Annual Report 2007-2008

Artist Boat is a 501(C)(3) organization dedicated to promoting awareness and preservation of coastal margins and the marine environment through the disciplines of the sciences and the arts.

Serving over 22,000 participants since 2003
Eco-Art Workshop & Adventure Program

Since August 31, 2003 a total of 5,996 youth have engaged in the Eco-Art Workshop Program and 6,984 participants have engaged in the Eco-Art Adventure Program.

During the 2007-2008 Fiscal year, 924 youth participated in the Eco-Art Workshop Program and 1,942 youth participated in the Eco-Art Adventure Program.

Since 2003 this program has been funded by the Texas Education Agency, Environmental Protection Agency, Gulf of Mexico Foundation Galveston ISD, GISD Education Foundation, Galveston Beach Patrol, Houston ISD North Region, WaterBorne Education Center, US fish and Wildlife Service, UTMB Sealy Center, Galveston Bay Estuary Program, Tabitha Foundation, Albert I. Pierce Foundation, and Harris and Eliza Kempner Fund.
Texas Education Agency
Science and Math Outreach Grant
April 2008 - May 2009

• Provide Eco-Art Workshops to 40 - 60 classes
  • Delivered 36 days of workshops
• Provide Habitat Restoration to 40 - 60 classes
  • This would partner with GOMF
• Provide 2 40-hour Coastal Waters Institute professional development classes for teachers
  • Delivered CWI
  • Served 24 teachers
• Provide Eco-Art Kayak and Vessel Adventures to 90 - 110 classes
  • Delivered 42 adventures
  • Served 795 students
GBEP Grant

Major Objectives
July 2008 - July 2009

• Provide another fleet of kayaks for Public and School Adventures

• Provide 2-4 Houston-Galveston region MS with the Eco-Art Workshop and Kayak Adventure Program, as well as, the schools administering the Environmental Literacy Curriculum; resulting in 15 events
  • Delivered program to 3 schools
  • Served 155 students

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• Provide 2 public trips per month around Galveston Bay resulting in 16 events
  • Delivered 13 events
  • Served 72 participants

• Provide 3-4 area non-profits with the Program; resulting in 15 events

• Provide 2 city parks / recreation departments with the Program; resulting in 8 events

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• Provide 4 area universities/colleges with the Program; resulting in 12 events
  • Delivered 3 adventures to one university
  • Served 45 participants
Environmental Protection Agency
Environmental Education Grant
August 2007 – December 2009

80 2-hour Eco-Art Workshops
•delivered 21 days of workshops
•served 964 students

80 4-hour Eco-Art Adventures
•delivered 42 adventures
•served 795 students
Gulf of Mexico Foundation
Habitat Restoration Program

Gateway to the Gulf

† To date, this program has restored approximately 2.8 acres of marsh and 1.5 acres of sand dune habitat in the Galveston Bay area and South Padre Island, all with volunteers from the community and local schools.
† 12 marsh and dune sites in the Galveston Bay area have been restored through this program through partnerships with local organizations and parks, including:
  - Baytown Nature Center
  - Anahuac National Wildlife Refuge
  - Clear Creek (through the Clear Creek Environmental Foundation)
  - Beachtown
  - Sweetwater lake (managed by GBF)
  - Omega Bay (Galveston County MUD 12)
  - Bird Island
  - Pierce Marsh (managed by GBF)
† One of the greatest accomplishments through this program was the South Padre Island extension done during the aftermath of Hurricane Ike. While Galveston was inaccessible for restoration, two months worth of programming was done in South Padre Island to restore sand dunes that were affected by the surge of Ike. This project received a lot of support in this area, and was in the local newspapers numerous times. This extension eventually culminated in a large planting event on November 15, where over 100 volunteers showed up to restore sand dunes.
Habitat Creation Crews at Work in Texas
Eco-Art Residency Program

- Since August 31, 2003 this program has served 4,437 participants on Elementary and Middle School Campuses resulting in over 26 public art works installed to beautify the campuses
- In 2007-2008 served 1,471 students and will result in 6 more public works
- This program has additionally created five habitats on campuses for students and teachers to have an outdoor classroom
- This program has been funded by the 21st Century Grant Program, Marathon Oil, A+ Challenge Grant, Harris County Department of Education, Houston Endowment, Fermata Inc, Houston ISD, Pasadena ISD, and Galveston ISD, and the City of Galveston
Harvard Elementary Eco-Art Residency After School

Students work to create mosaic for Spark Park entrance that is almost 200 square feet based on stewardship ethics and totem animals
Tune in to Browning Elementary’s Ocean Literacy Radio Station

1670 AM -- THE DEEP

or listen in at www.artistboat.org/thedeep.html

Browning Ancillary Program Eco-Art Arts Component
Produced posters and post cards for media broadcast campaign and other great works
Browning Elementary Eco-Art Ancillary Science Component Students produce and broadcast their own radio station
Browning Elementary 2007 -208
After School Eco-Art Residency
Students created an ocean mosaic mural and species guides to plants and animals
Garfield Elementary
2007 - 2008

14 murals depicting habitats from the Texas Coast were created for the campus.
Matthys Elementary After School Residency produced 14 mural depicting the Texas Coast.
LA Morgan Elementary works on Renaissance Zone Columns depicting life on the island from the Beach to the Bay

Avian Species of Galveston Underway
Hogg Middle School Eco-Art Residency during Arts Ancillary

Beautified the campus with a large mural of our working coast and a 180 square foot mosaic of the Flower Garden Banks.
Hogg Middle School Mural
8 x 15 feet Our Coast At Work
Bench Tops were created depicting the zones of the ocean.
Public Eco-Art Adventure Program

Since August 31, 2003 at total of 2,824 participants from the general public have participated in public Eco-Art Adventures

During the 2007-2008 Fiscal year 816 participants from the general public engaged in Eco-Art Adventures

Since 2003 this program has been funded by US Fish and Wildlife Service, City of Galveston Arts and Historic Preservation Committee through the Parks Board, Texas A&M University at Galveston, Galveston Island Nature Tourism Council, and Galveston Bay Estuary Program
Our Board and Staff Have Fun
Help Float the Boat