



Annual Report

2023

September 2022 - August 2023



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 2023 impact by the numbers



\$310,000 INVESTED
in local schools and teachers

16,039 SOCIAL MEDIA FOLLOWERS

227 YOUTH WORKSHOPS & ADVENTURES
connected 3,682 kids to the native environment over multiple days.

78 BUCKET BRIGADE TOURS
informed 706 beachgoers about the important qualities of Galveston beaches

33 PUBLIC KAYAK TRIPS
brought 1,529 people into critical wetland areas

898 ACRES
of coastal prairie and wetlands preserved forever; 148 acres of coastal prairies and wetlands in progress for permanent conservation.

Our 2023 impact by the numbers

110 TRASH BARRELS
painted for beautification of our beaches.

2 ECO-ART RESIDENCIES
educated **2,056** students about marine environments and the animals which inhabit them.

11 WATERSMART LANDSCAPES
designed by students on **9** school campuses.

1 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP
delivered to **13** teachers in the Houston-Galveston area.

10 ECO-ART CAMPS
educated **427** students about coastal and marine environments.

3 ECO CAMPS
educated **58** students about coastal and marine environments.

Total Participants in 2023, by Program



Volunteers 857

Youth 4,087

Outreach 6,942

Public 2,486

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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 2023, we served a **total of 3,682** youth through these programs!



These programs were supported by grants from Texas Parks & Wildlife CO-OP, The Children's Center, and the Environmental Protection Agency - Gulf of Mexico Program.



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

This partnership provided the **Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math (STEAM) Powered Programs (Eco-Art Workshops and Adventures)** for 4 campuses of Galveston Independent School District students in 6th to 8th grades, for a total of 56 classes and 1,033 students. These programs are essential to encourage engagement in actions to improve the environmental quality of our island and decrease human impact on our island environment.

Students received a total of 6 hours of enrichment through these programs. Students received multiple outdoor-learning opportunities over the course of their 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
- promoted real knowledge about the student's local and important wetland ecosystem
- connected students to real concepts in science demonstrated by marsh ecosystems.

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

"We Back the Bay and Gulf" is a program designed to demonstrate methods to reduce non-point source pollution, improve water quality, filter water, and mitigate flood hazards with students and on their campuses.

A total of **11 schools** in Pasadena Independent School District (PISD) and Galveston Independent School District (GISD) participated during 2023. A total of **11 campuses** received the following services during the award period of 2020-2023.

- 36 Eco-Art Workshops & Adventures were held
- 3,483 students attend the Eco-Art Workshop
- 1,223 students attended the Eco-Art Kayak Adventure
- 11 WaterSmart Nativescapes were built
- 9 Ribbon-cutting ceremonies were held
- 518 students and families attended the ribbon-cutting ceremonies
- 1.273 total acres restored through Nativescapes





"Planting with Artist Boat reinforces the importance of community and helping the environment."

- Anna Liddell, Crenshaw



Crenshaw Environmental Science Magnet School

With the help of many mighty little hands, Artist Boat created a 400 sq. ft pollinator garden surrounded by coastal prairie within view of the Heuman Outdoor Classroom.

Immersed in the sights, scents, and sounds of the garden, granite foot paths offer the students a closer look at the growing grasses, flowering plants, and buzzing pollinators flourishing in the garden.

Habitat Management Plan

Artist Boat created a Habitat Management Plan to implement a restoration initiative to improve the quality of the 22-acre environment at Crenshaw Environmental Science Magnet School.



"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

Oppe Elementary Magnet Campus of Coastal Studies

Artist Boat hosted 10 student work days where 804 students at Oppe Elementary transformed their school yard into an impressive 8,528 sq. ft WaterSmart NativeScape. The Nativescape includes a shaded plant garden, miniature sand dune, pollinator garden, pocket prairie, shrub region, creek bed, and a 100 sq. ft freshwater pond.



Habitat Management Plan

Artist Boat created a detailed Habitat Management Plan to aid in the sustainability, longevity, maintenance, and utilization of the Nativescape for many years to come.





