

GENERAL EXHIBIT INFO

NAME: WILD FLORIDA...THE PRESERVED, THE RESTORED, THE VANISHING

FEATURED ARTIST: GLORIA BETLEM

GALLERY SPONSORS: UNITED ARTS OF CENTRAL FLORIDA
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OPENING RECEPTION: THURSDAY, JANUARY 7, 2010
5:00 TO 7:00PM
MEET THE ARTIST AND BE THE FIRST TO
VIEW AND PURCHASE HER WORK.

CLOSING DATE: FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2010

GALLERY HOURS: MONDAY TO THURSDAY, 9AM TO 4PM
FRIDAY, 9AM TO 12PM
1ST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH, 9AM TO
12PM

LOCATION: LEESBURG CENTER FOR THE ARTS
429 W. MAGNOLIA STREET
HISTORIC DOWNTOWN LEESBURG

ADMISSION: FREE

More images and information available upon request

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Gloria Betlem

Artist Statement

It took me a while to find the Florida I had been looking for...the one that isn't all about theme parks, highways and surf. This is the real Florida, the wild Florida...the one that's off the beaten path, and often protected as nature preserves. These paintings are from Central Florida, and within a short distance from our home there. The birds and the landscape paintings each tell a unique story related to Florida's environment. With the rapid population growth Florida is experiencing, and resulting development, the real Florida is becoming harder to find. I'm happy to share these rare glimpses with you. My newest work will be revealed at this exhibition at the Leesburg Center for the Arts.

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