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Art Program Featuring New Coastal Artists

New art exhibits are now on display at Gulfport-Biloxi International Airport. Two exhibits occupy display cases located near the airline gates on the second floor of the terminal building. The exhibits feature the work of Ocean Springs natives Craig Brumfield and Chris Stebly. A sculpture by Marlin Miller is located next to the main entrance of the terminal.

Craig Brumfield's work evolves thru the studies and sketches of marine life, wildlife, and trees. Craig is an avid saltwater angler and outdoor enthusiast. Years of working and fishing the Chandeleur Islands added to his love of the water and nature. His use of oils, pencil, ink and watercolors help to create his vision onto canvas, wood, and paper.

Chris Stebly is a painter, muralist, potter and the grandson of Walter Inglis Anderson, a renowned American artist. Chris, like his grandfather before him, draws inspiration from an intimate knowledge of the natural world. He particularly focuses on flora, fauna, landscapes and seascapes, as well as the people and barrier islands of the Mississippi Gulf Coast. "Creating art to me is very much like traveling. Being able to freely express myself this way sends me on a vacation of sorts, which may only occur if I surrender to the subject naturally with a new found respect," said artist Chris Stebly.

Marlin Miller's exhibit features "Katrina", a 12 foot tall horse made from over 1,500 pieces of driftwood recovered after the nation's worst natural disaster, Hurricane Katrina.

Renowned Artist Marlin Miller is famous along the Gulf Coast for the sculptures he created from oak trees devastated by Hurricane Katrina. Miller has carved over 40 of these massive tree sculptures along the 40 mile stretch of Highway 90 on the Mississippi Coast. Miller has donated over three years of his life to complete this work and calls it his "gift to the coast."

The Airport Art Program enhances the experience of those flying from the airport. The program helps to educate visitors and locals on the cultural heritage, and showcase the artistic development of the MS Gulf Coast Region. Other artists who wish to submit their work for

consideration in the Airport Art Program are urged to contact aduke@flygpt.com for more information.

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