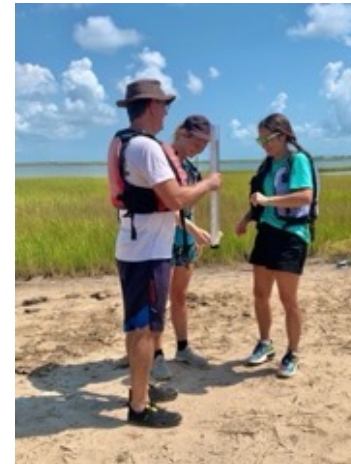
Professional Development

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration - Bay and Watershed Education Training Island STYLE

During the summer of 2023, a week-long professional development training was held at Austin Middle School to introduce the NOAA BWET Island STYLE Model and Curriculum. Teachers across all disciplines were trained on how to develop a driving question, go on an immersive field adventure to gather data and connect with leading experts, and to devise their own environmental action projects to showcase the answers to their driving questions.

Artist Boat produced **16** multidisciplinary lessons to be used by educators who are interested in teaching about the Galveston Bay, the Gulf of Mexico, and Galveston Island to their students both inside and outside of the classroom.

This Professional Development was designed to train the teachers to deliver the Island STYLE Systemic Model to over **400** students inside of the classroom in **Year 2** of the grant award.



*"I like it out here!" - 6th grade student, Austin Middle School,
NOAA BWET Island STYLE*





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Professional Development American Canoe Association

Taught by the highly skilled American Canoe Association Instructor, Jeff Atkins, 9 Artist Boat staff members and 5 participants from the public received their Level 1 or 2 certifications this year. During the professional training, participants honed their skills at:

- Safety and rescue ability
- Paddling skills with demonstration quality
- Effective teaching/group management skills
- Technical knowledge of paddle sports



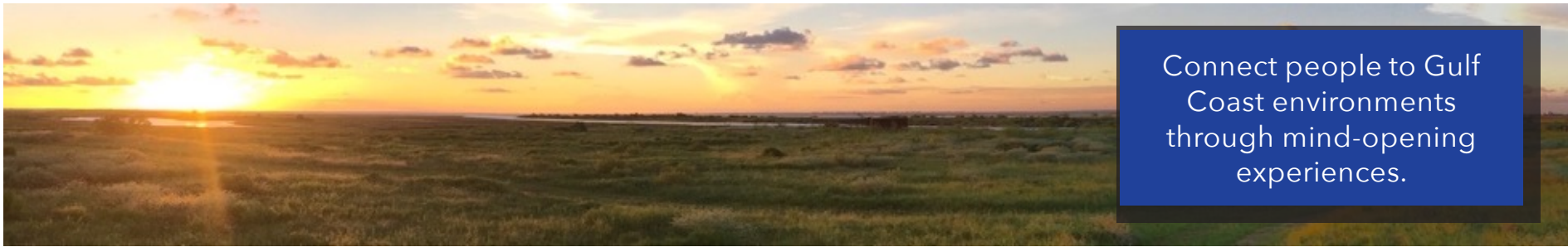
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Private + Public Kayak Adventures

Individuals or private groups can join us in fun, educational kayak adventures too! Adult engagement connects more people to the Gulf Coast and creates and grows the regional stewardship ethic.

This year, 1,529 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 this year. Residencies are repetitive classes which offer the creation of multiple, in-depth, art-science integrated projects that vary from large-scale public art to small take home projects. Through the Rosenberg Library and Urban Strategies residencies, over **706** students participated!



Rosenberg Library

Artist Boat hosted an Eco-Art Residency program with the Rosenberg Library for three consecutive weeks. During that time, Artist Boat hosted **9** two-hour sessions where children of all ages participated in art and science workshops. In total, **166 youth** participated in the program.

