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ArtCenter Manatee opens exhibition season with 3 shows

"Over 80 and Still Creating," "It's A New Day" & "The Art of Being Floridian"

BRADENTON, Fla. August 27, 2014 – ArtCenter Manatee opens its 2014-15 exhibition season with three great shows, "Over 80 and Still Creating," "It's a New Day" and "The Art of Being Floridian." The exhibitions run September 3-26, 2014.

An opening reception will be held September 4th, 5-7pm in the galleries at ArtCenter Manatee with light hors d' oeuvres and refreshments. Meet the artists, socialize and enjoy the ambiance!

Over 80 and Still Creating, Kellogg Gallery

A curated show on art produced by artists 80 years of age and older.

Think art retires? Think again! The ArtCenter celebrates artists still creating well into their golden age! With a growing populace of baby boomers and beyond the ArtCenter sees many types of artists come through the doors – newbies, hobbyists and professional artists from all walks of life. Many of these artists are exploring new mediums, developing new styles or fine tuning a technique to share their vision.

Over 80 and Still Creating puts these "golden years" artists front and center and challenges what we think of art and aging.

Mary DuCharme – painter, Ed Brickman – jeweler, Eleanor Merritt – painter, Maxine Masterfield - painter (abstract), Betty Isermann - painter (abstract), Jack Nolan – painter, Peggy Potter - pastel artist, Barbara Singer – painter, Robert Freeman - woodworker & sculpture

It's A New Day, Searle Gallery

It's A New Day all media, juried, open exhibition will feature a wide variety of 2D & 3D artwork by local and regional artists. Come enjoy the talent of well known and yet to be discovered artists living in your community!

The Art of Being Floridian, Reid-Hodges Gallery

24 plastic yard flamingos painted by 20 artists who donated their time and creativity. The participating artists reside throughout greater Tampa Bay region from New Port Richey to Avon Park. Artists represent multiple media and specialties, from painting to glasswork to ceramics.

The flamingos are displayed in “planter habitats,” with most habitats supporting two flamingos and are part of a traveling exhibit to support the “Be Floridian” campaign of the Tampa Bay Estuary Program and its local government partners. Be Floridian raises awareness of local ordinances restricting use of lawn and landscape fertilizers to protect our bays, lakes and Gulf.

Attached images:

Mary DuCharme, Elephant Over 80 and Still Creating

Flamingo The Art of Being Floridian

MaryJo Johnson, Madonna and Child It's a New Day

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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