



Annual Report

2022

September 2021 - August 2022



About Artist Boat

Our Mission

Artist Boat is a 501(c)(3) whose mission is to promote awareness and preservation of coastal margins and the marine environment through the disciplines of the sciences and the arts.



Connect people to Gulf Coast environments through mind-opening experiences.

Educate and inspire people to action to preserve and protect coastal and marine habitats.

Our 5 Goals

Expand engagement in existing programming to inform and inspire people of all ages.

Preserve and restore 1,400 contiguous acres from beach to bay on West Galveston Island.

Establish the first nationally significant environmental education center on the Gulf Coast.



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Our 2022 impact by the numbers



\$460,000 INVESTED

in local schools and teachers

13,927 SOCIAL MEDIA FOLLOWERS

327 YOUTH WORKSHOPS & ADVENTURES

connected **5,006** kids to the native environment over multiple days.

108 BUCKET BRIGADE TOURS

informed **1,090** beachgoers about the important qualities of Galveston beaches

38 PUBLIC KAYAK TRIPS

brought **607** people into critical wetland areas

33 EDUCATIONAL FILMS PRODUCED

27 for Crenshaw Curriculum & **6** for Sea Star Base Curriculum

43 NEW SPECIES

including 41 insect, 1 bird, and 1 marine mammal species.

91 TRASH BARRELS

painted for beautification of our beaches.

810 ACRES

of coastal prairie and wetlands preserved forever; 90 acres of coastal prairies and wetlands in progress for permanent conservation.

6 ECO-ART RESIDENCIES

educated 2,056 students about marine environments and the animals which inhabit them.

9 WATERSMART LANDSCAPES

designed by students on 9 school campuses.

2 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS

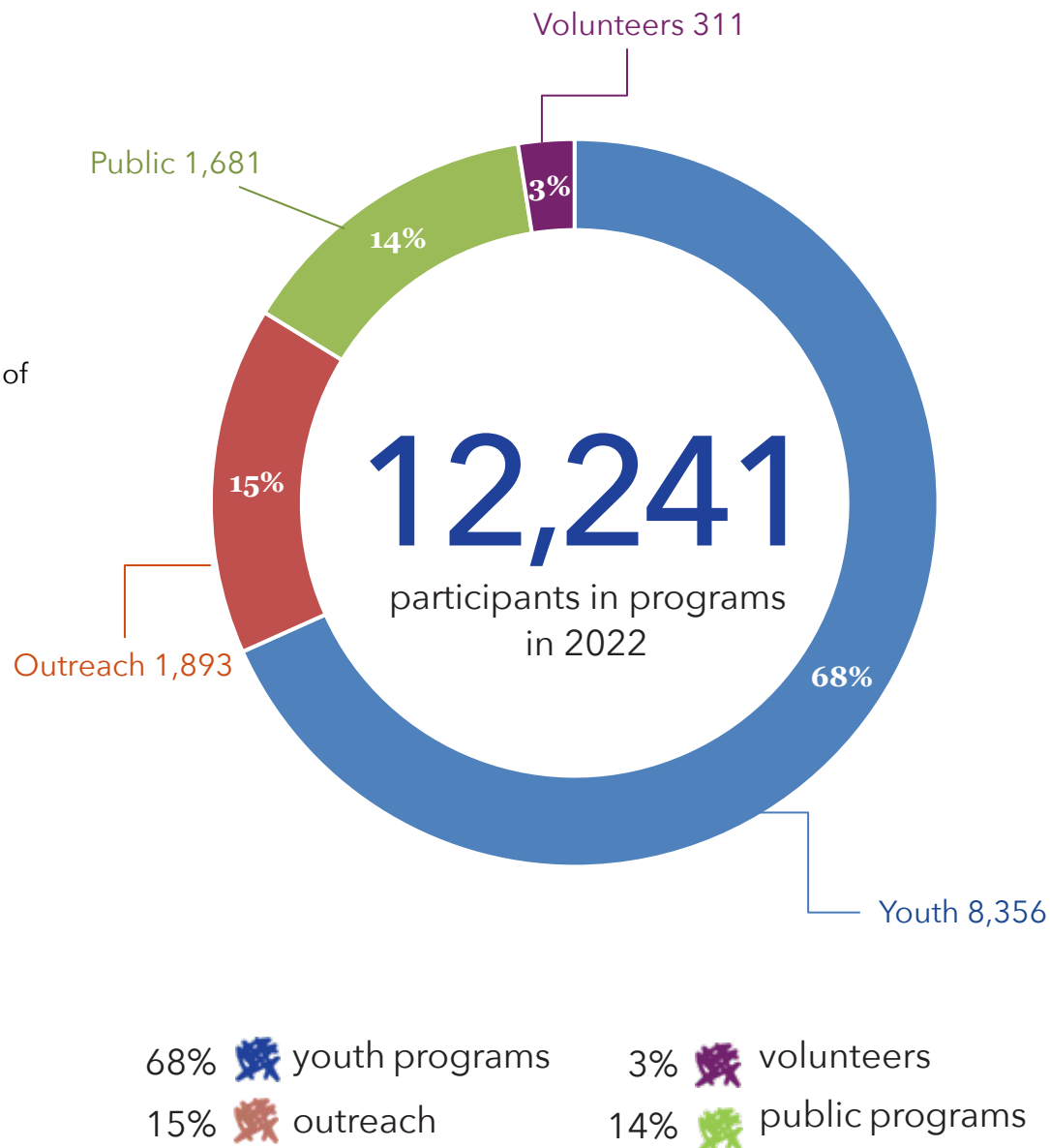
delivered to 13 teachers in the Houston-Galveston area.