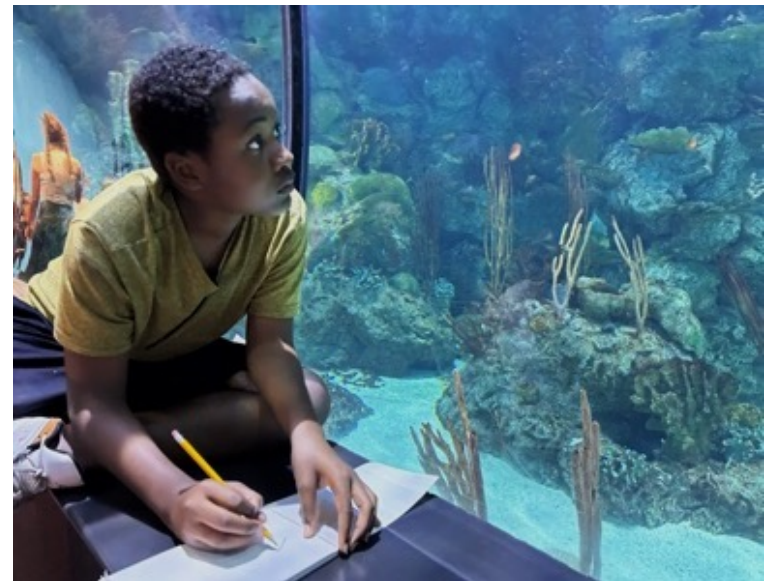
The art activities exposed students to important marine organisms in the Galveston Bay area and allowed them to express their creativity through art.

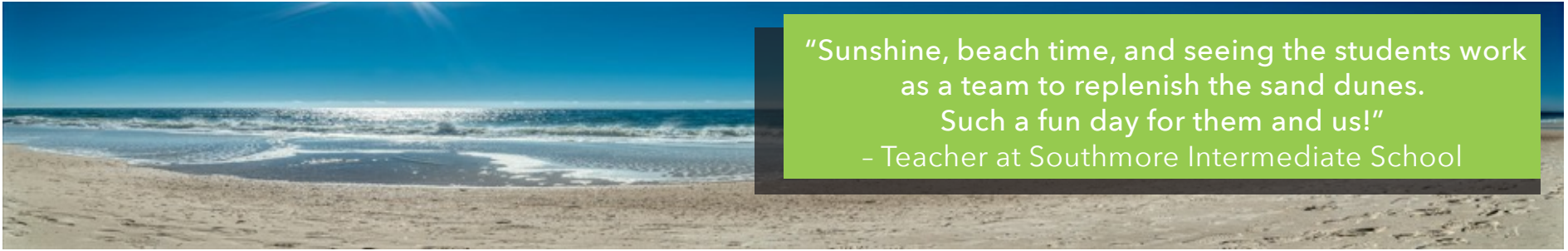


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Eco-Art Residencies Urban Strategies

Throughout 6 weeks of Summer Camp, 51 campers ages 5-13 connected with leading experts in the fields of science and art through experiential learning in the field and labs through the Urban Strategies Eco-Art Residency funded by the Moody Foundation. Campers learned how to operate ROVs with NOAA research scientists, visited the jellyfish propagation lab at Moody Gardens, toured the Galveston Art Center, and more! All campers participated in the beautification of their neighborhood's public space through the creation of a 300 sq. ft. hand-painted ceramic mural featuring the zones of the ocean!





"Sunshine, beach time, and seeing the students work as a team to replenish the sand dunes. Such a fun day for them and us!"
- Teacher at Southmore Intermediate School

