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A Gathering Of Imaginary Friends and Something To Talk About

ArtCenter Manatee opens their new season with two exhibitions

BRADENTON, Fla. August 17, 2016 – ArtCenter Manatee opens its new season with two exhibitions and continues its rich tradition of providing a premier visual arts experience for our community.

A Gathering Of Imaginary Friends is a curated show featuring the beautiful and whimsical sculptures and paintings by Florida artist, Candace Knapp.

Of her sculptures, Knapp says, “Through laminating and carving wood I create sculptures that creep along the ground, spring forth from eggs, float in the air with their roots dangling or break into pieces that disperse across the ceiling like spores. I focus on forms that have intrinsic vitality and gestures that speak to me. My sculptures are not representations of existing life forms but rather an attempt to portray an inner energy and presence. My work usually begins with an encounter with nature, an experience with a plant, animal or some other earthly thing in which I sense that we participate in each other’s existence.”

Painting is her way of describing the atmosphere of a place with all the life moving within it. It is beyond words.

Please join us in experiencing the connection between the real and the imaginary through the paintings and sculptures of Candace Knapp. Her work will be on display in the Kellogg Gallery from Aug 30 to Sep 30.

Knapp will conduct a tour and lecture on Sep 10 at 1:00pm. Admission is \$5 per person.

Something To Talk About is the first open show of the new season. The show represents all media and is open to all artists. We are sure to see an amazing variety of work for this first show and look forward to welcoming many very talented local artists. *Something To Talk About* will be on display in the Reid Hodges and Searle Galleries from Aug 30 to Sep 30. In-person receiving for this show is Aug 27, 9:00am to 1:00pm. If you would like to be represented, there is still time to enter.

Join us for an opening reception for both shows on Sep 1, 5-7pm. Meet the artists and other art enthusiasts and enjoy the ambiance in our galleries while you enjoy refreshments. Both exhibits and the reception are free and open to the public.

About ArtCenter Manatee

Located in downtown Bradenton, Florida, ArtCenter Manatee is the premier center for art, art education and unique gifts in Manatee County. The nearly 10,000 sq. ft. building in downtown Bradenton features three galleries, five classrooms, an Artists’ Market gift shop and an art library featuring over 3,000 art volumes. Day, evening and weekend art classes for adults and children are offered year round in painting, drawing, pastels, pottery, jewelry design, photography and more.

The Artists' Market features unique, affordable gifts by local and national artists. Exhibitions in the galleries change monthly and showcase local, regional and national artists. Meet the exhibiting artists at the monthly evening opening receptions.

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

Attached images:
Tropical Garden #1 by Candace Knapp
Louise, Renaldo, Leilah, Oscar by Candace Knapp
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