11 Eco-Art CAMPS

educated 423 students about coastal and marine environments.

6 ECO CAMPS

educated 75 students about coastal and marine environments.



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Eco-Art Workshops + Adventures

This year Artist Boat continued to offer the flagship Eco-Art Workshops and Adventures to students of all ages and grade levels. These hands-on Eco-Art Workshops teach students about native prairie and wetland environments through science and art activities. Students then bring this knowledge outdoors, to explore the environments they learned about in the classroom by foot, vessel, or kayak on an Eco-Art Adventure. In 2022, we served a **total of 5,449** youth through this program.



These programs were supported by grants from Moody Permanent Endowment Fund, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration - Bay and Watershed Education Training, The Children's Center, and Environmental Protection Agency - Gulf of Mexico Program.

"My students were able to take charge of their own learning by using hands-on nature activities to explore different ecosystems."

-Shelby Graves, Collegiate Academy Teacher

The Children's Center provided Galveston ISD Eco-Art Workshops and Adventures

This partnership provided the Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math (STEAM) Powered Program for 7 campuses of Galveston Independent School District Middle School students in 6th to 8th grades.

These programs are essential to encourage engagement in actions to improve the environmental quality of our island and decrease the impacts of humans on our island environment.

STEAM Powered programs provided 18 hours of enrichment at Artist Boat Coastal Heritage Preserve for 240 classes of 6th to 8th graders in GISD. The program provided multiple outdoor-learning opportunities over the course of a student's school year on the island, which:

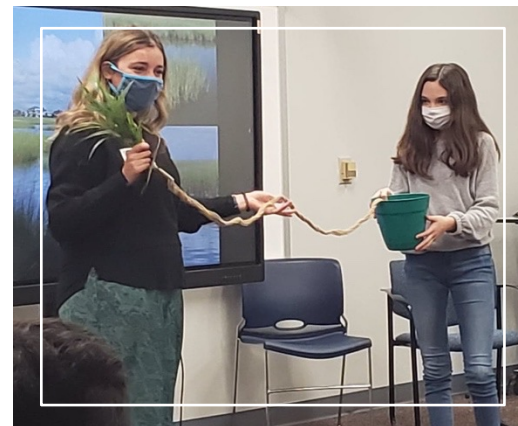
- increased science, environmental, and art literacy
- increased resiliency to adapt and respond to change
- developed student's sense of place to motivate stewardship of Galveston

STEAM Powered (Eco-Art Workshop, Eco-Art Adventure, Blue Carbon Adventure, Blue Carbon Workshop) programs are designed to foster knowledge and skills of middle school students to discuss and visually communicate the importance of "blue carbon" habitats (i.e. salt marsh) to the broader community.

This unique program achieved the following:

- promoted real knowledge about the student's local and important wetland ecosystem
- connected students to real concepts in science demonstrated by marsh ecosystems.

2,917 total students participated in the program.



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Environmental Protection Agency - Gulf of Mexico Program Grant for "We Back the Bay and Gulf"

"We Back the Bay and Gulf" is program dedicated to demonstrating methods to reduce non-point source pollution, improve water quality, filter water, and mitigate flood hazards with students and on their campuses. Pasadena Independent School District (PISD) schools partnered with Artist Boat to participate in this program. A total of **11 campuses** received these services from 2021-2022.

One of the main goals of this grant is to address providing Americans with clean water and ensuring waters are clean via improved water infrastructure through partnerships. Artist Boat partnered with experts in the fields of science and Galveston Bay Estuary Program, academic and educational experts, and student learners. This provided students and teachers with the opportunity to

1. design and build projects filtering and retaining storm water run-off through WaterSmart landscape features on campuses,
2. to engage in field programs via kayak in pristine ecosystems,
3. and to develop and drive a campaign to build awareness of the causes and consequences of poor water quality in Galveston Bay (Bay) and the Gulf of Mexico (Gulf).

This program developed critical thinking skills necessary to mitigate pollution from storm water runoff going into the bay and the Gulf, and created actions to increase water conservation and reduce storm run-off from school campuses.



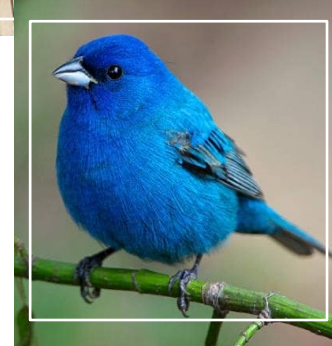
"My students gained an understanding of how important our ecosystem is for migratory birds. How cool is it to live in a place filled with so many different species?" – William Post, Crenshaw

Crenshaw Environmental Science Magnet School

Bolivar Birding Adventures

Artist Boat is this campus' educational partner in curriculum development, teacher mentoring and modeling, and providing experiential learning. Every student this year went with their class on an adventure to learn about ornithology and explore the globally significant habitats for birds on the Bolivar peninsula.

103 Students went on a six-hour birding adventure that visited Smith Oaks Sanctuary, North Jetty, and Bolivar Roads on Bolivar Peninsula. Students were supplied with binoculars and bird guides, and were taught the basics of bird watching and field identification.



Heuman Outdoor Classroom

Artist Boat partnered with the University of Texas at Austin School of Architecture to build the Heuman Outdoor Classroom at Crenshaw Environmental Science Magnet School. This outdoor classroom provides students with the opportunity to connect classroom learning with broader ecological themes and to experience the five ecosystems present on campus. This educational environment appeals to the diverse learning styles of students and develops their capacity as an artist, a scientist, and a conservationist.



