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Lighthouse ArtCenter To Open Guild Gallery At Midtown

PALM BEACH GARDENS, Fla. — (Oct. 20, 2011) — It is the oldest cultural institution in northern Palm Beach County.

But you don't have to drive to Tequesta to see talent of the Lighthouse ArtCenter. Instead, you can just head to Midtown.

The museum and art school will open a donated space Oct. 27 at Midtown.

There, visitors will see paintings, sculptures, ceramics, photography and jewelry created by members of the Lighthouse ArtCenter Artists' Guild.

"This is an opportunity for more of the community to see the work of the nationally known artists who call the ArtCenter home," said Katie Deits, Lighthouse ArtCenter executive director.

Artists will be on hand to demonstrate and talk about their work.

"We hope this experience inspires visitors to pick up a brush or a camera and express their creativity," Ms. Deits said. "And we are so grateful to the management at Midtown for donating the space to us."

Midtown sees the gallery as a magnet for visitors.

"We're interested in trying new ideas, and seeing how people react," said Belle Forino, marketing coordinator at Midtown. "We have open retail space in Midtown, that with the help of the Lighthouse ArtCenter, we're turning into an edgy contemporary pop-up style gallery. It feels like we're bringing a little bit of New York and a little bit of Art Basel to Palm Beach Gardens."

The Lighthouse ArtCenter at Midtown is at 4763 PGA Blvd., Suite 300, Palm Beach Gardens.

The gallery will host a grand opening 5:30-7:30 p.m. Oct. 27. After that, hours will be noon to 8 p.m., Thursday through Saturday and noon-5 p.m. on Sunday.

The Lighthouse ArtCenter Museum and School of Art is a member-supported not-for-profit 501(c)(3) community arts organization, providing excellence in art exhibitions, instruction, education and outreach for all ages. Programs are funded in part by the Palm Beach County Cultural Council, the Palm Beach County Tourist Development Council and the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners.

For more information on the Lighthouse ArtCenter Museum, School of Art, exhibitions, programs and events, visit LighthouseArts.org or call (561) 746-3101.

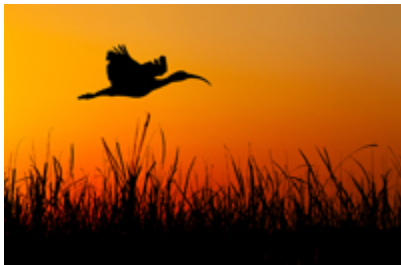
The Lighthouse ArtCenter is located in Gallery Square North, 373 Tequesta Drive, Tequesta, Fla., one-half mile west of U.S. Highway 1. Museum hours are Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. with admission free for members and \$5 for non-members ages 12 and up. Saturday hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., with free admission.



Artists' Guild Gallery members of the Lighthouse ArtCenter are exhibiting at the new gallery Lighthouse ArtCenter at Midtown. Left to right are: Malcolm and Dorothy MacKenzie, Katie Deits, Barry Seidman, David Willison, Ted Matz, Melinda Moore, Susan Bardin (board member); front row are Durga Garcia and Barbara Carswell. Not pictured are painter Judy Flescher and ceramic artists Georgia Novotny, Cara McKinley and Justin Lambert.



"Basel Wall," a 30" by 40" acrylic collage mixed-media piece by Judy Flescher



"Night Flight Over Marsh," photograph by Malcolm MacKenzie



Wood-fired ceramic pitcher by Justin Lambert