

ART NEWS

This month at Florida West Arts

The Florida West Arts Showcase is located at the International Design Center, 10800 Corkscrew Road (Suite 105) in Estero. Complimentary valet parking is available.

The Showcase is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday.

For information, e-mail info@floridawestarts.com or call (239) 948-4427.

► Meet the artist: Carol McArdle - Sept. 13

As part of the Florida West Arts Showcase Meet the Artist series at the International Design Center in Estero, visit award-winning artist Carole McArdle at the IDC from noon to 4 p.m. on Saturday Sept. 13. The public is invited - admission is free. Have your turn meeting the artist and viewing a number of her paintings as she demonstrates her artistic techniques.



Carol McArdle's Mangrove Twist. Meet the artist Sept. 13.

From acrylic paintings of natural Florida scenes as well as abstracts to her enhanced photography, experience the multiple styles, media and subject matter of McArdle's artwork.

► Summer exhibit closes Sept. 17

While you are visiting the Meet the Artist program at the Florida West Arts Showcase, be sure to view the current exhibition featuring paintings, sculptures and ceramics by a number of the Florida West Arts gallery artists.

► First Exhibition of the new season open Sept. 27

The exhibition introduces the artworks of Florida West's gallery artists for 2008-09. View paintings and three-dimensional artworks that represents what is current in art in America today. A wide variety of media and styles will be featured. The Meet the Artists' open house for this exhibition is Saturday, Sept. 27 from noon to 4 p.m. The show runs through Oct. 22. ■



Joshua Myers' Rusty Wheel on exhibit Sept. 27-Oct. 22



Greg D'Orazio's Vanderbilt 1980 on exhibit Sept. 27-Oct. 22

Naples National Art Festival ranked No. 5

The Naples Art Association announced that its Naples National Art Festival was recently ranked the fifth best art festival in the nation by Sunshine Artist magazine. The Naples National has consistently ranked in the top 20 festivals for the past several years, and this is its highest spot on the list.

"We are proud that our festival has been recognized for the value it brings to the art collectors, residents and visitors in Collier County as well as the artists who participate," said Joel Kessler, the art association's executive director. "We work hard to present the best quality art from among returning favorites and artists who are new to the Naples art scene. Savvy art investors, as well as those who appreciate owning original works of art, know that the Naples National is a premiere collecting opportunity. And, next year's

30th anniversary event will be the best we've ever hosted."

The Sunshine Artist editors noted that the Naples National "is considered the granddaddy of Naples art shows" and called the festival "one of the highest-quality events in the nation."

The 30th annual Naples National Art Festival will be held Feb. 21 and 22, in Cambier Park and along 8th Street South. The festival will feature 300 artists juried into the show from nearly 1,000 applicants competing for a booth at the prestigious festival. The artists will showcase their original paintings, drawings, sculpture, glass, ceramics, photography, mixed media, fiber, pastels and jewelry.

The deadline for artists to apply to the Naples National Art Festival is Oct. 1. Applications are available at naplesart.org and by calling (239) 262-6517, ext. 109. ■

FGCU Bower School of Music faculty perform in concert

Six faculty members of the Florida Gulf Coast University Bower School of Music will perform the piano and wind music of Francis Poulenc at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 20 in the Student Union ballroom. The concert is free and open to the public.

The six performers not only teach music at FGCU, but also perform widely. Head of Piano Studies Michael Baron performs at least 40 concerts a year around the world. Bill Larsen is principal flutist with the Southwest Florida Symphony Orchestra. Aaron Ichiro

Hilbun has distinguished himself as an oboe soloist on four continents and with many orchestras. Paul Votapek is principal clarinetist with the Naples Philharmonic Orchestra. Kristen Sonneborn is principal bassoonist with the Naples Philharmonic Orchestra. Kirsten Bendixen-Mahoney plays horn with the Naples Philharmonic.

Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis, but there is a reserved section for those who want a guaranteed seat at the concert. Call (239) 590-7851 to reserve a seat. ■

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