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"I believe my students gained an awareness of a world around them outside of Pasadena, Texas. It is important for them to recognize the world at large and its' importance." - Allison Fulton and Michelle Hernandez, Southmore Intermediate School Teachers



National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration - Bay and Watershed Education Training grant funds

"Turn the T.I.D.E. "

Turn the T.I.D.E. leads to a more sustainable future by increasing awareness and altering attitudes and behaviors associated with climate change and extreme weather. *Turn the T.I.D.E.* is advocating for **TOMORROW, INFORMing the community about current social and ecological issues, DISCUSSing and DEBATING our next steps, and learning from our shared EXPERIENCES (T.I.D.E).** This three year grant (2019 - 2022) provided:

- science workshops covering themes of climate change and extreme weather
- focus on the critical environments of coastal wetlands, coastal prairies, and sand dunes that help fight against climate change and extreme weather
- art workshops focused on watercolor and observation skills of species native to the Galveston area
- students restore dune habitats
- eco-art kayak adventures at Artist Boat's Coastal Heritage Preserve. The PISD schools which participated in the 2021-2022 school year were **Beverly Hills, Park View, South Houston & Thompson Intermediate** serving over 1,123 students with 28 workshops & 28 adventures.
- This year, **0.74 acres** of dunes were restored. This brings the total dunes restored during the grant period to **1.5 acres** of dunes restored by students

"Many students never had the experience of kayaking until this program, and they absolutely loved it! They also got to learn more about the environment and how certain things changed over time."

-Courtney Mills, Deepwater Junior High School Teacher

"This experience has inspired me to join art classes again and continue exploring how science and art go hand-in-hand." -7th Grade Student, South Houston Intermediate School



"Our experience at Bucket Brigade was better than I imagined! Our kiddos loved the educator and all the things she was teaching them! We will do it again next year!"

-Lauretta Towne, Galveston Resident

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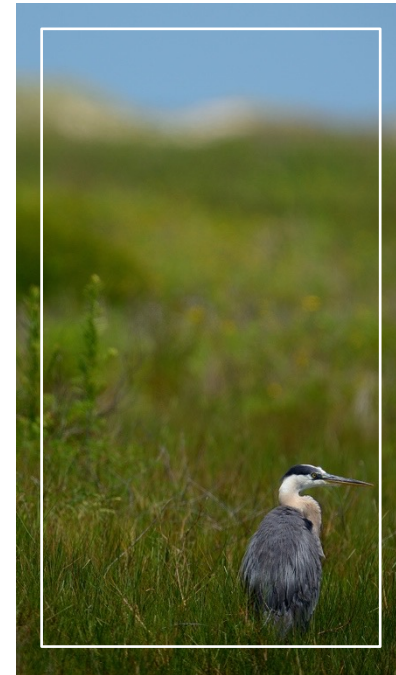
Sea Star Base S.T.E.M. to Stern

This program is run as a partnership between Artist Boat and Sea Star Base Galveston (SSBG). In 2021 a curriculum was developed by Artist Boat. In 2022, six 20-minute virtual instruction video were produced by Artist Boat Eco-Art Educators to accompany the field-based curriculum previously created. These videos were created according to both Texas State & NOAA Ocean Literacy Standards. Two videos were produced per level of learning (5th - 6th Graders, 7th - 8th Graders, 9th - 10th Graders). The videos were titled:

1. Who Lives Here
2. Water Superhighway
2. The Unseen
3. The Tide is High
3. Galveston Bay Now & Then
4. Fish, Fisheries, and Invertebrates

The playlist can be found at

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLHNtaNDqzw6DkFyGnbtfsYSe2BO4zfDRk>.



"Students now have hands-on experience and knowledge that will strengthen their understanding of our environment and how they can help care for it."
- Oppe Elementary School Teacher



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Private and Public Kayak Adventures

Groups can join us in fun, educational kayak adventures offered at five locations around the Greater-Houston Area. Adult engagement connects more people to the Gulf Coast and creates and grows the regional stewardship ethic. Participants learned and harnessed basic kayaking skills while also taking in the coastal environment surrounding them. This year, [607](#) members of the public were brought on a kayak adventure and learned about our critically important ecosystem and the animals that inhabit it.



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Eco-Art Residencies

We continued to offer Eco-Art Residencies in schools this year. Residencies span 12-24 hours within one class. This extended time allows the creation of multiple art-science integrated projects that vary from large-scale public art to small take home projects. **355** students participated!

North American Association for Environmental Education

During the school year of 2021-2022, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and the North American Association for Environmental Education (NAAEE) teamed up with Houston's Citizens' of Environmental Coalition (CEC), Artist Boat (AB), and the Galveston Bay Foundation (GBF) to implement a robust educational after-school program known as the Watershed Leaders. Through this program, students from four different intermediate schools ([Southmore Intermediate](#), [Fred Roberts Middle School](#), [DeZavala Middle School](#), [Shaw Middle School](#)) in the Pasadena Independent School District were introduced to the Galveston Bay watershed and the interconnected impacts that humans have on this planet.

Artist Boat educators delivered weekly hands-on, immersive, and engaging art and science workshops with activities designed to strengthen the students' environmental literacy through various visual art mediums. Over the course of 16 weeks with the guidance of Artist Boat staff, the students at each of the four schools created their very own "visual learning legacy" in the form of a 8'x4' large-scale acrylic mural. Designed to inspire stewardship of the Galveston Bay and bring awareness to the notion that we as people are deeply connected to the planet, these student-painted murals will live on each campus for all present and future viewers to see for many years to come.



