



SARASOTA BAY
ESTUARY PROGRAM
Restoring Our Bays

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**SARASOTA BAY ESTUARY PROGRAM INTRODUCES 8 NEW
ARTISTS TO ITS CREATIVE EXPRESSIONS ONLINE GALLERY**

Two Photo Options:

- (1) Painting of Anhinga by D.L. Rusty Rust
- (2) Photo of Roseate Spoonbill by Paul Martinelli

SARASOTA, FL – Several noted wildlife photographers and landscape artists have been added to the Creative Expressions gallery on the Sarasota Bay Estuary Program (SBEP) website. The gallery promotes the connection between creative expression and environmental awareness.

New participants include marine life photographer Jimmy White of Bradenton, the prolific artist D.L. Rusty Rust of Sarasota, wildlife photographer and writer James Hamilton Phillips of Sarasota, artist Mary Erickson of Venice, wildlife photographers Marla and Terry Frankford of Sarasota, artist Victoria Miller of Venice, and the wildlife photographer Paul Martinelli of Sarasota.

The SBEP gallery was launched in April with select photographs, poetry, essays, and cartoons from area artists well known for their passion for nature and wildlife. Please visit sarasotabay.org to see the impressive collection of more than 130 photographs, paintings, essays, and cartoons. The gallery also features a dozen poems from the late Jack Taylor who passed away in 2010.

The initial participating artists included Lou Newman, a retired veterinarian who travels the world taking photos of birds, Fran Palmeri, a former writer, editor and publisher who

enjoys capturing images of local wildlife, Sarasota cartoonist Rick Hotton, the creator of Holy Mole, and the late Jack Taylor, a life long conservationist with a passion for poetry inspired from his excursions on the beach and on the waterways of the Sarasota Bay Estuary.

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(Hotlink to the new page: <http://www.sarasotabay.org/ce-intro.html>)

***The Sarasota Bay Estuary Program** is dedicated to restoring the area's greatest natural asset—Sarasota Bay. Its unique program strives to improve water quality, increase habitat and enhance the natural resources of the area for use and enjoyment by the public. Sarasota Bay is one of 28 estuaries in the United States that have been named by the U.S. Congress as an "estuary of national significance." Partners include Sarasota County, Manatee County, City of Sarasota, City of Bradenton, Town of Longboat Key, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Southwest Florida Water Management District, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.*