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ArtCenter Manatee presents three distinct exhibitions

"10th Annual Paint The Town," "CityScapes" & "Art By Kids With Cancer"

BRADENTON, Fla. September 18, 2014 – ArtCenter Manatee celebrates art in all forms with three distinct exhibitions, *10th Annual Paint The Town* Plein Air event, *CityScapes*, an all media open exhibition & *Art By Kids With Cancer*, a project of the Young Artists Awards. The exhibitions run September 30-October 31, 2014.

An opening reception will be held October 2nd, 5-7pm in the galleries at ArtCenter Manatee with light hors d'oeuvres and refreshments. Meet the artists, socialize and enjoy the ambiance!

10th Annual Paint The Town, Kellogg Gallery

ArtCenter Manatee presents the *10th Annual Paint The Town* exhibition. The kick off for the show is "[Quick Draw](#)", open to all artists, at Bradenton's Riverwalk on Saturday, September 27 from 9am – 2 pm. The main event, *Paint The Town*, takes place September 27 – October 2, during which time chosen professional artists will be painting on location 'en plein air' from actual Bradenton scenes. The finished paintings will be judged for prizes and displayed at ArtCenter Manatee October 2 – 30.

Since coming to Bradenton to make its permanent home, the *Paint The Town* event has grown to over 30 of the best Plein Air artists in the region. A full list of participating artists is available at artcentermanatee.org.

Event Schedule:

- 2-hr [Quick Draw](#) 9am-2pm September 27 at Bradenton's Riverwalk, open to all levels of painters
- Official *Paint The Town* painting period is September 27-October 2, call 941-746-2862 for locations
- Participating artist final delivery October 2 at 10:00am at ArtCenter Manatee 209 9th St W, Bradenton FL
- Opening Reception October 2, 5-7 PM at ArtCenter Manatee
- Exhibition and sale dates October 2-30

CityScapes, Searle Gallery

Juried exhibition open to all artists and mediums.

In-Person receiving for *CityScapes* will be on September 27, 9am -1pm at ArtCenter Manatee. At 1pm, our Juror will review entries. If work is not accepted, it can be picked up on Saturday or Monday.

Art by Kids with Cancer, Reid-Hodges Gallery

Artwork from the Pediatric Oncology/Hematology program at the Golisano Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida

The Young Artists Awards, a not for profit organization benefiting local students in the arts now in its eleventh year, works with the staff at the Pediatric Oncology/Hematology program at the Golisano Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida.

The organization donates and delivers art supplies to the hospital for the children to use in a therapeutic setting throughout the year, and then mats, frames and exhibits selected pieces at various venues throughout the community.

100% of the proceeds from the sale of the children's artwork goes to provide direct assistance to Southwest Florida families in crisis facing the financial challenges of childhood cancer through the "Family Emergency Fund", created and funded by the Young Artists Awards. This fund, administered by a social worker at the hospital, helps families of kids with cancer with prescription costs, groceries, transportation and other items otherwise not covered.

Attached images:

Janice Chapin, "Cozy Cottage" Winner, 2013 Paint The Town

Spring Flowers Art by Kids with Cancer

Images for CityScapes will be available on request after September 27

About ArtCenter Manatee

ArtCenter Manatee is the winner of the 2013-2014 Reader's Choice Award for Best Art Gallery from the Herald Tribune and The People's Choice Award for best gallery from The Bradenton Herald. ArtCenter Manatee is the premier center for visual arts 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

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