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## **ArtCenter Manatee Presents an Annual Favorite**

*Fur, Feathers, Flora & Fauna, an open, all media, juried exhibit*

BRADENTON, Fla. June 20, 2017 – Fur, Feathers, Flora & Fauna seems like the perfect Florida exhibition, especially in Manatee county where natural spaces are plentiful, and where our feathered and furry friends abound in the city, on the beach and in our many preserves. The love for nature and all things natural is a large draw for residents and tourists alike, and there is no shortage of artists able to produce a masterpiece or two based on our natural beauty and their vision of it.

As always, you'll be impressed by the depth and breadth of talent in our community. From painting to pottery and jewelry to sculpture, the all media works will be on display in all three galleries at the ArtCenter from June 27 through July 28, with an opening reception on Thursday, June 29 from 5:00-7:00pm. All are welcome - the exhibit and reception are free and open to public

This will be the final exhibit in our busy season and marks the beginning of summer. Our next exhibit in August will feature the work of the talented budding artists from the KidsArt Camps and Emerging Artists classes. Our closing reception and party will be Friday, August 4, from 5:00-7:00pm.

In conjunction with Fur, Feathers, Flora and Fauna, we'll hold a free family fun day at the ArtCenter – Art & Animals & You! On July 15 from 10:00 to 3:00. The day will feature Mote Marine Mobile Lab, Wildlife, Inc, Nate's Honor Animal Rescue, Birds of Paradise, Ruff Life, Pet Supermarket and the Florida Extension office. We'll have kids' art workshops, a scavenger hunt, the exhibit, PLUS pet portraits and paw painting. Well-behaved and leashed pets are welcome to join the fun.

### **Attached images:**

*Picture from Fur, Feathers, Flora & Fauna*

*Animals & Art & You! Card*

### **About ArtCenter Manatee**

Founded in 1937, ArtCenter Manatee celebrates its 80th Anniversary this year. Located 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, photography and more.

The Artists' Market features unique, affordable gifts by local, regional 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 call 941-746-2862 or visit <http://www.artcentermanatee.org>. ArtCenter Manatee is located at 209 9<sup>th</sup> St W, Bradenton, FL, 34205. Hours are M/F/S 9-5 and T/W/Th 9-6. Closed Sunday.

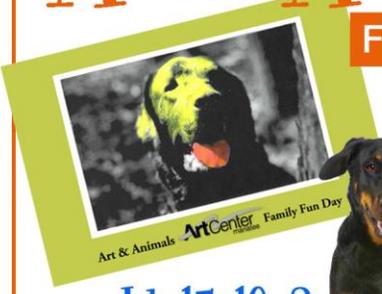
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*Fur, Feathers, Flora & Fauna* by Mary DuCharme

# Art & Animals & YOU!

**Free Pet Portrait & Paw Painting!**



Join Mote Marine Mobile Lab, Wildlife Inc, Nate's Honor Animal Rescue, Birds of Paradise, Ruff Life, Pet Supermarket, the Florida Extension Office and more! Kid's art workshops, a scavenger hunt, a "furry & fun" exhibit: Fur, Feathers, Flora & Fauna. Come play for the day! **All FREE & FUN!**

**July 15, 10-3**

Bring your well-behaved,  
leashed pet!



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