



**SARASOTA BAY**  
**ESTUARY PROGRAM**  
*Restoring Our Bays*

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**SARASOTA BAY ESTUARY PROGRAM LAUNCHES CREATIVE EXPRESSIONS  
PAGE TO CELEBRATE THE CONNECTION BETWEEN ART AND NATURE**

**SARASOTA, FL** – The Sarasota Bay Estuary Program (SBEP) has launched a new page on its website promoting the link between creative expression and environmental awareness. The new page launched with select photographs, poetry, cartoons, and essays from local artists who are well known for their passion for nature and wildlife. Please visit [sarasotabay.org](http://www.sarasotabay.org) to see the new page.

The initial participating artists include 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.

New content will be added to the SBEP website regularly. Jimmy White, a professional photographer from Bradenton and Wayne Douchkoff of Venice will be showcasing photos beginning next week. Douchkoff is a current member of the SBEP Citizen Advisory Committee along with Lou Newman.

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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.