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### **Art Hits the Street in a Permanent Display for the Community**

*ENGLEWOOD, Fla.* – The Arts Alliance of Lemon Bay is expanding onto the streets. The non-profit's latest endeavor brings art to the community via hand-painted benches that will be permanently displayed along Dearborn Street in March 2010.

AALB bench project organizer Diane Davidson, with the support of Community Redevelopment Area Coordinator Debbie Marks and the CRA board, called on Englewood artisans to produce these remarkable gifts for the community. Each bench has been transformed through the creative energies of local visual and literary artists. Themes from Americana to abstract to pink flamingo vividly represent the diverse tastes and talents of the community.

"The Arts Alliance of Lemon Bay has been more than a gallery. Our mission has been to unite artists and art organizations to show visitors that we have a ton of local talent that we're excited promote through art specifically created for exhibition in public spaces," said Stephanie Borchard, AALB President. Borchard expects more projects like this in the future.

Residents can get a sneak peak at the art benches before their permanent installation in March. They will be revealed in conjunction with the Vino Loco Wine Walk on February 27, which runs from 3 p.m. to dusk.

When the art benches are permanently installed, they'll each rest on a custom concrete base that will feature a sponsorship plaque. A \$100 donation secures a plaque, which can advertise a business, memorialize a loved one or simply express appreciation and support of the arts in the community.

Sponsorship plaques are available by contacting the AALB at 941-475-7141 or by dropping by the members' gallery at 477 W. Dearborn St.

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The Arts Alliance of Lemon Bay, Inc. is a Florida nonprofit corporation promoting charitable and educational endeavors, located at 477 W. Dearborn Street, Englewood, Fla. For information, call (941) 475-7141 or visit [www.artsallianceoflemonbay.org](http://www.artsallianceoflemonbay.org).