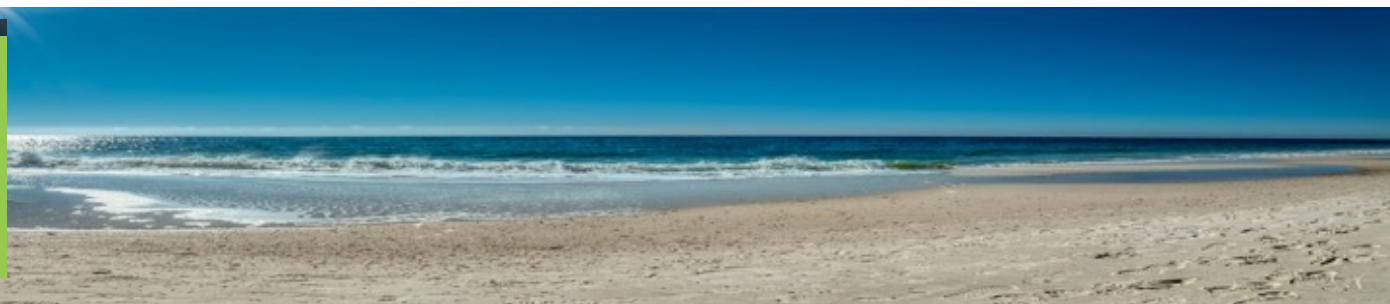


Texas Parks & Wildlife Community Outdoor Outreach Program (TPWD COOP)

In addition to participating in the Eco-Art Workshops & Eco-Art Kayak Adventures, the middle school students from **9** PISD campuses helped restore the sand dunes along the Galveston Seawall. During the 2022-2023 school year, **583** students planted over **14,520** native dune plants and restored **3.0** acres of coastal sand dunes in partnership with TPWD and the Galveston Park Board of Trustees.



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Boater Safety Education

Artist Boat partnered with TPWD's Boater Education Manager, Kimberly Sorensen, to design and film an educational video that showcased elements of the Jr. Boater Education Program and the American Canoe Association safety standards. Over 25 hours were spent designing, drafting, filming, and editing the video's footage. The video describes how to read the wind, water, waves, and weather as well as how to safely utilize the correct equipment while operating a human-powered vessel out on the water.

The video can be viewed on Artist Boat's Youtube Channel: <https://youtu.be/R47AG9QPFds>



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Artists and ocean lovers of all ages submitted pieces to display at the art gallery. Art pieces are comprised primarily of marine debris and demonstrate the effects aquatic trash can have on our oceans and all life that depends on them.

Marine Debris Art Contest



This year, we had 1,420 attendees and 45 marine debris art pieces on display at the Galveston Art League!

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Washed Ashore

From January through March 2023, Artist Boat hosted [Sylvia, the Silvertip Shark](#), from the traveling trash sculptures in the [Washed Ashore](#) art show!

Sylvia was part of [21](#) sculptures visiting [19](#) different locations all throughout Galveston.

Located at our Edward and Helen Oppenheimer Bird Observatory, Sylvia attracted people of all ages to view her larger-than-life spectacle of marine debris and to further emphasis the need for keeping our oceans plastic free!



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

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





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 **3** week-long camps, **58 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 art, 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.



Expand engagement in existing programming to inform people of all ages



Eco-Art Camps

Artist Boat offered **11** week-long and **4** day-camp sessions of Eco-Art Camp for ages 5-10 years old. In 2023, we had **427** happy Eco-Art Campers enjoy the Coastal Heritage Preserve!

The themes of each week of camp allowed campers to dive deep into their special interests! Some weeks focused on fish, marine mammals, microorganisms, turtles, or birds (and searching for Fred the Peacock's feathers!), while other weeks focused on native plants, prairie flowers, and eco-friendly practices. Programs taught skills in sculptural building, clay modeling, and water coloring.





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Did You Know?

Diamondback terrapins are named for the diamond shaped scutes on the back of their shells!

Meet Artist Boat's Animal Ambassador, Beaches!

Beaches is an adult male Texas Diamondback terrapin (*Malaclemys terrapin littoralis*).

One day, a jogger was out for a run on the beach in Galveston, when he noticed this tiny terrapin being trapped in a cluster of decaying sargassum and completely covered in algae! Knowing that the terrapin wasn't where he was supposed to be, Kris took the terrapin to Texas Wildlife Rehabilitation Coalition for assessment and rehabilitation. It was determined that Beaches was non-releasable due to a traumatic amputation up to his mid-metacarpals. Texas Parks & Wildlife determined that Artist Boat would be a wonderful placement for Beaches to serve as an Animal Ambassador under an Educational Display permit. Beaches is loved by everyone at Artist Boat and loves to make a surprise appearance at our ECO and Eco-Art Camps!

