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## **Fifth Annual Bay Life Art Exhibit is February 23**

*Tierra Verde, FL* - Tampa Bay Watch plans their Fifth Annual Bay Life Art Exhibit on Friday, February 23 featuring eight distinguished Florida wildlife artists. It is a collaborative art exhibit and sale at the Tampa Bay Watch Marine and Education Center which is free and open to the public on Friday, February 23, 4-9pm. Meet the artists and enjoy a live informational presentation by United States NASA Astronaut Nicole Stott, "eARTh from Space." Astronaut Stott will share her experiences on board the International Space Station where she had the opportunity to paint in orbit. Additionally there will be an art raffle, light snacks and a donation bar, so bring the entire family! Artists generously donate a portion of all proceeds from art sales to support the mission of Tampa Bay Watch.

The 5th Annual Bay Life Art Exhibit will feature Karen Baker, Nicole Stott, Sandra Williams, Bill Castleman, Vivek Lakhota, Elaine Hahn, Bill Renc and Joyce Ely Walker, who will show a wide spectrum of their work that reflects the beauty and complexity of our natural surroundings. The event takes place in the Tampa Bay Watch Community Room in Tierra Verde, a perfect setting to appreciate the beauty of Tampa Bay. A VIP invitation-only event for sponsors will take place Thursday, February 22.

The exhibit is free and open to the public and will take place at the Tampa Bay Watch Marine & Education Center, 3000 Pinellas Bayway South, Tierra Verde, FL 33715. Tampa Bay Watch is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to the protection and restoration of the Tampa Bay estuary through scientific and educational programs.

To learn more about the event, go to [tampabaywatch.org/baylife](http://tampabaywatch.org/baylife) or contact Michelle Yopez, Tampa Bay Watch Special Events Manager at [myopez@tampabaywatch.org](mailto:myopez@tampabaywatch.org). This event is presented by Sabal Trust and sponsored by Amici's Catering, Coppertail Brewing, Cooper's Hawk Winery, Carmelita's Rum, Mary Ann & Gary Renfrow, Marone Law Group, Lawrence Weiner & Yvonne Grimm. Sponsorship and promotion opportunities are available by contacting Pamela Arbisi at [parbisi@tampabaywatch.org](mailto:parbisi@tampabaywatch.org).

*Tampa Bay Watch is a nonprofit 501 (c)(3) stewardship program dedicated exclusively to the charitable and scientific purpose of protecting and restoring the marine and wetland environments of the Tampa Bay estuary encompassing over 400 square miles of open water and 2,300 square miles of highly- developed watershed. Tampa Bay Watch involves more than 10,000 youth and adult volunteers each year in hands on habitat restoration projects. For more information, visit [www.tampabaywatch.org](http://www.tampabaywatch.org), or call 727-867-8166.*

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