30 PM
Blue Skies Guitars | Joette's Strings Music Studio
- Tuesday, May 9 | 5:30 PM
Treasure Coast Youth Symphony



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Annual Hobe Sound Festival of The Arts
February 4 & 5 | 10am - 5pm
ArtFestival.com

ArtsFest: 30th Anniversary Celebration
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(L-R: Cheryl French, Sharon Holt, Kate Hudson, Nicole West and Sheila Kurtz.)

The members of *Women Supporting the Arts* share a common vision for our community and invest their time and treasure to supporting arts programs all over Martin County. Their inspired purpose was to provide grant funding for worthy arts projects in our community, thereby filling a gap that existed in resources for artists and arts organizations. The list of grants made since 2004 is long and their investment is meaningful. Projects are varied geographically and artistically. The difference they have made is tangible and noteworthy.



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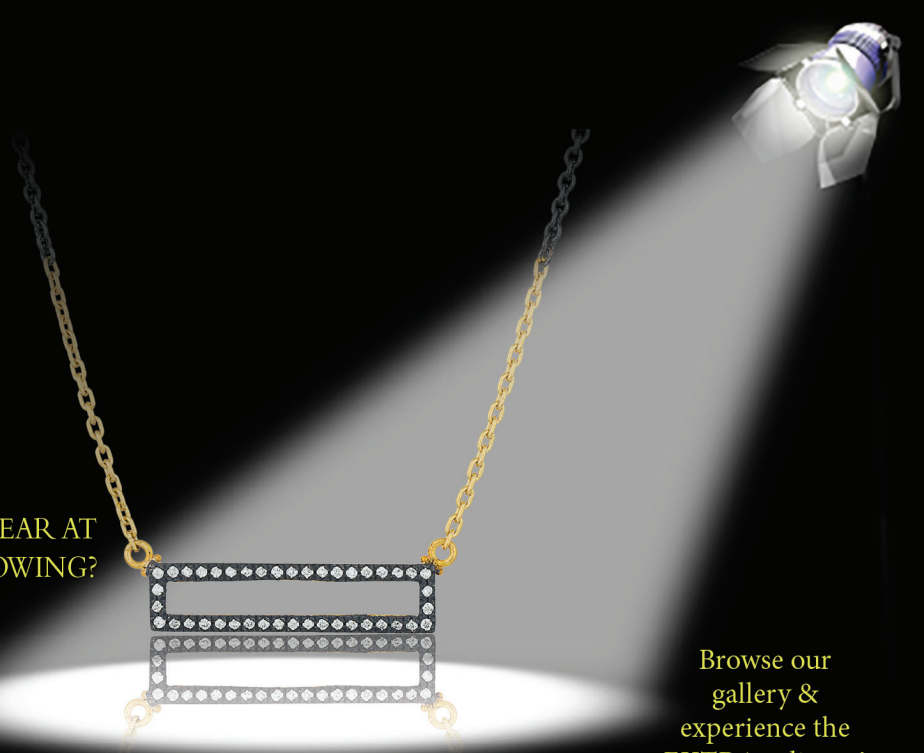
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Alumni Take Center Stage



Liz McKinley

It was an exciting evening!

The galleries were filled with families, friends, art teachers, colleagues, and arts patrons.

The diversity of the crowd in age and interests was vast...

and all because of an initiative the *Arts Council* started in 1987 to nurture and support young, emerging artists.

“It’s a shining legacy of creativity that this show represents and we are proud to be a small part of the success each of these artists has achieved,” commented Nancy Turrell, executive director.

Headlined by Tony DiTerlizzi, who received a first place award in 1987, the alumni retrospective exhibition celebrated 30 years of artists who have passed through Martin County schools.

Not all have achieved the level of fame that Tony has, some are still in college while others are pursuing art as professionals including Jill Lavetsky, Samantha Nagel, Amanda Rosenblatt, and Terry Wilson.



Liz McKinley

Alumni Take Center Stage



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Alumni Retrospective Participants

Name School Year

Tiffany Brady	JBHS	2008	Bridgette Luden	SFHS	1997
Mellanie “Nicklo” Chafe	SFHS	2004	Samantha Nagel	SFHS	2004
Joshua Hunter Davis	MCHS	2003	Steve Naumann	SFHS	2002
Laura Dervin	MCHS	2003	Christina Perez	MCHS	2014
Tony DiTerlizzi	SFHS	1987	Kimberly Ramiez Perez	JBHS	2016
Tia Dunne	SFHS	2002	Evan Rosato	MCHS	2012
Valeria Duque	SFHS	2012	Amanda Rosenblatt	SFHS	2009
Jesse Etelson	MCHS	1999	Kathryn Smothers	MCHS	2001
Alex Fogt	JBHS	2005	Dustin Stefansic	MCHS	1999
Thomas Goebel	JBHS	2013	Brett Taylor	MCHS	2015
Jennifer Hearn	SFHS	1998	Elizabeth Upton	Pine	2012
Kimberly Hogan	SFHS	1998	Maria Conchita Vilchiz	MCHS	2016
Leah Krumme	MCHS	1987	Erin Weinberg	SFHS	2009
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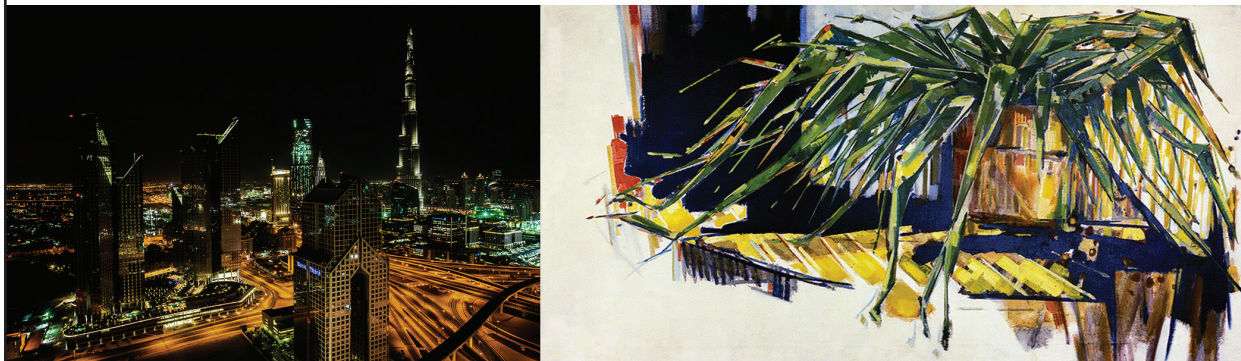
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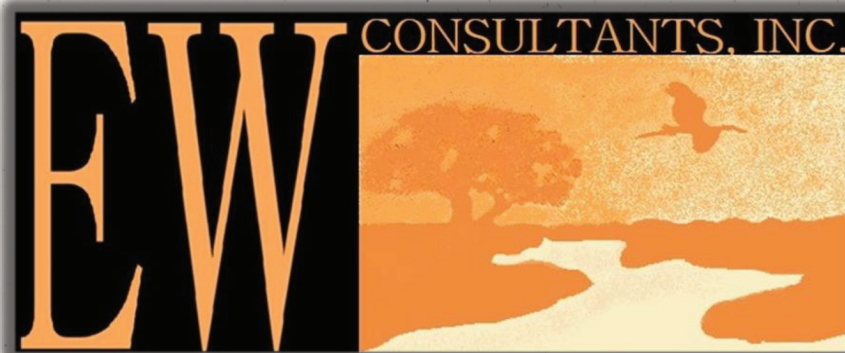
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