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Outreach

Artist Boat is regularly featured in local magazines and news outlets. In addition, brochures are distributed about all programs 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 **43** outreach events in 2023. We were able to reach out to a total **6,942** people at these events!



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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 **706** people over **78** tours. There are many creatures and features that make these beaches unique, but the main tour topics include:

- Water quality
- Marine animal adaptations
- Functions of the sand dunes
- Marine debris
- Sargassum

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 10, 2023, at R.A. Apffel East Beach Park this year. The festival attracted people to East Beach with interactive activities, live entertainment, Eco-Art Workshops, Bucket Brigade Beach Tours, and an animal ambassador tent hosted by the Houston Humane Society Wildlife Center.

We were excited to host **1,104** visitors, **22** exhibitors, **5** performers, and had over **1,267** contributing artists participate in the Beautify the Bucket art competition!



Artist Boat hosted the **film screening** of the award-winning documentary, **SEADRIFT**, by filmmaker **Tim Tsai**. The screening was held at Saengerfest Park in partnership with the **Galveston Historical Foundation**.



Artist Boat welcomed acclaimed poet and author, **Naomi Shihab Nye**, to a **poetry reading** and book signing event in partnership with the **Proletariat Gallery** and **Public House**.


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World Ocean Day

This year, five tents were used to comfortably fit all of our partners and performers, including our 100'x40' main event tent, three 20'x20' workshop tents, and one 10'x20' climate-controlled tent. Artist Boat hosted 5 different workshops:

- Poetry Writing from Naomi Shihab Nye
- Beach Drum Circle with Ilya Janos Kolozs
- Screen Printing with Danny Russo
- Watercolor Wildlife Painting with Karissa Laffey
- Clay Modeling with Ari Kelo



Preserve and restore 1,400 acres from beach to bay on West Galveston Island. Made possible by CenterPoint Energy and CITGO.

Centerpoint Energy & Citgo

Centerpoint Energy and Citgo helped provide the funding for our Habitat and Stewardship department to maintain our 898 acres of coastal prairie. In addition, 857 volunteers of all ages participated in habitat restoration, spending over 1,649 hours at on the Preserve.

- 24 Open Work Days
- 1 annual Bioblitz survey
- 4 quarterly Invertablitz surveys
- 24 Black Rail surveys (174 responses)
- 290 bird species identified
- 1 BIG SIT
- 1 BIG DAY
- 2 seasonal stewardship technicians
- 1 full-time stewardship technician
- 272 hours spent treating invasives
- 11 acres of land mowed for Sandhill Cranes
- 6.5 acres of restored coastal prairie
- 14,360 plants grown/ planted on the prairie
- 5,160 lbs of debris removed from land

iNaturalist

The Preserve has 372 species listed, in addition to the birds including:

- 12 reptiles
- 6 mammals
- 6 mushrooms
- 124 plants
- 224 invertebrates



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Stewardship Volunteer Spotlight: Dennis & Larry!

Dennis and Larry, the dynamic duo, are our most dedicated volunteers at the Coastal Heritage Preserve!

Collectively, they have dedicated over **444** hours this year carrying out our yearly mowing regimen, treating for invasive species such as removing Chinese tallow and Baccharis, equipment maintenance, maintaining our many fences, and so much more.

Artist Boat is very grateful for their service!