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GISD STEAM

GISD STEAM is a residency program that was offered this year at Ball High School. This program focused on students within GISD going into the fifth grade and allowed students to be exposed to topics they would encounter in the upcoming school year. Students participated in science and art workshops with Artist Boat for 5 weeks. At the end of the program, the students visited the Artist Boat Coastal Heritage Preserve for a walking tour which included hiking, birdwatching, bug identification, and marine organism interactions.



Boys & Girls Club

This summer we offered a residency program at the Galveston Boys and Girls Club that included art workshops and activities 4 days a week for 6 weeks. Students also had the opportunity to participate in a kayaking trip at the Coastal Heritage Preserve. An 8 x 4-foot Gulf of Mexico inspired mural was worked on and completed by participants at the Boys and Girls Club that they will get to keep on site.

Rosenberg Library

Artist Boat's last residency series of the summer was hosted at the Rosenberg Library. Students of all ages had the opportunity to come to two-hour workshops that included a short lesson and various art activities. Many students signed up for one activity of their choosing, while others came each day the program was offered. The art activities exposed students to important organisms in the Galveston Bay area and allowed them to express their creativity through art.



Educate and inspire people to action to preserve and protect coastal and marine habitats.

EPA GOMP "We Back the Bay and Gulf"

For the third year, Artist Boat has expanded the creation of habitats on school campuses. The "We Back the Bay and Gulf" program has been provided to **nine schools** with two more planned, serving a total of over, **1,400 students** in the Pasadena ISD who have designed nine WaterSmart features to conserve water and reduce stormwater runoff from their school campus. In 2022, the Pasadena schools we served in and established school gardens on campus are:

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| 1. Queens Intermediate | 2. Miller Intermediate | 3. Southmore Intermediate |
| 4. San Jacinto Intermediate | 5. Bondy Intermediate | 6. Tegeler |
| 7. Jackson Intermediate | 8. Parkview | 9. South Houston |
| Up and Coming: | 10. Oppe Elementary | 11. Crenshaw Environmental Science Magnet |



Queens Intermediate



Miller Intermediate

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EPA GOMP "We Back the Bay and Gulf" (continued)

At each respective school campus, students, teachers, and Artist Boat staff collaborated to build Native Habitat Gardens. Each garden included:

- pocket prairies
- raised beds
- rain gardens,
- native shady trees (ex: Red Maple)
- beautiful pollinator gardens embedded with Coral Honey Suckle, Butterfly Milkweed, Lyreleaf Sage, and Sharp Blazing Star

Many hands make light work and the students eagerly helped construct the garden from beginning to end!

San Jacinto Intermediate



Southmore Intermediate



Bondy Intermediate

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EPA GOMP "We Back the Bay and Gulf" (continued)



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NOAA BWET - "Turn the T.I.D.E."

Over the three year grant (2019 - 2022) from NOAA B-WET about **2.32 acres** of sand dunes were restored in total by the students on Galveston Island, students participated in Eco-Art Workshops and Adventures, students created a podcast discussing the importance of our local environment, and the program was externally evaluated for impact by University of Houston Professor Dr. Michelle Peters.

Turn the T.I.D.E. provided dune restoration for Galveston Island. In 2022, **304 students** planted over **3,000 native dune plants** and restored 2.32 acres of dunes in partnership with NOAA B-WET and Galveston Park Board of Trustees.

"I learned that sand dunes act as a protective barrier to help prevent flooding during hurricanes!"

- 7th Grade Student,
Thompson Intermediate School





"The educators are amazing and knowledgeable in many areas. We used the natural environment to create unique art pieces and gained experience identifying native birds, plants, and animals."
-Crenshaw Professional Development Participant Review

Professional Development

A one-day, eight-hour professional development day was held at Crenshaw Elementary School and Middle School to introduce and/or review the Bolivar Habitat Preserve Field and Curriculum Guide for Educators. Teachers were trained on how to complete many of these activities while utilizing the 22-acre preserve and focusing on the combination of art and science.

In addition, Artist Boat produced 27 videos to be used alongside the curriculum previously developed. The link to watch these videos is

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLHNtaNDqzw6ARm6pAaJ9pDm8ybQWPYcQk>



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Beautify the Bucket

This fun art competition helps beautify the Galveston Beaches and encourages beachgoers to throw their trash in the can, not the sand, by helping catch the eye of visitors. Competitors painted trash barrels based on marine themes:

- Ocean & Bay Organisms
- Marine & Aquatic Debris
- Coastal & Marine Ecosystems
- Galveston Beach & Bay Recreational Activities
- Houston Ship Channel

Competitors beautified 89 trash barrels this year. These barrels are judged & displayed by age category at the Artist Boat World Ocean Day Festival each year. Prizes were awarded to 1-3 place winners in the following age categories:

- | | |
|-------------------------|---------------------|
| • Business/Organization | • Youth Group <11 |
| • Family | • Youth Group 12-17 |
| • Group Adult | • Individual Youth |
| | • Individual Adult |



Expand engagement in existing programming to inform people of all ages

ECO Camps

(Explore, Create, Observe)

These camps serve kids age 11-15 years old. Each week of camp has a different theme that most of the activities revolve around. Over the course of 6 week-long camps, **75 campers** had the opportunity to learn how to sketch, create clay models, watercolor paint, acrylic paint, craft with natural objects found on the Coastal Heritage Preserve and much more! In addition to crafting, campers learned how to plan and execute a safe kayak trip, multiple fishing methods (seining, cast netting, etc.) and different birding techniques.



Native plant and animal species were studied through wildlife talks, bug hunts, and dissections. Every camper walked away with a clay sculpture, canvas painting and nature journal. Every week concludes with a pizza party where we invite the campers' families and friends to come and explore a little bit of the Coastal Heritage Preserve, discuss favorite activities and experiences from the week, and enjoy homemade pizza!



