

CHA Expressions of Art

The Dale Mabry Campus Art Gallery displayed art by the Coalition of Hispanic Artists during September and October. The show was an exciting and energetic composite of 16 Latino artists exhibiting their unique art. The exhibition had artists from Colombia, Cuba, Puerto Rico, Venezuela, and many other Latin countries. The artists use acrylics, oils, and watercolors on canvas, projecting bold and vibrant colors. The expression of the Latino culture is prominent, with each artist offering a unique perspective of the Latino experience. The exhibition's opening reception took place at the Dale Mabry Art Gallery located on the second floor of the library building on Thursday, September 18, 2008. Guests enjoyed an evening of music and art, with music provided by classical guitarist Dr. Mark Switzer.

Angelica Acevedo, chemistry instructor, opened the event and spoke about the importance of Hispanic Heritage Month and of how artists contribute an insight of their culture through their artworks. Ms. Acevedo also introduced Dr. Mary Bendickson, dean of associate in arts at the Dale Mabry Campus. Dr. Bendickson welcomed faculty, students, staff, and community members. She also spoke about the college's continued commitment to Hispanic artists and their cultural contributions to our community.

Mr. Luis Rodriguez, president of Coalition of Hispanic Artists, is originally from Colombia and is also an award-winning artist. Luis spoke about the history of the organization and how it offers a unique way of sharing the diversity of its members' cultural backgrounds through art.

Mr. Luis Rodriguez and Ms. Lydisabel Ruiz introduced the 16 participating artists. They also provided a brief biography of each of the artists as well as a brief synopsis of their work. Gallery Curator Mrs. Elsa Villa concluded the closing remarks for the evening's reception. Mrs. Villa thanked the participants and the Dale Mabry Campus Student Government Association for sponsoring this event and their continual commitment to cultural events at the Dale Mabry Campus.

The exhibit displayed the multicultural dimensions of Latin artists; the multi-faceted nature of the artists can be seen in their sculpture and paintings. This year's featured artists were: Jose Alvarez, Gloria Barreto, Ligia Bello, Delia Canela, Carlos De Leon Campos, Patricia Gomez, Dora Iregui, Alcira Levy, Jose Murani, Sarita Paccine, Luz Pennington, Luis Rodriguez, Carlos Soto, Armida Stickney, Yolanda Suarez, and Jose Yantas.



Alcira Levy - Black Fan



Donna del Mar - Bello



Luis Rodriguez - Serenity

Native American Art Exhibition

In celebration of Native American Month, the Dale Mabry Campus Art Gallery is featuring and honoring Native Americans. Enjoy Inter-Tribal Native American Art! The exhibition will be on display November 5-December 6, 2008, in the Art Gallery and also throughout the Library.

Experience the culture and art of Native Americans. The exhibit includes paintings, jewelry, wood carving, textiles, drums, and sculptures. Featured artists will be Linda Brassel, Cookie & Ed Comer, Donald Howard, Cindy Middleton, June Perry, Kaye Ware, Ricklene Wren, and Yona Bear Rod, and Kay Welch.

An Inter-Tribal Festival will be held on Wednesday, November 5, in conjunction with the exhibition opening. The festival will take place at the Dale

Mabry Campus in the lower patio area. Come experience the traditions and culture of Native American arts, dancing, drumming, music, and food.

Mrs. June Perry, also known as Grandmother June, will open the festival, and she will also introduce Dr. Mary Bendickson, dean of associate in arts, Dale Mabry Campus. Dr. Bendickson will be welcoming the guests to the festival. Grandmother June will also be speaking about the customs and art of Native Americans. She has been responsible for securing the Native American artists and performers. She is, in her own right, a well known artist and lecturer who shares her knowledge of her culture with communities throughout the country. Grandmother June is an active Elder who works closely with the Cherokee people in South Carolina and the Lakota people in South Dakota.

The emcee for this year's Inter-Tribal Festival is Ric Bird. Artists that will be participating in the program will be performing traditional and contemporary Indian songs, drumming, dancing, and storytelling. There will be musical performances by the Backyard Drum & Singers, Denise Taylor, Joseph Z, and storytelling by Yona.

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This exhibition and festival is free and open to the public. For additional information regarding the exhibit, call 813.253.7386 or email evilla@hccfl.edu.

Exhibit Dates: November 5-December 6, 2008

Location: HCC Dale Mabry Campus Art Gallery, Library Bldg., 2nd Floor

Hours: Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.
Friday-Saturday 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.



The Elder



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