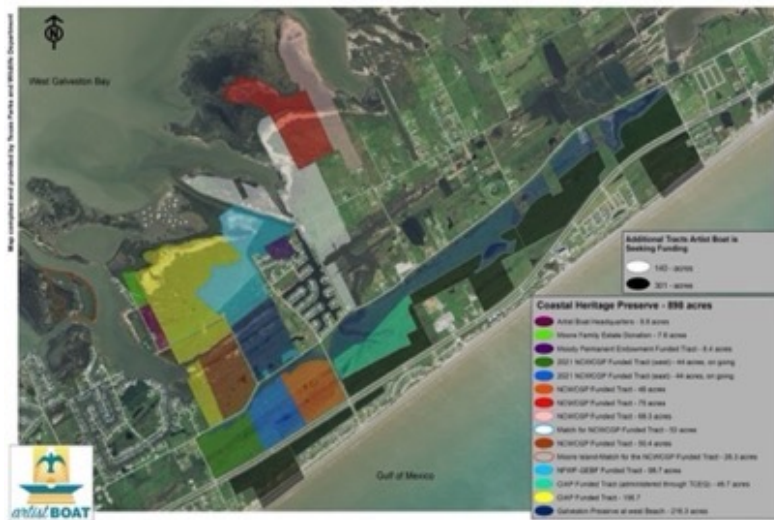


Sea Citizen Volunteers

This year **857** volunteers of all ages participated in habitat restoration, spending over **1,649** hours at on the CHP. Groups and individuals who worked on the CHP this year included:

- Servolution
- Design Workshop
- Local birding experts
- Local invertebrate experts

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Coastal Heritage Preserve - Land Acquisition

Artist Boat grew from 810 acres to 898 acres in the past 12 months. Artist Boat closed on 88 acres of land on September 27, 2022.

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); Harris and Eliza Kempner Fund (\$100,000); 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 completed 14 transactions valued with \$17,470,701.



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Be 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 Preserve 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 Preserve from being fractured with 52 second-homes on the Anchor Bay Peninsula.

Since the inception of the program 2,246 people/donors have donated \$1,164,440 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 \$4.2 million dollars 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 to 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.



The Coastal Heritage Preserve's next target is the critical remaining Anchor Bay land - 148 acres of coastal habitats fronting West Galveston Bay at Mentzel Bayou.





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Float the Boat

Float the Boat is Artist Boat's annual signature fundraiser under the stars at the [Coastal Heritage Preserve](#). The four dinner events were held between November 11 - 19, 2022, in conjunction with our online auction and live auction. The dinner series hosted a total of [523 guests](#). Our annual auction is one of the largest in Galveston, and this year we received [205 items](#) from donations by local businesses.

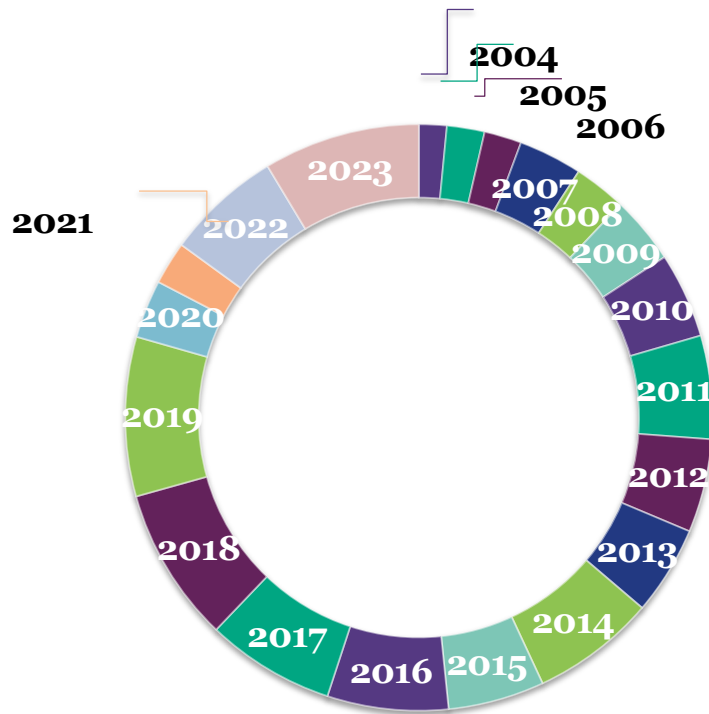


We raised a total of [\\$100,260](#) from [54 sponsors](#), [\\$56,038](#) from the online auction, [\\$2,335](#) from the live-painting auction, [\\$11,216](#) in ticket sales, [\\$2,413](#) from swag sales and [\\$11,200](#) from Be a Whale land donations. This brings us to a grand total of [\\$184,981.00](#). We are so thrilled to be able to bring so many people out for a magical evening on the preserve.



