

JULY 2011 News Briefs

Brief items from the past month related to public art in Florida from the Florida Association of Public Art Professionals (FAPAP)

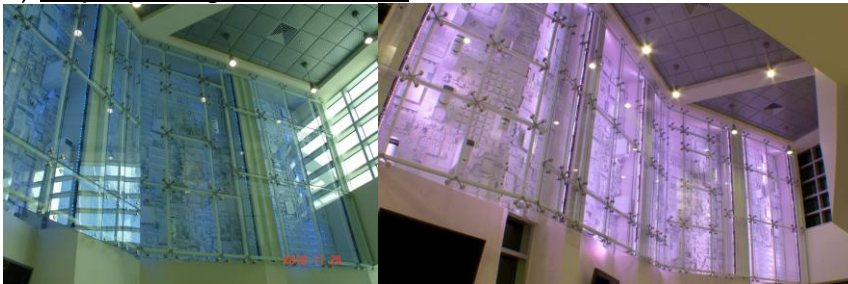
NATIONWIDE

Five Florida projects were highlighted in the PAN Year in Review at the annual Americans for the Arts convention in San Diego. This year 430 projects were submitted and 47 were selected. The Florida projects fell in five of the seven categories the jurors created. They were (listed by category). . .

1) In Situ: When Bigger is Better - Marylyn Dintenfass's *Parallel Park* garage project in Ft. Meyers



2) Repurposing The Familiar - Jefre's '*EWASTE*' – *Electronic Waste* in Boca Raton



3) Community Engagement & Social Activism – Janet Zweig's *Lipstick Enigma* at UCF in Orlando



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4) Humor – Mark Aeling & Catherine Woods' *Tired Hydrant* in Bradenton



5) Visionary Leadership – The Terry Olson coordinated *Red Chair Visits Orange County Public Art* permanent travelling exhibition in Orange County.

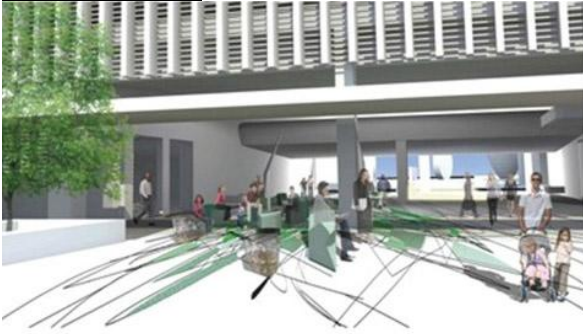


FLORIDA

EcoArt South Florida, Inc. (EASF) has completed their pilot EcoArt apprenticeship (started when they were called South Florida Environmental Art Project) and is now seeking apprenticeship opportunities with other Public Art organizations. . EASF defines Public EcoArt as Public Art that intersects with green building and infrastructure technologies, making stormwater capture, cleaning and distribution, and energy conservation and creation highly visible to the public. Information: mjaagerstoun@ecoartsofla.org, tinyurl.com/ecoartsf.



BROWARD



In June, the Broward County Board of County Commissioners reviewed artist Margi Glavovic Nothard's design for integrated public art at the new Broward County Courthouse and voted to approve the budget of \$610,000. The artwork is comprised of flooring, seating, lighting and wall treatment for a vast breezeway space. The projected completion date is 2014.

Margi Glavovic Nothard, a Fort Lauderdale-based artist, took her inspiration from Broward County's New River. The graceful seagrasses that inhabit its riverbed inspired this functionally integrated project, which covers an entire 70' x 129' area of the breezeway running through the ground level of the new courthouse garage. The breezeway, with its artistic enhancements, will afford a calming place of respite for citizens and their families participating in the judicial process, as well as a pleasant environment in which area workers, such as employees of the Clerk of Courts Office, may enjoy a lunch break. The lighting elements will activate the area after dark with a dynamic and engaging experience, making the breezeway a safe and inviting corridor for travel between the Courthouse Plaza and the adjacent river.

ORLANDO

1) An unknown artist has been engaging in "guerilla public art" placing old chairs that have been painted in various colors and motifs near public bus stops where there is no shelter or seating. It appears to be called the "Sit Project"



2) UCF has a video explaining the recently installed, and much talked about interactive media piece, *Forth*, by Karolina Sobecka available at <http://vimeo.com/25636588> . The piece factors in the weather and time of year and people moving in the space to create a scene of boats on the sea. A smaller screen in the same lobby shows the same scene but from underwater.

PINELLAS COUNTY

On June 30, the Pinellas Cultural Affairs office permanently closed its doors. The department had closed on September 30, 2010, but Michelle Tuegel had been re-hired on a part-time basis to transition while a non-profit cultural arts foundation was planning. The County no longer has any staff for arts support or programming.

ST. PETERSBURG



Photo of “BIG MAX”, by John Henry, in its new location.

COMING EVENTS

Tampa



Tampa’s Photographer Laureate opens an exhibition of her recently completed works, *The Hillsborough River: from the Green Swamp to the Bay*, on Sunday, July 31, 2 – 4 pm at the Tampa Museum of Art, 120 W Gasparilla Plaza. RSVP to PublicArt@TampaGov.net or 813.274.8531. Info tampagov.net/arts.

CALLS FOR ARTISTS

Art in State Buildings

[ASB Call to Artists website](#) for details . . .

The new [Jackson County Health Department](#) in Marianna has an art budget of \$36,000. The entry deadline is **Friday, August 5, 2011 at 5 pm**. Information: Lee Modica, at lmodica@dos.state.fl.us or (850) 294-5445.

The [Biological Sciences Building at the University of North Florida](#) in Jacksonville has an art budget of \$35,000. The entry deadline is **Friday, August 19, 2011 at 5 pm**. Information: Meghan Hull, (904) 620-1236, m.hull@unf.edu, or Elizabeth Jones, (904) 620-2027, ejones@unf.edu.

NEW AND RENEWING FAPAP MEMBERS

Individuals: Ken Rollins

PLEASE LET US KNOW

Let us know about any public art related news from your area – new art work, loss of art work, press or legislation affecting the arts, new personnel, etc. Send news of the month to Terry.Olson@ocfl.net by the 1st of the following month.

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