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Positioned for Continued Growth

ArtCenter Manatee Continues to Move Forward with Board Elections

BRADENTON, Fla. April 22, 2015 – Under the direction of Executive Director Carla Nierman, an eight-year art center veteran, and the dedication of the art center Board and staff, ArtCenter Manatee continues to prepare for a future that promises growth and expansion fueled by an on-going commitment to excellence in leadership and service.

What does that growth look like? More art classes and workshops for adults and children, more exhibits in the three galleries, an expanded gift shop with more handcrafted products and greater exposure for local artists. More space for classes *and* parking. And more satisfied customers who come not only to learn and explore but to make friends and nurture their creative selves. In 2014-15, we served over 30,000 art enthusiasts, including students, exhibiting artists, buyers and visitors.

That growth looks like a Board of Directors committed to implementing a strategy for the future, both short- and long-term. Leading the charge is Linda Enberg, newly-elected President of the Board. Ms Enberg brings with her a wealth of experience in management coupled with her love for the art center and the community. "So many people have contributed to the success of ArtCenter Manatee. As Board President, my role will be to ensure the Board fulfills their responsibilities to the ArtCenter and to the community as we look to the future, working directly with the Executive Director to make sure we have the resources we need. I look forward to furthering our positive relationships with our community leaders, our customers and the media. We can only succeed by working together," said Ms Enberg.

Other Board officers include Marianne Barnebey, 1st Vice President, Bruce Body, Treasurer and Carol Krah, Secretary. Joining the Board as a member-at-large is Mary Hoagland. Ted Camp, Ellen J. Campbell, Stuart Gregory, Darlene Johnson, Marilyn King, Marjorie Martini, Roger Rockefeller and Susanna Spann will continue in their roles as members-at-large. The Board thanks outgoing President Anne Abgott for her years of service to the art center, and Dee Pastorious, outgoing member-at-large, for all her contributions. The elections took place at ArtCenter Manatee's annual meeting on April 21st.

With all the talk about change, one thing that won't change is ArtCenter Manatee's commitment to being the premier visual arts center in Manatee County and beyond.

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Attached Image: Linda Enberg, President of the Board of Directors and Carla Nierman, Executive Director of ArtCenter Manatee

About ArtCenter Manatee

ArtCenter Manatee is the winner of the 2015 Reader's Choice Award for Best Art Gallery from the Herald Tribune and the 2015 People's Choice Award for Best Gallery from The Bradenton Herald.

Located at the gateway to arts and culture in downtown Bradenton, ArtCenter Manatee is the premier center for visual arts in Manatee County. The nearly 10,000 sq. ft. building features three galleries, five classrooms, an Artists' Market gift shop and an art library featuring over 3,000 art volumes.

Over 300 day, evening and weekend art classes and workshops for adults are offered year round in painting, drawing, pastels, pottery, jewelry design, photography and more. Our KidsArt Summer Camps and After School Programs give students 4-15 the opportunity to express their creativity while they learn valuable skills, have fun and make new friends in over 35 classes designed just for them.

The Artists' Market features unique, affordable gifts by over 100 local artists. Purchases in the Artists' Market help to support our local artists, subsidize the cost of our classes and support the local economy.

Exhibitions in the three galleries change monthly and showcase the work of over 2,000 local, regional and national artists. All are welcome to meet the exhibiting artists and art enthusiasts at our monthly evening opening receptions which are always free and open to the public.

For more information please call 941-746-2862 or visit <http://www.artcentermanatee.org>.

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