Highlights of our accomplishments – 20 years!

Total Participants,
2004-2023



192,285

participants in our programs
since 2003

\$17.7 million INVESTED

and

\$6.5 million IN PROGRESS

in preserving endangered environments and bringing
kids outdoors

100,217 YOUTH REACHED

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

19,026 PUBLIC
PARTICIPANTS

27,122 BUCKET BRIGADE
PARTICIPANTS

Highlights of our accomplishments – 20 years!

898 ACRES

of coastal prairie saved from development
& 88 in progress

537 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

20 YEARS OF ACHIEVING GREAT THINGS FOR WILDLIFE AND PEOPLE!



Numbers served from 2004 - 2013

	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%			9%
Average	3,626			6,491			9,972			10,921
TOTAL SERVED	2,938	3,991	3,950	6,742	5,557	7,175	9,052	10,954	9,911	9,427

Numbers served from 2014 - 2023

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	TOTAL SERVED TO DATE
Eco-art Workshops	3,225	3,599	1,752	2,395	2,340	3,720	2,516	261	3,113	2,396	43,081
Eco-art Adventures	4,069	3,841	2,174	1,896	2,591	2,750	1,721	456	2,336	1,286	41,274
Residencies	682	630	270	283	95	373	122	760	2,545	730	15,862
Professional Development	84	-	62	14	61	28	23	90	13	251	2,041
Public/Private Adventures	1,457	1,372	932	639	572	503	277	526	607	1,529	19,026
Bucket Brigade	-	-	4,820	6,639	6,843	4,222	491	2,340	1,061	706	27,122
Habitat Restoration Adventure	-	204	-	717	-	507	198	36	362	1,868	10,768
Outreach/Engagement	3,614	558	2,382	627	2,979	3,422	412	33	1,893	6,942	28,366
Volunteers/Workdays	-	-	417	411	925	1,359	404	61	311	857	4,745
	9%		24%			15%			25%		
Average	10,921		14,279			9,204			14,403		
TOTAL SERVED	13,131	10,204	12,809	13,621	16,406	16,884	6,164	4,563	12,241	16,565	192,285

COVID Recovery

From 2004-2018, the average number of participants grew an average of **28% every three years**.

Due to the pandemic Covid-19, we had a significant decrease from 2020-2021.

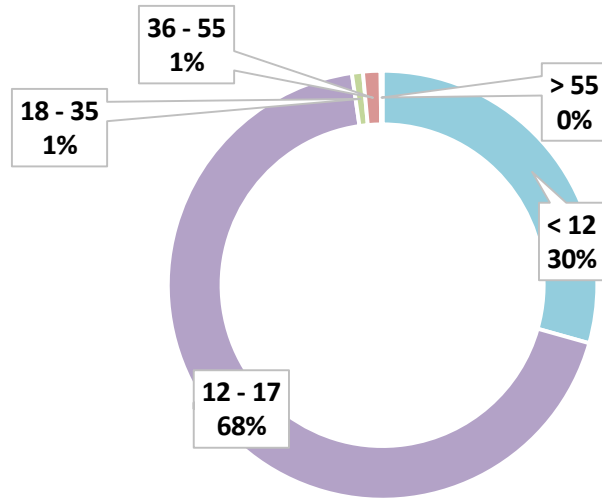
The first year (**2019**) of the last 3-year term showed **15% growth** from the previous 3-year term.

The average for **2020-2021 decreased by 62%** compared to the previous 3-year term.

