

# The Art and Science of WATER:

## Framing the Issues and Finding Solutions



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## Community Water Forum and Water Expo

9 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday, October 3rd  
Santa Fe College, E Auditorium

**WATER** — who has it, who wants it, who controls it — has become a major issue throughout Florida. Water has been central to Florida's allure and has shaped its culture since humans first arrived on the peninsula 12,000 years ago. Over the centuries, this precious resource has been seen by some as something to be exploited. For others, it is a gift to be preserved. Educators, journalists, environmental organizations, water resource experts, artists, writers and musicians gather to explore the past, present and future of water in our region and to offer strategies for preserving and sustaining this vital but fragile resource.

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

9:00 a.m. — Introduction by **Mallory O'Connor**  
9:15 a.m. — **J.D. Sutton**, an actor and William Bartram impersonator, will discuss (in character!) the changes the famous naturalist saw in North Florida between visits in 1765 and 1774.

#### SESSION ONE 9:30-11:30 a.m.

**Topic:** A look at water resources and why the St. Johns watershed is so vital to the region's environment.

**Chair:** **Bill Belleville**, author of *River of Lakes, A Journey on Florida's St. Johns River*

**Presenters:** **Cynthia Barnett**, author of "Mirage, Florida and the Vanishing Water of the Eastern U.S.," **Neil Armingeon**, St. Johns Riverkeeper.

#### SESSION TWO 1:00-3:00 p.m.

**Chair:** **Mallory O'Connor**, Professor Emeritus of Art History, Santa Fe College, and curator of "Liquid Muse: Paintings of the St. Johns Region", an exhibition of art by 35 Florida artists at the Thomas Center Gallery, Gainesville, through Oct. 19.

**Topic:** This session will focus on the work of three artists — **Sydney McKenna**, **Spence Guerin**, and **Margaret Ross Tolbert** — whose paintings have been inspired by water and who are passionate about preserving the region's resources. The artists will show examples of their work and discuss how they use their art to build public awareness of the need for conservation.

#### SESSION THREE 3:30-5:30 p.m.

**Chair:** **Annie Pais**, co-director of the **Florida Eden's Project** and curator of "Portray, Preserve, Prosper," an exhibit of works by Florida artists that will be on display in the Santa Fe Gallery, Building M, room 147.

**Topic:** This session will look at how artists, writers, musicians and naturalists have collaborated to educate the public and to work for sustainable economic opportunities in the region. Additional participants include **Stewart Thomas**, co-director of the Florida's Eden project and **Steve Robitaille**, Santa Fe faculty member and producer of "Natural Florida", an electronic presentation of art, music and literature celebrating Florida's natural beauty and historic culture.

### WATER EXPO

11:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m. in the Breezeway between the Auditorium and the SF Gallery, a variety of organizations will offer displays, information and volunteer opportunities. The Water Expo is hosted by SFC Student Government, Sustainable Santa Fe, and the SFC Fine Arts Department.

### GALLERY WALK THROUGH AND RECEPTION

with **Annie Pais** from 5:30 -6:30 p.m.

Following the forum, a reception will be held at the Santa Fe Gallery, Building M, room 147.

This program is funded by a grant from the Florida Humanities Council and is organized by the City of Gainesville Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs and the Florida's Eden Project.

**All events are free and open to the public, and everyone is invited to attend any or all of the planned events.**

Groups should RSVP to Julie Garrett, (352) 395-5430 or [julie.garrett@sfcc.edu](mailto:julie.garrett@sfcc.edu) to assure adequate seating.

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