

# MANATEE RIVER ARTISTS GUILD

## 2024 DONATIONS

Since our founding in 2022, MRAG has continued the tradition of donating funds to support the visual arts programs at Freedom Elementary and Haile Middle Schools that was started by the Waterlefe Artists Guild. This year is no different.



Kathy Mulcahy, Laura Bryg, Kristen Simpson, Dr Julliette

I am happy to report that the Board approved a donation of \$2500 to each school and Kathy Mulcahy, Bob Cameron and I presented the checks to the Art Instructors and Principals at each school yesterday. They are so grateful for the support that we continue to provide and for the encouragement given to the student exhibitors at our Annual Art Show.

Both Freedom and Haile will be holding Art Shows at the end of the school year in May. It is another opportunity for the Guild to support the students by attending.



Kathy Mulcahy, Laura Bryg, Joe Gibson, Dr Irene Nikitopoulos



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2023 is a year of firsts for the Artists Guild. It was the first year attendance at the Annual Art Show peaked to over 600 attendees. It was the first year student art from Freedom Elementary and Haile Middle, the schools we sponsor, was displayed. It was the first year we expanded our reach to underserved children by donating to the Summer Camp Scholarship Program at ArtCenter Manatee. And it was the first year our fundraising efforts reached a level to allow us to donate \$10,200! Yes, \$10,200.

Both schools received \$2,500 for their visual arts programs, for a total of \$5,000. These funds help the art instructors buy supplies to sustain their programs. \$2500 was donated to the ArtCenter Manatee Summer Camp Scholarship Program for underserved children in our county. An additional \$700 was donated to Freedom allowing them to purchase portable display panels. Plus an additional \$2000 went to Haile to sponsor a field trip for their art students to Duncan McClellan Gallery, where they will learn about glass art and have a hands on experience in the art of glass etching.



Laura Bryg presents \$2500 to Carla Nierman, Executive Director at ArtCenter Manatee.



Wendy Roworth, Laura Bryg and Kathy Mulcahy present \$2500 to Kristen Simpson, Art Instructor at Freedom.



Wendy Roworth, Laura Bryg and Kathy Mulcahy present \$2500 to Joe Gibson, Art Instructor, and Irene Nikitopoulos, Principal at Haile.