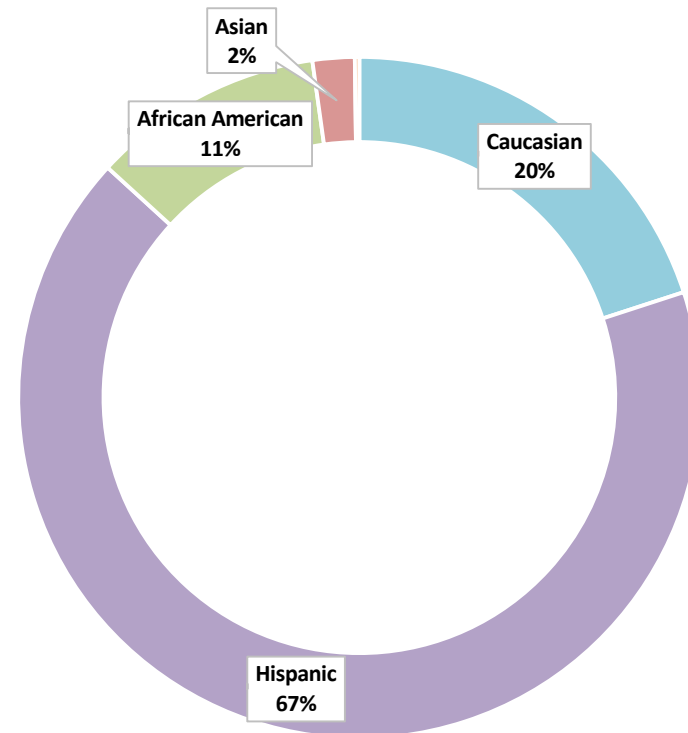
Things turned around in **2022-2023** with a **56% increase** from the average seen during the Covid-19 years. Artist Boat resumed service to 16,000+ participants this year, indicating our FULL recovery from the global pandemic shut down.

Demographics of youth served

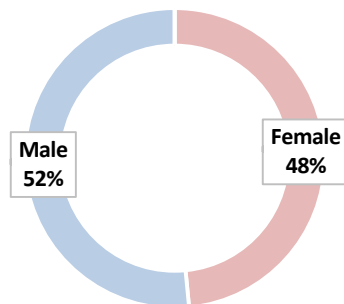
Age for Youth Programs



Race for Youth Programs

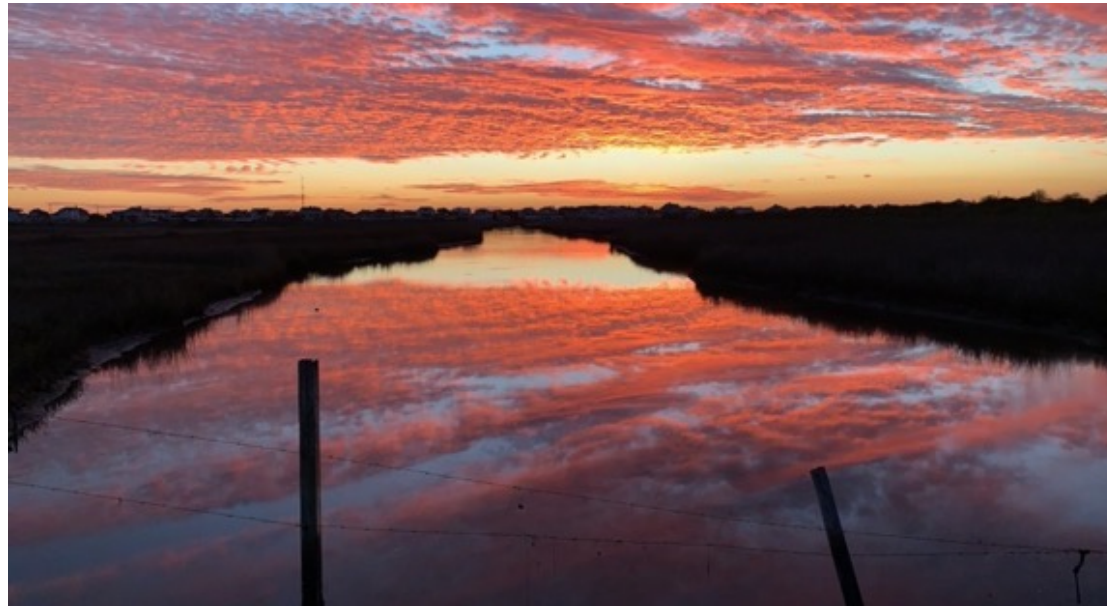


Gender for Youth Programs



4,717 youth served in 2023

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