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Eco-Art Barn Renovation

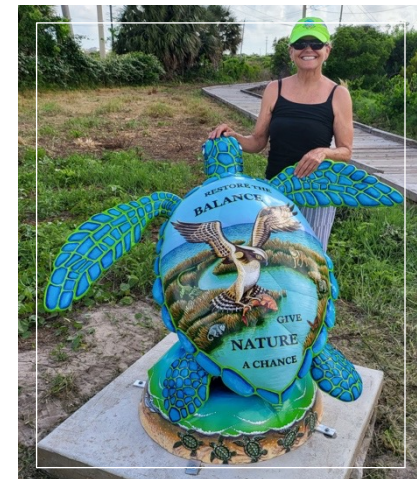
Artist Boat renovated the Eco-Art Barn so it will serve up to 26 participants and includes the following: 1) plumbing connected to a double sink (including a counter and under cabinetry storage) to have water for hands on arts and science activities, and storage to provide better arts and science lessons; 2) rewired electricity for powering 8 ceiling lights, 3 fans, and 12 outlets to provide better lighting, comfort from heat, and power for science and art equipment; 3) built in storage for participant belongings, art pieces, and hanging their wet towels from bay or pool activities providing a clean space for each participants belongings; 4) replacement and stabilization of the front wall of the barn that is currently rotten; 5) exterior concrete learning pad of 550 square feet to launch into the outdoors and train participants how to use field equipment; 6) a microscope learning station for six microscopes for science learning; 7) building or purchasing furniture to serve 26 students at a time in the Eco-Art Barn to have enough seating, whiteboard and projector, and propane powered heaters if needed; and, 9) an art installation of the Turtles about Town sculpture donated by West Galveston Island Property Owners Association.



Many Thanks to our Barn Sponsors!

- Dr. Leon Bromberg Charitable Trust
- Junior League of Galveston County
- Rotary Club of Galveston
- The Trull Foundation
- Roberta K. Randall Charitable Foundation
- West Galveston Island Property Owners Association

Turtle About Town



Tree House

Our handyman, Jose Alfaro, volunteered to build a treehouse in the tree neighboring the Eco-Art Barn. The treehouse is a beautifully built multiplatform structure with railing and a stairway to get up to it for the safest climbing experience.



Expand engagement in existing programming to inform people of all ages

Eco-Art Camps

Summer Eco-Art Camp for ages 5-10 years old expanded to 11 weeks of program this year. Each week had a unique theme that allowed campers to explore their more specific interests. Some weeks focused on fish, birds, or marine mammals, while other weeks focused on wetlands, eco-friendly practices, or plants. Programs taught skills in sculptural building, clay modeling, watercolor painting, acrylic painting, and print making.



Campers also had the unique opportunity to explore the Coastal Heritage Preserve and the plants and animals that inhabit it. To conclude each week, campers' families were invited to attend an art show. Each camper had the chance to present all their projects that were completed throughout the week and talk about their favorite experiences.

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Outreach

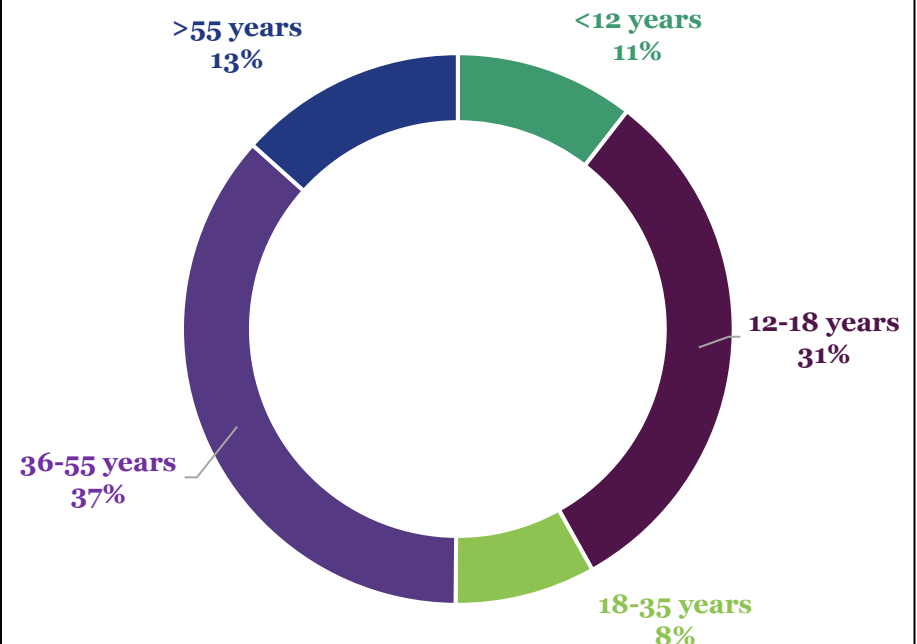
Artist Boat is regularly featured in local magazines and news outlets in addition to distribution of programs brochures through Certified Folder. After a long break from outreach events, we were finally able to begin hosting booths and attending outreach events again.

In total we held or participated in **29** outreach events in 2022. We were able to reach out to a total 1,893 people at these events. This is **98% more** people than we were able to reach in 2021.

Ribbon cuttings at the Coastal Heritage Preserve and schools comprised a large portion of this total. Altogether we held **16 ribbon cuttings** in 2022.



Age for Outreach



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Bucket Brigade

The Bucket Brigade program dispels misconceptions about Galveston Beaches through free interpretive tours and animal encounters. This year, we served 1,090 people over 109 tours. There are many creatures and features that make these beaches unique, but the main tour topics include:

- water quality
- marine animal behavior and life history
- the importance of dunes
- marine debris
- Sargassum + the creatures that inhabit it

Bucket Brigade serves a range of K-Gray learners. This program helps engage people who are already at the beach to help educate them about the environment while encouraging the reduction of litter.



