

Commemorate 450!

CALL TO PLEIN AIR ARTISTS: Commemorate 450!

Greetings,

The Art Center Cooperative, Inc. has been invited to participate in the *Commemorate 450!, 450 Years of French History in Florida* during Jacksonville FRENCH Week – Thursday, April 6 – Sunday, May 6, 2012.

Mayor Alvin Brown is the Honorary Chair of “Commemorate 450!” and everyone is invited to participate in and enjoy the activities now being listed on the City’s site: <http://www.commemorate450.coj.net>. On May 1, 1562, French Huguenot Captain Jean Ribault sailed into the mouth of our river, naming it The River of May, and this was the beginning of European exploration and French history in Jacksonville, Florida.

The Art Center is inviting local plein air artists to paint at the Ft. Caroline National Memorial at the Timucuan Preserve on Tuesday, May 1, the day of the rededication of the Ribault Monument. The preserve is open between 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM. Those artists who paint are offered to display their one framed painting at our Hogan Street space during Downtown Jacksonville Art Walk on Wednesday, May 2.

Artists may set up on the park grounds during normal hours. Room will be extremely limited at the site of the rededication, so the Ribault Monument area will be closed to plein air painters in the morning. The rededication will start at 10:00 AM. Painters may work in the Ribault Column area in the afternoon.

Fort Caroline National Memorial

**12713 Fort Caroline Road
Jacksonville, Florida 32225
904.641.7155**

Directions: http://www.nps.gov/timu/planyourvisit/directions_fortcaroline.htm

Hours: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

The opening will be held at
**The Art Center II Studios
229 North Hogan Street
Jacksonville, FL 32202**

**Wednesday, May 2, 2012
between 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM.**

Framed paintings are to be delivered to the The Art Center II Studios on Tuesday, May 1 between 6:30PM - 9:00PM. If you have any questions, please contact me at amdafricanmk@msn.com.

We look forward to seeing your art in this exhibit!

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