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VISUAL ARTS CENTER, 26100 OLD 41 RD

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

NEW FINE ART EXHIBITION AT CFABS—

RICHARD DIEDRICH: Architect and Artist

On view at the Visual Arts Center March 3-30, 2023

26100 Old 41 Rd, Bonita Springs, FL

Gallery Hours: Monday through Saturday, 9am-5pm

Admission: Free



Photos in DROPBOX

Caption list below*

In the first solo exhibition of his architectural watercolors, architect and artist, Richard J. Diedrich, FAIA presents eighteen original paintings of structures in Bonita Springs, which provide a direct and lasting connection to the City's history and distinct character. Diedrich created most of these paintings over the last twelve months.

Diedrich searches for successful works of architecture and depicts them with watercolor on canvas. From historic homes to more contemporary examples in our community, Diedrich chooses his subjects based on design characteristics that come together to make architecture appropriate to its place. Diedrich encourages architectural appreciation, restoration, and preservation through his celebration of architecture and the contributions his painting subjects have made to a community.

Meet the Artist Reception and Book Signing

On Friday, March 10, 6-8pm, the Visual Arts Center on Old 41 Road is hosting a reception and open house for the exhibition. Concurrent with the reception, Diedrich will be signing copies of his latest book, *Painting Naples Architecture*. This coffee table book is a compilation of the artist's paintings depicting some of the best examples of Naples area architecture, both historic and contemporary.



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About Richard J. Diedrich, FAIA

Richard Diedrich is an architect, author, and painter. He is recognized as a Fellow by the American Institute of Architects for works of clubhouse architecture throughout the United States and fourteen countries internationally. In South Florida, Diedrich is known for designing the Neiman Marcus and Bloomingdale's stores and amenity facilities at planned communities including Bonita Bay, Colliers Reserve, Grey Oaks, and Mediterra. His Architecture practice led to sixteen summers of teaching clubhouse design at the Harvard Graduate School of Design. Diedrich has had many group and solo exhibitions of his fine art paintings and he is the author of four books on architecture: *The 19th Hole: Architecture of the Golf Clubhouse*, *Legendary Golf Clubhouses of the U.S. and Great Britain*, *The Storied Houses of Historic Brookhaven*, and *Building Type Basics for Recreational Facilities*.

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***Image Caption List**

Richard Diedrich, ***Lee Memorial First Methodist Church, 1920***

Location: Bonita Springs
watercolor on canvas, 20 x 26 inches

Richard Diedrich, ***Wineberg-Sheafer House, 1934***

Location: Riverside Drive, Bonita Springs
watercolor on canvas, 19 x 23 inches

Richard Diedrich, ***Leitner House, 1910***

Location: Terry Street, Bonita Springs
watercolor on canvas, 16 x 14 inches

Richard Diedrich, ***Shangri-La Springs, 1921***

Location: Old 41 Road, Bonita Springs
watercolor on canvas, 23 x 27 inches

Richard Diedrich, ***Strickland-Agner House, 1920***

Location: Terry Street, Bonita Springs
watercolor on canvas, 15 x 19 inches



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ABOUT THE CENTERS FOR THE ARTS BONITA SPRINGS:

Founded in 1959, the Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs (CFABS) is committed to enriching the lives of the community by providing opportunities for artistic expression, education, and appreciation. **CFABS has two campus locations—each dedicated to the visual or performing arts.**

The Visual Arts Center, 26100 Old 41 Road, is a 10-acre, four-building campus, which consists of multiple fine art galleries, fully equipped art studios, a gift shop, an art resource library, beautiful sculpture gardens, and a nature preserve. A variety of classes are offered at this center including painting, drawing, clay, sculpture, glass, mixed media, and more. This center offers unique, year-round art exhibitions and other special events.

The Performing Arts Center, 10150 Bonita Beach Road, is a 4-acre, two-building campus, which is home to the 400-seat Hinman Auditorium and Gallery in the Round; the 200-seat Moe Auditorium & Film Center/Dance Studio; fully equipped art studios; and edible garden/teaching kitchen. At this diverse center, patrons can enjoy an ongoing array of live concerts, theatre, comedy, film, lectures, youth and adult dance classes, music lessons, and art classes, as well as multicultural events featuring visual and performing arts from around the world.

ARTS FOR ALL—Seeking to serve the educational and cultural needs of the diverse community, CFABS offers year-round programming, plus, three top-rated Art Festivals in January, February, and March, which draw hundreds of remarkable artists from around the world to beautiful, historic Downtown Bonita Springs, Florida.

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