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From the Beaches to the River District downtown Fort Myers

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Trio Of Artists Featured At ACT Gallery During Art Walk

Arts for ACT Gallery will hold an opening reception on Friday, December 2 from 6 to 10 p.m. during Art Walk. The exhibits will also be on view on Saturday, December 3 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

This month, the gallery features the art of Kim Kraft-Beckler along with Reflections artist Lisette Morales and urban artist Nick Masiello, exhibiting MSTRMINDCNTRL.

Kraft-Beckler, a naive realist, is an award-winning artist trained in commercial art. Subjects of beauty in nature and the human spirit are what she chooses to depict. If Kraft-Beckler can invoke feelings of happiness in her viewers, then her art has done what she has desired it to do. Her art is in corporate, personal and celebrity collections here and abroad. Expect to see painted furniture, gourd art and other forms of mixed media in this exhibit.

Lisette Morales was born in Nicaragua in 1970 but has lived most of her life on the East Coast of the United States. She is an interdisciplinary artist with interest



Work by Nick Masiello Images courtesy Arts for ACT



Portrait by Lisette Morales

in expressive painting, India ink illustrations, knitting, crochet and hand sewing. Morales attended design school in New York City. She is currently the contributing illustrator for *El Café Latino*, a Parisian magazine. Morales lives in south Florida with her daughter Lucrezia and their animal companions. Creating artistically is part
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Illinois Native Wins Sand Sculpting Title

Brian Turnbough's *Finding Peace* captured top honors in the solo division of the 30th annual American Sand Sculpting Championship at the Wyndham Garden Hotel on Fort Myers Beach during the 10-day festival that ended last Sunday. He was followed by Greg Grady's *Heartache* in second place and Wilfred Stijger's *Pillow Dreams* in third. Turnbough hails from Illinois, while Grady is from New Hampshire and Stijger is from the Netherlands.

The 2016 doubles division winners were Canada's Melineige Beaugard and Portugal's Joris Kivit with *Let's Meet* in first place, Canadians Delyane Corbett and Craig Mutch with *Wings of Imagination* in second place, and Californian Bruce Phillips and Netherlands' Maxim Gazendam with *Insight* in third place.

Let's Meet also picked up People's Choice and Sculptors' Choice awards in doubles, while Bulgaria's Remy Hoggard with *Guardian* was chosen People's Choice in the solo division.

Lisa Fewless captured the 2016 Advanced Amateur National and Florida



Finding Peace photos by Bob Petcher
State Championship with *Friends with the Monster*. Paul Warren placed second with *No More Monkeys*, Dales Andrews took third with *Sand Castle Factory* and Amanda Bolduc took fourth and People's Choice with *Pieces of Me*.
The largest sand sculpting event in



Heartache

Florida featured master sand sculptors from around the world, more than 40 sand sculptures, Quick Sand speed sand sculpting, photo opportunity sculptures, Kids Zone, sand sculpting demonstrations and lessons, an amateur contest, Florida championships and a Sand Vendor Village with more than 50 vendors.

For more information, visit www.fmbandsculpting.com or the event's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/SandSculptingFestival

Cultural District Offers A Variety Of Attractions

The SoCo Cultural District and Second Saturday event continues on Saturday, December 10 from 5 to 10 p.m. This new art district block runs from Colonial Boulevard, down McGregor Boulevard to Royal Palm Square Boulevard, over to Summerlin
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