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World Ocean Day

We had the privilege of hosting the annual Artist Boat World Ocean Day Festival on June 4, 2022, at R.A. Apffel East Beach Park this year. We spread awareness of the importance of our ocean and had many interactive and educational activities. This year we were excited to host 1,180 visitors, 24 exhibitors, 2 performers, a German Food truck, the Beautify the Bucket art competition, and VICi (Visit Galveston Mobile Visitors Center).

For the first time this year, we added **three workshop tents** next to the main tent hosting **five** different workshops throughout the event including:

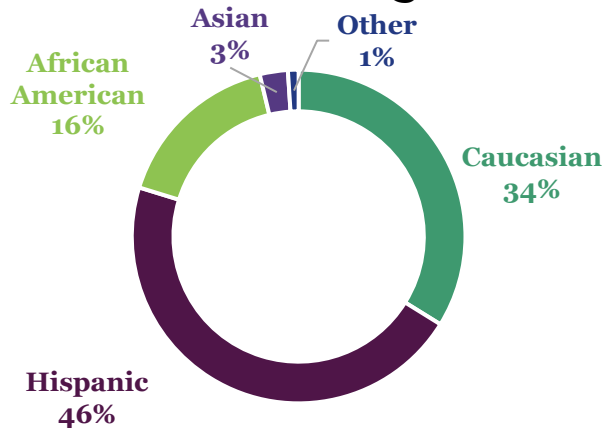
1. Paint a Turtle with Clay Cups
2. Drum Circle with Ilya Janos Kolozs
3. Printing on Tote Bags
4. Marine Debris Art with Toro Martinez
5. Watercolor Workshop with Karissa Laffey



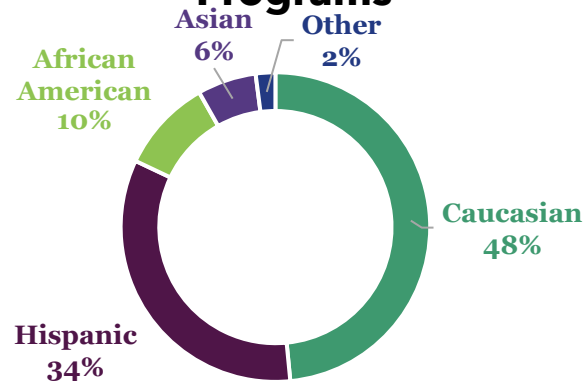
Each year, we aim to serve a diverse audience.

These graphs show the range of 12,241 people we connected with in the 2022 fiscal year. Of the people we served this year, 78% were under 18 and 66% were people of color.

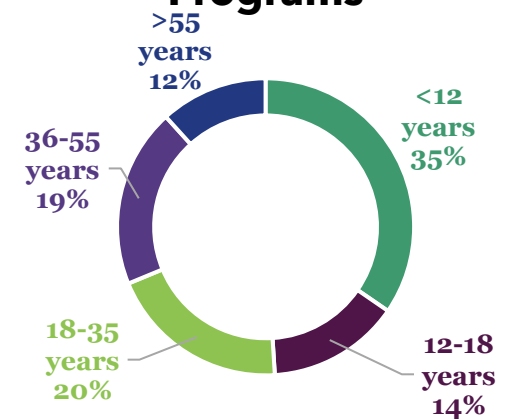
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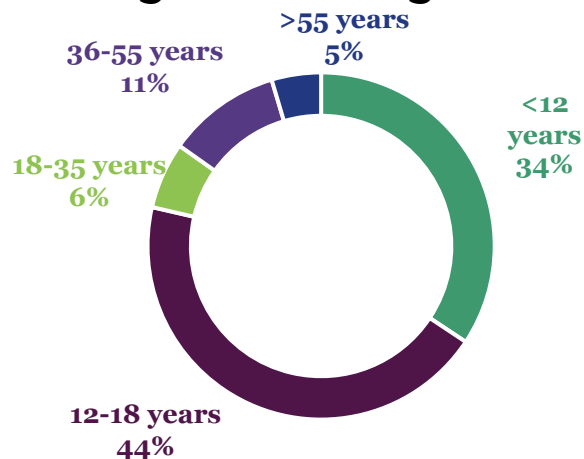
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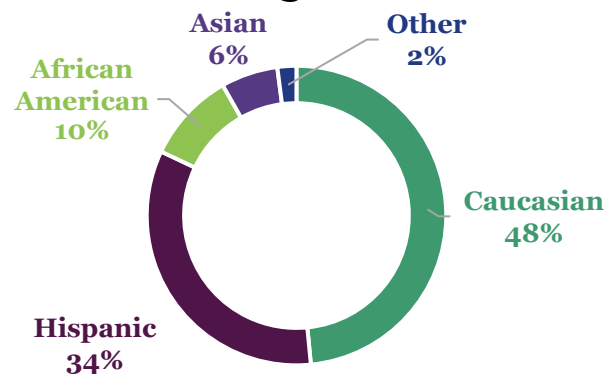
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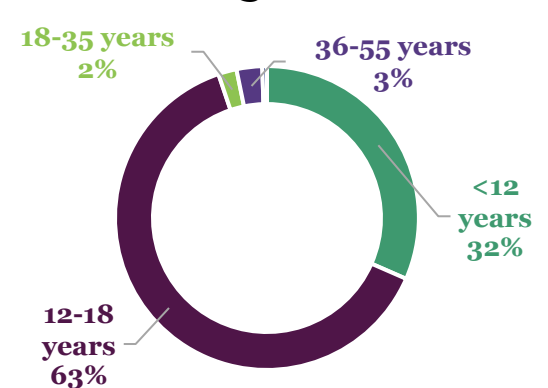
Age for All Programs



Race for Youth Programs



Age for Youth Programs



Preserve and restore 1,400 acres from beach to bay on West Galveston Island.

