

ArtCenter Manatee Brings A Premier Season of Visual Arts to Our Community

BRADENTON, Fla. October 2, 2020 – ArtCenter Manatee welcomes a new season with an all media exhibit with a twist called *Fishing For Diamonds*. The twist is that every piece must include a representation of a diamond earring. Thanks to a partnership with Jess Jewelers, we are offering awards with a value over \$5,000. In addition to cash awards, First, Second and Third place winners will also receive diamond earrings compliments of Jess Jewelers, a premier jewelry store in Bradenton. The exhibit, which will be in all three galleries, will include a special display of work by 6-15 year olds who will receive free entry and fun prizes. Don't miss this unusual exhibit, on display October 13 – November 20. A virtual opening reception will be posted on our website by October 16.

Coming in November and December will be our second Ornament Extravaganza featuring thousands of ornaments made by over 50 local artists. Ornaments will be displayed on more than ten holiday trees in the Searle Gallery. It's a beautiful sight not to be missed! The Kellogg and Reid Hodges Galleries will feature the all media work of our members in our annual show. November 24 – December 31. COVID permitting, we are planning a reception and Artful Holidays party and sale on December 3. The sale in the LiveArtfully artisan boutique will continue on Friday the 4th and Saturday the 5th.

Also in December is the annual Holiday Pottery Sale, December 11 & 12, 10:00-4:00.

January through June exhibits include the Florida Suncoast Watercolor Society in February and the International Watercolor Society of Florida and Beaux Arts in March. In April, the 8th annual exhibit by Manatee County School Students will be on display in all galleries. This exhibit provides our budding artists an opportunity to display their work professionally and allows them to receive positive recognition by a wider audience. ArtCenter Manatee offers the gallery space and marketing and awards scholarships to art classes to students whose work is judged to be among the best in each of four grade ranges. An open show in May and in June, an open show along with The Sarasota Sumi-e Society.

Rounding out our visual arts programming is a full season of classes for adults, both in-person and on ZOOM. We will welcome two premier watercolorists, Sterling Edwards, in December, and Soon Warren, in March. A complete class listing can be found on our website along with a Flipbook of all our classes. We also offer KidsArt After School classes two times a week through March of 2021. Classes include drawing, clay, watercolor, mixed media and more.

We invite you to ArtCenter Manatee to create, view and purchase original art and to support our vibrant arts community.

For more information, visit ArtCenterManatee.org, or call 941.746.2862. We look forward to welcoming you to ArtCenter Manatee for a wonderful season of art.

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About Jess Jewelers

Jess Jewelers is a premier jewelry store located in Bradenton, Florida. They specialize in Diamonds, Gemology, custom designs, repairs and Appraisals for a wide range of jewelry products and pieces. Their Engagement ring selection is one of the most extensive in the area, and their expert team of designers, Gemologists, and jewelers

are proud to work alongside clients to help ensure that every last piece we offer is nothing short of perfect. **Jess Jewelers** proudly offer their services, knowledge, and extensive expertise to help their clients turn their unique vision into reality.

About ArtCenter Manatee

Located at the intersection of arts and culture 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 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.

Exhibitions in the galleries change monthly and showcase local, regional and national artists. Meet the exhibiting artists at the monthly evening opening receptions.

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H: M-F-S 9:00-5:00, T-W-Th 9:00-6:00, closed Sunday.
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Beach Bike Bingo by Jane Keeling, member



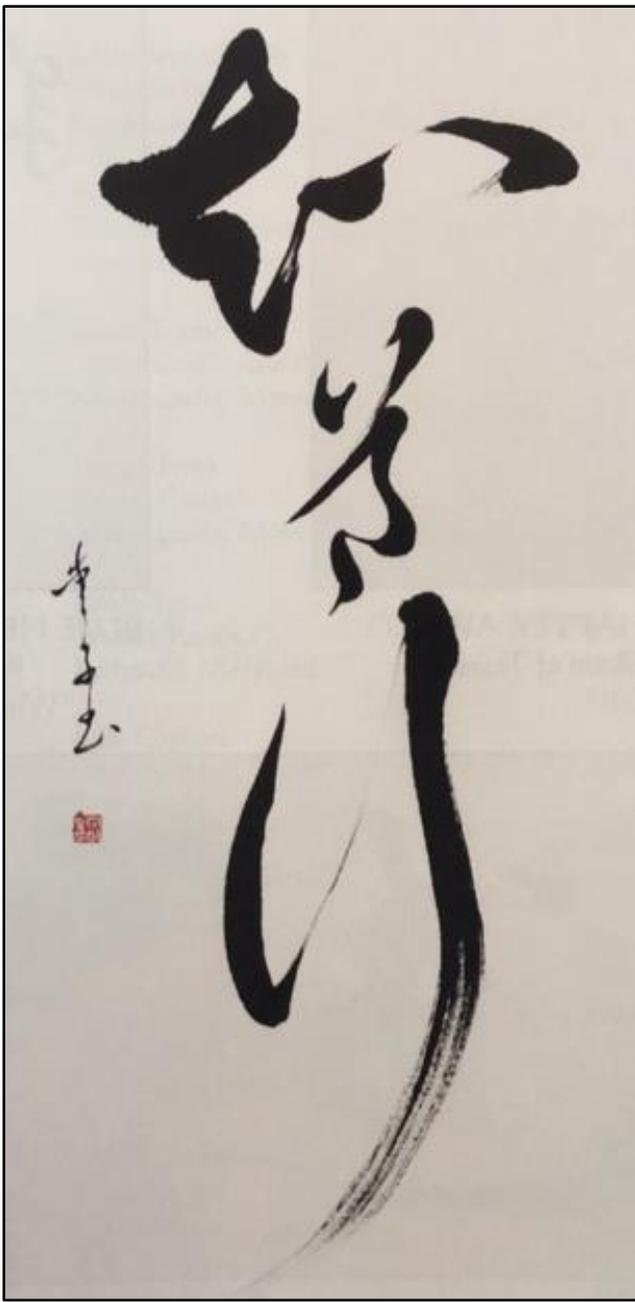
Castle Landscape by a 3rd grade student in the Manatee Schools Exhibit



Girlfriends by Deb Wicks, Florida Suncoast Watercolor Society



Vessel by MarieAnn Body, Holiday Art Pottery Sale



Journey by Aiko Anderson, Sarasota Sumi-e