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Fine Arts Festival of Manatee County, Presented by ArtCenter Manatee, Comes to Downtown Bradenton, February 27th & 28th

February 4, 2016 (Bradenton, FL) - Love art? Love music? Love food? How about free parking? Then join us for the Fine Arts Festival of Manatee County. Held in Downtown Bradenton for the first time (after 15 years in Lakewood Ranch), this festival offers the best in fine art and craft in a beautiful and convenient location. Over 85 artists will bring their work to Bradenton on Saturday and Sunday, February 27 and 28th.

Tony Moore, a former bass guitarist for a reggae band uses graphite as his instrument now, bringing some of the greatest musicians, singers and other subjects to life on paper. His renderings are powerful and emotional.

Or John Cheer, whose experimentation with clay and glass resulted in a combination of glass and clay that gets its texture from the cracking patterns of the glass, depths of color, and shine - just what he desired for his stingray shapes. "For me, there is a gratification [in creating] an echo of something greater than us within ourselves."

Wendy Foreman from Ormond Beach captures her love of form in her silver and gold jewelry. Her designs are unique, fresh, timeless and functional, combining crisp clean lines that are both traditional and contemporary. Wendy has won many awards, including first place from the Florida Jewelers Association.

Emily Stauring's photography reflects her desire to bring the unseen into sight, allowing people the opportunity to enlighten their senses through the visual world.

And Josephina Espinosa, whose beautiful fused glass captures forms from nature, using bright colors and allowing the subconscious mind to lead the way. Her works have been exhibited in Southwest Florida and in private collections all over the world.

Five artists, out of over 85, all creating work that is unique and expresses their own personal style. Their work will be on display for your enjoyment for two days. Enjoy the Festival on Saturday, from 10:00am to 5:00pm and on Sunday, from 10:00am to 4:00pm. Parking is free in the Financial Center Building across the street. 500 15th Ave West and Manatee Ave. Free admission. FMI call Christina @ 941-746-2862.

Images Attached:

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.

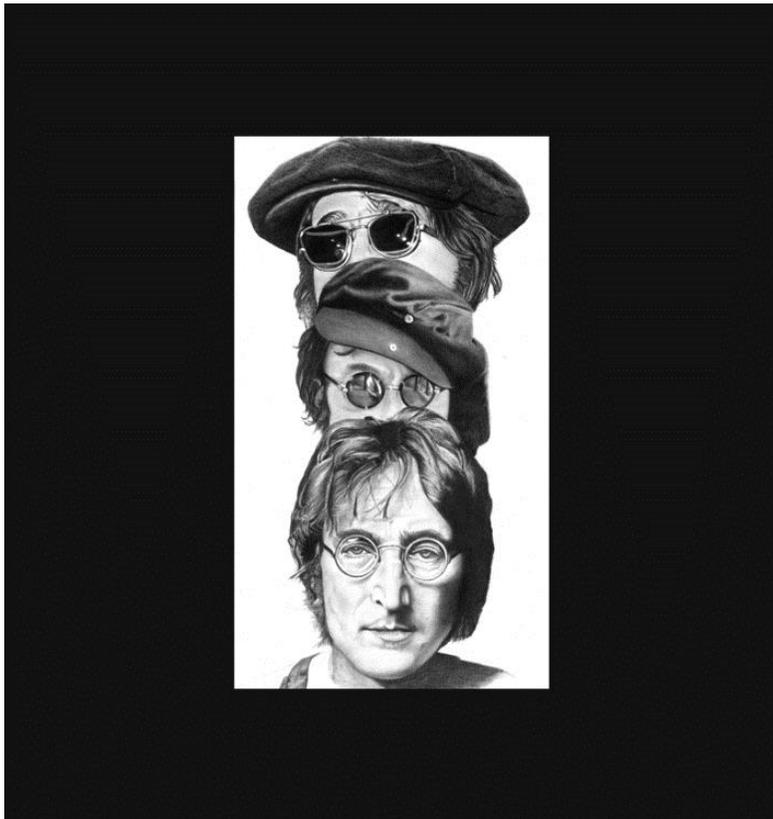
Located at the gateway to arts and culture in downtown Bradenton, ArtCenter Manatee is the premier center for visual arts in Manatee County. The nearly 10,000 sq. ft. building features three galleries, five classrooms, an Artists' Market gift shop and an art library featuring over 3,000 art volumes.

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, affor-dable 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>.



Tony Moore: Illustration



Wendy Foreman: Jewelry



Josephina Espinosa: Fused Glass



Robin Aronson: Jewelry



Jorge Gil: Leather