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**CULTURAL COUNCIL OF PALM BEACH COUNTY PRESENTS "MADE IN PALM BEACH GARDENS," OPENING SEPTEMBER 15**

*Lake Worth, September 5* – The work of 14 artists from Palm Beach Gardens will be on display at the Cultural Council of Palm Beach County in a special exhibition, "Made in Palm Beach Gardens," beginning September 15.

"Every two years, the Cultural Council presents an exhibition that focuses on one of Palm Beach County's culturally diverse, vibrant cities. This exhibition features masterpieces by artists who live or work in Palm Beach Gardens," said Nichole M. Hickey, manager of artist services at the Cultural Council of Palm Beach County.

Visitors to the "Made in Palm Beach Gardens" exhibition will see works by Carin Wagner-Brown, David Charlowe, John T. Cooksey, Judy Flescher, Genie Fritchey, Laurie Hein, Lucy Keshavarz, Dolores Kiriakon, Anthony Kolens, Mimie Langlois, Debbie Mostel, Marilyn Samwick, Nancy Tart and Shakeera Thomas.

"Made in Palm Beach Gardens" is free and open to the public from September 15 through November 18. Admission to the Members' Preview Party on Thursday, September 14 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. is free for Cultural Council members and \$20 for nonmembers. The event will feature trunk show artists Tim D. Carter and Michael Rivers, cocktails, and music by DJ GUAL, plus a special announcement of the PNC Arts Alive Award grant program recipients at 6:00 p.m. To reserve a ticket, call (561) 472-3341 or email [dcalabria@palmbeachculture.com](mailto:dcalabria@palmbeachculture.com). The "Made in Palm Beach Gardens" exhibition is generously sponsored by PNC Arts Alive and Tito's Handmade Vodka.

**Note to Editors**

Interviews with the featured artists and photo opportunities may be arranged in advance of the exhibition opening or during the preview event. High resolution images are available for the media to download at [tinyurl.com/MadeInPBG](http://tinyurl.com/MadeInPBG).

**About Palm Beach Gardens**

Before it was developed, the land that became Palm Beach Gardens was primarily cattle ranches and pine forests, as well as swampland further west. In 1959, wealthy landowner and insurance magnate John D. MacArthur announced plans to develop 4,000 acres and build homes for 55,000 people. Today, Palm Beach Gardens has a population of more than 50,000. The city, which is home to the PGA, has an award-winning Art in Public Places program. MacArthur planned to build a "garden city" and the community continues its heritage of preserving public spaces; With more than 30% of its land mass dedicated to green space, Palm Beach Gardens is a designated "Tree City" by the National Arbor Day Foundation.

**About the Cultural Council of Palm Beach County**

The Cultural Council of Palm Beach County is the official support agency for arts and culture in The Palm Beaches, serving non-profit organizations, artists and arts districts. The Cultural Council administers \$4.5 million in grants annually, supports arts and cultural education, provides capacity-building training and advocates for arts funding and arts-friendly policies in Palm Beach County, Florida's Cultural Capital®. The Council promotes Palm Beach County's cultural experiences to visitors and residents through multi-platform marketing and public information programs, including its one-of-a-kind Cultural Concierge service.

The Cultural Council presents exhibitions featuring Palm Beach County artists and provides additional programming at its headquarters in the historic Robert M. Montgomery, Jr. Building, an iconic Streamline Moderne former movie theater in Downtown Lake Worth. Also at the Cultural Council headquarters are the Roe Green Uniquely Palm Beach Store featuring products by Palm Beach County artists and the Jean S. and Frederic A. Sharf Visitor Information Center, a VISIT FLORIDA designated Florida Certified Tourism Information Center.

The Cultural Council galleries, visitor information center and store are open 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday. For a complete calendar of cultural activities in The Palm Beaches, connect with the Council at [palmbeachculture.com](http://palmbeachculture.com) or (561) 471-2901. To plan a personalized cultural itinerary, connect with the Cultural Concierge at [palmbeachculture.com/concierge](http://palmbeachculture.com/concierge). To learn about the benefits of individual, business, artist or musician membership to the Council please contact [dcalabria@palmbeachculture.com](mailto:dcalabria@palmbeachculture.com).