

2012 PAINT THE BEACH...SANDCASTLES TO SHRIMPBOATS.

A PLEIN AIR FESTIVAL IN FORT MYERS BEACH, FL.

SCRAPBOOK



Some of the press coverage.....



Beach Elementary School Plein Air Event

Artwork Created.....



Michele Buelow, Chairman, Georgia Reinmuth, Al & Kathy Durrett, from Fish-Tale Marina , Larry Wood, Beach Elementary School Principal Appreciation for all the generosity of the Durrettes

Gala crowd.....



Judge Kevin Dean, Director Selby Gallery, Ringling College of Art & Design did an excellent job of selecting the prizewinners for the competition.



First Place David Belling "Tenders" wc



Second Place Julie Nusbaum

"Heron's Peek" wc on yupo



Third Place Neil Walling

"Lover's Key Sunrise" oil



Special Award

“Most representative of the Beach”

Sheila Thorton

“Path to the Beach” (Bowditch Park) oil



Merit Award Susan Armstrong

“ Heavenly Biscuit” acrylic

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Merit Award Mary Moran "Lead Me On" oil

Honorable Mention Maria Magdalena Toaquiza Ugsha
"The Proud Shark Fisherman"



HM Gail Trent Risner

Beach Cottage For Rent



HM Priscilla Coote "Gimme Shelter"



HM Kathryn McMahon

“Morning Sky at Parrot Key”



HM Joan Roberts “Joint Effort”



Cypress Lake String Quartet...Friday Gala

The Quick Draw Event was held at Times Square...just 2 hours to complete a painting. They were judged by Meg Bushnell and Georgia Reinmuth.



First Place Winner

Neil Walling "Blue Umbrella"

With Georgia Reinmuth and quick draw paintings



QD Second Place Brian Bent Christensen

"Bazinga !"



Third Place Priscilla Coote
“Dining on Two Levels”



HM Katherine McMahon “Time Square Writer”



North Fort Myer Academy Steel performing Saturday afternoon



Demo artist..Michele Barron Buelow

Painting "Grady"...thank you gift for Al & Kathy

2012 Paint the Beach A Huge Success.....

The Fort Myers Beach Art Association would like to thank our sponsors, the visitors and guests that attended the events, purchased art and raffle tickets and were so kind to our participating artists. The Gala was well attended and the delicious food served by Fish House Restaurant, South Beach Grill, Sand Bar, Francesco's, Skye's, and Truly Scrumptious was spectacular. Music by the Cypress Lake String Quartet provided the perfect backdrop for the evening. Jo List sang beautifully at our Saturday Jazz Cafe and was enjoyed by all who attended.

Sponsors **Fish Tale Marina & Santini Marina Plaza, Al and Kathy Durrett,** and Marketing Director **Georgia Reinmuth** did an outstanding effort of supporting this event and the art association. We cannot begin to thank them for the time, effort and money they have devoted to Paint the Beach. We at the art association are hugely grateful to them.

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A huge thank you to Skye's Restaurant, Capt. Phil Pica, Capt Neil Eisner, Sun Collection Key West Comfort Inn who donated items for the lively auction done by Corky Condon, Al Durrett and Mimi Little. This first time event was lots of fun and bidders were generous. Thank you!

And lastly we thank all the artists who spent a week with us painting our beautiful town. Rain and wind and sun did not defeat them and they turned out wonderful pieces of art. Everyone is already talking of "next year" so plan to be a part of it all.

Photos of the event will be on our website soon fortmyersbeachart.com

With much appreciation,

Michele Buelow,

Chairman of 2012 Paint the Beach