

Postcards from Bermuda: International Student Art Exhibition at the Muscarelle Museum of Art

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Student artists from Bermuda have poured their creative energies onto the canvas and interpreted the significance of the historical links between Virginia and Bermuda in an exhibition of 400 works. The Muscarelle Museum of Art at The College of William & Mary has partnered with The St. George's Foundation of Bermuda for this international exhibition from August 4, 2009 to August 23, 2009.

In connection with the festivities surrounding the 400th anniversary of the British discovery of Bermuda, the exhibition features the selected works from an art competition that was a continuation of a collaboration called "Bringing History to Life with Art." Students examined the relationship between history and art with a particular focus on the Bermuda-Virginia connection. The diverse and vibrant works are interpretations of early sites in St. George's including St. Peter's Church, the State House, Somers Garden, and Fort St. Catherine; sites highlighting the Bermuda-Virginia connection such as the Tucker House, the Globe Hotel, Stiles House, and Shinbone Alley; a recreation of the Town of St. George; and scenes of the Sea Venture including the building of the Patience and Deliverance and their arrival in Jamestown in 1610.

Leondra Burchall, Director of Education for the St. George's Foundation, discussed the competition stating, "We are intrigued at the centuries of fascinating historical links between Virginia and Bermuda. Whether it's strong familiar connections or fruitful trading partnerships or landmark forts or the entwined politics of early settlement, our two communities have longstanding cultural similarities and intriguing differences." Burchall further stated that they "want students to appreciate and work with their peers in Virginia to understand how our countries and our cultures have mixed and mingled over the years."

The Muscarelle Museum of Art is located on Jamestown Road on the campus of The College of William & Mary in Williamsburg, Virginia. The Museum is open from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 12:00 noon until 4:00 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. The Museum is closed on Mondays. Docent tours are available at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, Sundays, and other times as announced. There is an admission fee of \$5.00. Admission is free for Museum members, The College of William & Mary faculty, staff, and students, and children under twelve. For more information about this exhibit or the Muscarelle in general, please call 757-221-2700 or visit www.wm.edu/muscarelle.