

NOVEMBER 2011 News Briefs

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

NATION

The Public Art Network (PAN) advisory council is reviewing names to put on the ballot for new members to that Council. Leslie Fordham, public art administrator with the Broward program, was endorsed by the FAPAP Board and we are advocating for her inclusion on the ballot.

FLORIDA

1. **SAVE THE DATE:** May 5-7, Annual FAPAP Conference in Fort Myers.

This is the first time since state Public Art professionals began gathering in the mid-1990s that the conference has come to the SW Florida coast! Lots of great sessions and tours are being planned as well as the annual “Year in Review” presentation.

2. FAPAP member possible representative to Public Art Network.



The FAPAP Board encourages you to vote for Broward Cultural Division’s Public Art Administrator Leslie Fordham who has been nominated to become a Public Art Network (PAN) Council member. Fordham brings more than ten years of experience in the public art field. Having worked with public art programs across the country in Florida, Colorado, Pennsylvania, she has gained a thorough knowledge and understanding of the sense of place and identity that a successful public art program can bring to a community.

In Lancaster, Pa, while helping to establish the new public art program, Fordham utilized PAN publications and listserv extensively, as well as become familiar with many of the PAN tools, publications and staff. She attended PAN Conferences in Washington, D.C, Baltimore and San Diego, allowing her to expand her PAN and public art knowledge to the national level. She also attended the International Sculpture Conference in London in 2010, where emphasis was placed on public art.

Members of the PAN Council provide visible leadership across PAN Council projects and activities, including conferences, convening’s, listserv dialogue, and project committees.

Please [Click HERE](#) to vote for Leslie Fordham.

You must be a professional member of Americans for the Arts to submit a valid ballot.

3. Broward County, Orange County and Jacksonville now have artworks on PublicArtArchive.org. WESTAF is still offering free placement on this database which is instantly available to viewers on any mobile device and requires no application download. The site allows users to share the art they find with their social networks – all with the goal of giving our collections even more visibility. Contact Rachel.Cain@westaf.org to add your works now.

BROWARD

The Broward Cultural Council Public Art & Design Program had 76 applicants for the Terminal 3 Terrazzo Design Project for the Ft. Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport.

FT. MYERS



"Bud" was installed on the Florida Gulf Coast University campus.



ORLANDO

The Orlando Shakespeare Theater is working on finding a sponsor to improve the lighting on "Sirens" – three ceramic figures on long-term loan by artist Barbara Sorenson which stand outside the building entrance.

PALM BEACH

FAPAP member Peter Sutton's work on waterfalls and water features was featured in an article in the Palm Beach Post: <http://www.palmbeachpost.com/money/waterfall-creator-makes-masterpieces-out-of-rock-1862992.html#.TneQoA8iK6Y.email>

ST. PETERSBURG



1. St. Petersburg artist, Cecilia Lueza completed an 80 foot by 9 foot mural entitled "Return to Innocence in Indianapolis, IN. It is one of 46 murals created to elevate the arts and culture of the City in preparation for Super Bowl XLVI.

TAMPA



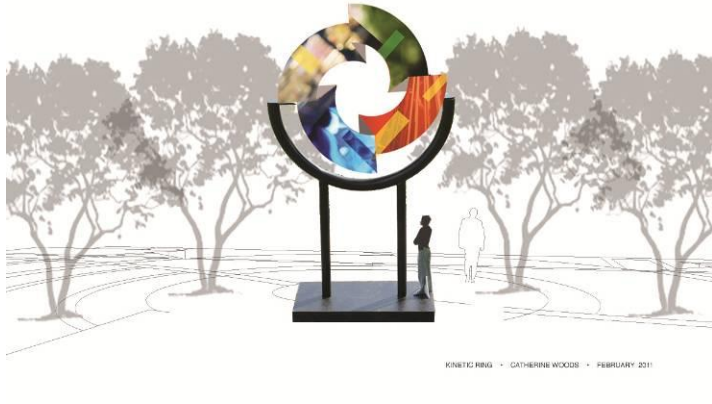
2. Artist Allen Leper Hampton was commissioned to create a mural at Cuscaden Park in Ybor City, to coincide with the building of a playground by the organization, Kaboom!, a national non-profit dedicated to saving play for America's children. Hampton received input from representatives of the community and incorporated historic images of Cuscaden Park and its pool, brightly colored flowers, as well as portraiture of individuals from the neighborhood, using aerosol spray paint.



3. Susan Gott was selected to create an installation for the newly-designed Spring Hill Park Community Center in Sulphur Springs. Gott created a suspended glass structure which hangs in the main entryway. It was a

specific request of the community for the artist to work with the children in the area – Gott hosted workshops at her Seminole Heights studio and gave the student hands-on experience in creating the art. With her supervision, students participated and assisted in the process; gathering molten glass, shaping the glass, using torches, and learning about glass while creating forms with glassblowers.

4. Michael Parker was recently commissioned to create a mural on the Adamo Drive in Ybor City. Parker will be doing community workshops and a class at nearby Hillsborough Community College in order to receive input for the mural, which will depict the culture of the historic district. The mural is expected to be complete by July 2012.
5. John Gurbacs has been selected to complete a mural on a water pump station in Sulphur Springs. The mural, which will feature the flora and fauna living along the Hillsborough River habitat, is projected to be complete by March 2012.



6. Catherine Woods of St. Petersburg will be creating a sculpture in the Westshore District, which will serve as a gateway from Pinellas County and from Tampa International Airport into South Tampa. The sculpture will be a part of the Kennedy Boulevard beautification project, on FDOT property. The artist is projected to move into fabrication by early 2012.

CALLS FOR ARTISTS

ORLANDO

Project: UCF-551 Classroom II, University of Central Florida, Orlando

Budget: \$94,000, Deadline: Dec 14, 2011

The project's art selection committee is looking for exterior artwork. Link to project description:

<http://www.fp.ucf.edu/artinstat/calltoartists.html>

SARASOTA

Project: New Academic Center, New College of Florida, Sarasota

Budget: \$42,000, Deadline: Dec. 30, 2011

The committee is seeking site-relevant exterior artwork that can be made in small multiples.

Link: <http://www.ncf.edu/bot>

NEW & RENEWING MEMBERS

INDIVIDUALS

Ed Barbier, Professor/Sculptor, Savannah College of Art & Design

James Hagler, Director of Historical Resources, Venice Archives and Area Historical

Rebecca Nagy, Director, Harn Museum of Art

ORGANIZATIONS

City of Clearwater Public Art & Design Program, Christopher Hubbard, Cultural Affairs Specialist,

City of Fort Myers, Donna Lovejoy, Public Art Liaison,

Frost Art Museum - Florida International University, Carol Damian, Director.

EVENTS

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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