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## Three Remarkable Exhibits at ArtCenter Manatee

*Art Dillard and Friends, Splash of Color and Black & White*

BRADENTON, Fla. May 4, 2015 – ArtCenter Manatee is very pleased to host three remarkable exhibits in our galleries. While a few of the exhibiting artists have ventured here from Orlando and Port Charlotte, most of the artists are local. Once again, their work is a reminder of the incredible talent we have in our community.

Black & White and Splash of Color are two open, all media, juried exhibits that feature the work of such known talents as Jill Krasner, oil, and Mary Jo Johnson, Charcoal, to several newcomers to our galleries, such as Lloyd Roberts, photography and Cesar Medeiros, oil.

Reflections in Color: Art Dillard and Friends showcases the work of seven African American artists. Their work ranges from watercolor to woodturning, from portraits to collages. As Art said, "These artists are family. I met some of them as many as 20 years ago when African American artists had few venues to showcase their work. We became a large family of artists. It has been my honor to pull this show together and unite a group of friends." We are honored to showcase their work.

*All three exhibits run until May 29th.* The exhibits are free and open to the public.

### Attached images:

*"Rainy Days" by Art Dillard from Art Dillard and Friends*

*"Ray Charles" by Tony Moore from Art Dillard and Friends*

*"Field of Dreams" by Cesar Medeiros from Splash of Color*

*"Veiled Impression" by Mary Jo Johnson from Black & White*

### 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.

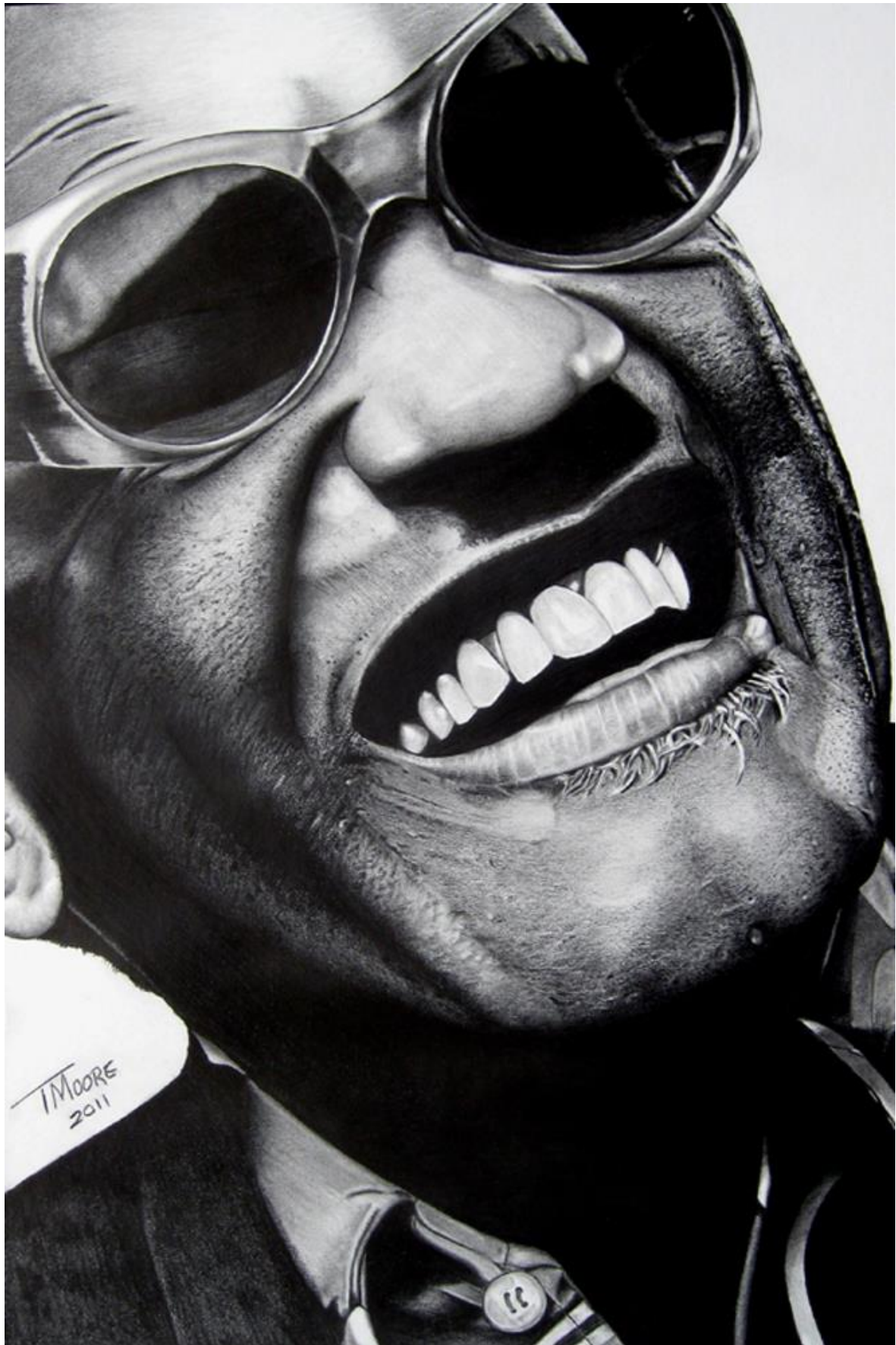
ArtCenter Manatee is a proud member of Bradenton Kiwanis and Manatee Chamber of Commerce, and partner with Realize Bradenton.

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

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