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## **ArtCenter Manatee Presents Two Exhibits In December**

*Natural Elements, a curated show, and Fur, Feathers, Flora & Fauna,  
an open, all media, juried exhibit*

BRADENTON, Fla. Dec 1, 2015 – For December, ArtCenter Manatee presents two great shows. In *Natural Elements*, the work of five accomplished local artists will be featured. John Mascoll and Jim O'Donnell are two master wood crafters who offer beautifully designed pieces that further the expressiveness of the wood they create in with their fresh designs, lines and shapes. Daniele Jones, Mary Jo Johnson and Joanna Coke are masters in using graphite to render their images, from figurative to landscape, classical to contemporary. Their work draws the viewer in and invites them to rest a moment.

Their work will be on display in the Kellogg Gallery from December 8, 2015 to January 8, 2016.

In the Reid Hodges and Searle Galleries, ArtCenter Manatee presents an open, all media, juried exhibit entitled *Fur, Feathers, Flora & Fauna*, an annual favorite of both artists and art enthusiasts.

As always, in both shows, you will be impressed by the depth and breadth of talent in our community. On display December 8 – January 8, the exhibits and reception are free and open to the public. An opening reception will be held Thursday, December 10th from 5:00-7:00pm.

These exhibits kick off the holiday season and our annual Artful Holidays Party & Sale in the Artists' Market. Featuring the work of over 100 local artists, the handcrafted gifts are unique and affordable. Gift Certificates make the perfect gift for out of town family and friends and anyone who has ever wanted to take a class in jewelry, pottery, painting, photography and lots more.

We look forward to seeing you this holiday season!

### **Attached images:**

*Natural Elements*  
*Fur, Feathers, Flora & Fauna*

### **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 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. Meet the exhibiting artists and art enthusiasts at our monthly evening opening receptions which are always free and open to the public.

ArtCenter Manatee is a proud member of Bradenton Kiwanis and Manatee Chamber of Commerce, and a partner of Realize Bradenton.

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

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*Natural Elements* featuring the work of John Mascoll, Jim O'Donnell, Daniele Jones, Mary Jo Johnson and Joanna Coke.



*Fur, Feathers, Flora & Fauna*