Volunteers

This year **266 volunteers** of all ages participated in habitat restoration, spending over **1,141 hours** at on the CHP. Groups and individuals who worked on the CHP this year included:

- Sea Citizens
- Servolution
- Design Workshop
- TAMUG Big Event
- Local birding experts
- Local invertebrate experts
- Citgo



Gulf Corps

Five members of the Gulf Corps spent **18 days** on the CHP providing labor to remove invasive species. They removed over **150 Chinese tallow**, and treated **15 acres of Macartney rose** and **five acres of Guinea grass**. They also removed nuisance overgrowth from **1,700 feet of fence line** along Settegast Road. Their work was vital in helping to restore the native coastal prairie ecosystem.



Dennis Deer

Dennis is the most dedicated volunteer at the CHP. He spent **234.5 hours** this year carrying out our yearly mowing regimen, building nursery tables, removing Chinese tallow and Baccharis, and so much more. Dennis is incredibly hard working and so passionate about what he does here on the preserve, and he shows up every week with a smile on his face. We are very grateful to have Dennis on our team here at Artist Boat.



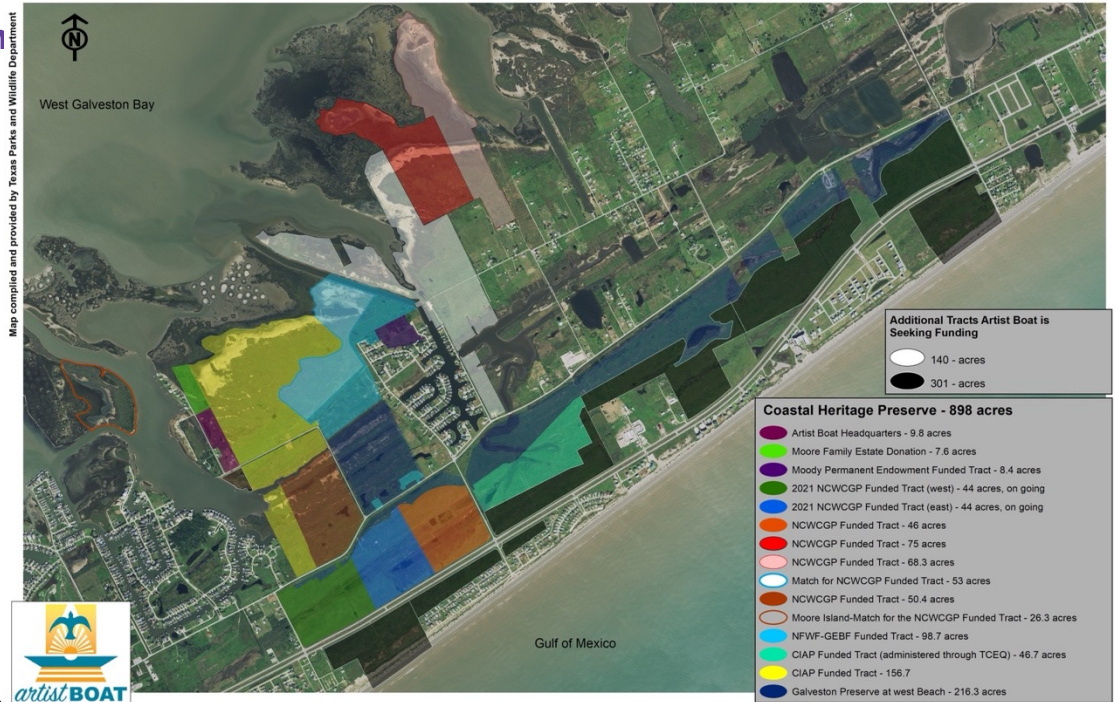
Coastal Heritage Preserve - Land Acquisition

\$4,021,967 raised to save 134 acres

Artist Boat grew from 764 acres to 810 acres in the past 12 months. The hard work was also done to add another 88 acres to the Coastal Heritage Preserve scheduled for closing on September 27, 2022, which will bring the total to 898 acres. Grants were awarded from US Fish and Wildlife Service in partnership with Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (\$3 million dollars); The Galveston Bay Estuary Program (\$250,000); The Cynthia and George Mitchell Foundation (\$130,000); The Brown Foundation (\$75,000); The Estate of Ola Mae St. Germain (\$70,000); The Marquette Development Group (\$50,000); Jean Walker and Patricia Squire (\$50,000); The Galveston Bay Foundation (\$25,000); and The Edward and Helen Oppenheimer Foundation (\$10,000, totaling \$3,660,000. The balance of \$361,967 was raised by donations from individuals engaged in Artist Boat's Be One In A Million campaign.

Many of these donors pre-committed to donations with supporting letters in the grant applications submitted by Texas Parks and Wildlife on behalf of Artist Boat to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service National Coastal Wetland Conservation Grant Program. Artist Boat has had the support of Texas Park and Wildlife Department applying to this grant program six different times. Each grant application resulted in a \$1,000,000 grant award requiring a \$335,000 match. Additionally, without the support of foundation grants and many individuals the effort to raise matching funds would not happen. Over the past 12 years, Artist Boat has completed 12 transactions with \$14,790,932 and on September 27, 2022 Artist Boat will have completed 14 transactions valued with \$17,470,701.

Map compiled and provided by Texas Parks and Wildlife Department



Preserve and restore 1,400
acres from beach to bay
on West Galveston Island.

One in a Million Campaign

The campaign Be One In A Million to get one million people to donate \$10 to save land on West Galveston Island began in March of 2021. This campaign is critical to bringing the full vision of the Artist Boat Coastal Heritage Preserve (CHP) existing from bay-to-beach at 1,400. This is vital to saving 2.5 miles of living shorelines, protecting the three-mile corridor of sloughs and freshwater wetlands between Stewart Road and 3005 that is the gateway to the west end, securing the last open beach and dune ecosystems without houses for wildlife that is continuous with habitats all the way to the bay, and protecting the CHP from being fractured with 52 second homes on the Anchor Bay Peninsula.

Since the inception of the program 1,668 people/donors have donated \$803,520.16 to acquire land. The goal is to raise \$10,000,000 from donors to leverage the state and federal dollars awarded by grants to secure the remaining 500 acres to be saved. Currently, Artist Boat has new grant awards in progress totaling \$2,840,000 to be used to save the Anchor Bay Peninsula (in red) and its associated prairies and wetlands with an agreed upon sales price of \$6.5 million. The goal is complete this acquisition by March of 2024 to save 148 acres. This will protect the 2.5 miles of living shoreline and keep the existing CHP free of development and habitat fragmentation. The next steps will be to conserve the remaining parcels owned by Marquette and totaling 344 acres.





Float the Boat!

An annual signature fundraising event under the stars and on the Coastal Heritage Preserve



Float the Boat

Float the Boat is Artist Boat's annual signature fundraising event at the [Coastal Heritage Preserve](#). The four dinner events were held between November 12 - 20, 2021, in conjunction with our online auction and kayak raffle. The dinner series hosted a total of **480 guests**. Our annual auction is one of the largest in Galveston, and this year we received **177 items** from donations by local businesses. We raised a total of **\$132,550** from 67 sponsors, **\$49,796** from the online auction, **\$2,100** from the live auction, **\$5,751** from kayak raffle tickets, **\$12,555** in ticket sales, **\$2,129** from swag sales and **\$21,760** from Be a Whale land donations. This brings us to a grand total of **\$226,641**. We are so thrilled to be able to bring so many people out for a magical evening on the preserve.



Highlights of our accomplishments to date

Total Participants, 2004-2022



\$17,470,701 INVESTED

in preserving endangered environments and bringing kids outdoors

96,157 YOUTH REACHED

through our state-of-the-art workshop and adventure programs

18,571 PUBLIC PARTICIPANTS

26,416 BUCKET BRIGADE PARTICIPANTS

Highlights of our accomplishments to date

810 ACRES

of coastal prairie saved from development
& 88 in progress

427 TRASH BARRELS

painted and installed on Galveston beaches

1632 PUBLIC ARTWORKS

including 70 benches on the Seawall Interpretive Trail

6 EDUCATION ACCESS
STRUCTURES

1 outdoor classroom built on the Crenshaw campus & 2 built
on our Coastal Heritage Preserve: Eco-Art Barn & Treehouse

1 PERMANENT HEADQUARTERS



Sponsors



Thank you to
our grantors!



From 2004-2018, the average number of participants grew an average of **28% every three years**. Unfortunately due to the pandemic Covid-19, we had a significant decrease from 2020-2021. The first year (**2019**) of the last 3-year term showed **15% growth** from the previous 3-year term. The average for **2020-2021 decreased by 62%** compared to the previous 3-year term. Things turned around in **2022** with a **56% increase** from the average seen during the Covid-19 years.

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Eco-art Workshops	1,103	828	678	2,463	924	2,044	3,055	3,382	1,669	1,618
Eco-art Adventures	1,303	902	1,055	1,782	1,942	1,598	2,068	3,034	2,195	2,275
Residencies	101	608	1,265	992	1,471	1,228	1,238	867	427	1,175
Professional Development	73	111	236	275	245	119	103	52	116	85
Public/Private Adventures	358	511	548	591	816	527	1,264	2,382	1,775	1,840
Bucket Brigade	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Habitat Restoration Adventure	-	420	168	63	-	1,360	1,024	609	2,298	934
Outreach/Engagement	-	611	-	576	159	299	300	628	1,431	1,500
Volunteers/Workdays	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
				44%			35%			
Average	3,626			6,491			9,972			
TOTAL SERVED	2,938	3,991	3,950	6,742	5,557	7,175	9,052	10,954	9,911	9,427

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	TOTAL SERVED TO DATE
Eco-art Workshops	3,225	3,599	1,752	2,395	2,340	3,720	2,516	261	3,113	40,685
Eco-art Adventures	4,069	3,841	2,174	1,896	2,591	2,750	1,721	456	2,336	39,988
Residencies	682	630	270	283	95	373	122	760	2,545	15,132
Professional Development	84	-	62	14	61	28	23	90	13	1,790
Public/Private Adventures	1,457	1,372	932	639	572	503	277	526	607	16,890
Bucket Brigade	-	-	4,820	6,639	6,843	4,222	491	2,340	1,061	26,416
Habitat Restoration Adventure	-	204	-	717	-	507	198	36	362	8,900
Outreach/Engagement	3,614	558	2,382	627	2,979	3,422	412	33	1,893	21,424
Volunteers/Workdays	-	-	417	411	925	1,359	404	61	311	3,888
	9%		24%			15%	62%		56%	
Average	10,921		14,279				5,364			
TOTAL SERVED	13,131	10,204	12,809	13,621	16,406	16,884	6,164	4,563	12,241	175,720

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