

Estero Fine Art Show October 23 & 24

HotWorks.org's 26th Estero Fine Art Show on October 23 & 24 takes place outdoors at JetBlue Park in Fort Myers (located 1.9 miles east of I-75 off Daniels Parkway), an easy-to-find venue with plenty of easy parking, and winter home of the Boston Red Sox! The show features quality fine art and crafts created by award-winning artists and juried by art professionals. All artwork is original and personally handmade by the artist who is present at the show. There is \$1,500 in Professional Artist Awards with criteria based on originality, technique/execution and booth appearance. You will find something for everyone, in all price ranges.

To allow for Covid safety precautions, the show is held outdoors with plenty of room for social distancing.

If you attend the art show, be sure to visit Jewish artists Myra Burg and Liz Cummings. They each create art using very different media. Liz has mixed media paint on canvas, while Myra's is wrapped fiber over hollow core. Both women display a *Yiddishe neshama* (Jewish soul), in that each is first concerned with the other.

While some of Myra's members perished during the Holocaust, others survived. One, in particular, was among the founding members of the Museum of Tolerance in Los Angeles. Myra's parents started the Flatbush Park Jewish Community Center and Synagogue in Brooklyn, New York, including finding the property and the rabbi, who, in his late 90s, is close to her family to this

day – since the early 1950s.

Some Hebrew language skills still reside in Myra's head from Hebrew school, she may have a small quiver of incomplete idiomatic Yiddish, and can



Myra Burg's media: wrapped fiber over hollow core imitate her grandfather's Yiddish accent flawlessly. She makes a darn good challah, relies on her cousin's brisket and will either tell a reasonably good joke or stand up against injustice as the situation dictates.

She is a licensed architect who has taken on her own form of art for decades. Collectors include the Warren Buffet Foundation, Bill Clinton, Steve Jobs, the City of Beverly Hills, Wells Fargo and the Bellevue Museum.

Liz's great grandfather was Philip Wattenburg, a financier who lived at Sutton Place in New York. He loved Israel and spent his time traveling back and forth from New York. He endowed the Einstein Institute of Mathematics

to the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. The building was erected in 1927-1928 with a gift from Wattenburg. It housed the Institute until the Hebrew University lost access to Mount Scopus in 1948. After the reunification of Jerusalem in 1967, and the university's subsequent return to Mount Scopus, the building became part of the Estelle & Eugene Ferkauf Science Teaching Centre.

Please be sure to say hello to Myra and Liz at the show. They would love to tell you more!

HotWorks' associated 501(c)(3) nonprofit arm, Institute for the Arts & Education, focuses on visual arts, cultural diversity, community enrichment and

fostering art education among youth. IA&E integrates a Youth Art Competition within the show, a unique program that encourages students ages 5-13 or grades K-8 to enter their original art that is publicly displayed the entire weekend. On Sunday at 3:00 p.m., \$250 Youth Art Awards are presented as young artists are exposed to the rules and entrepreneurship of doing art shows for a living.

The Estero Fine Art Show at JetBlue Park in Fort Myers takes place on October 23 & 24 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily. There is free admission; a \$5 parking fee supports IA&E and helps to pay the costs of producing the show. ▲



Liz Cummings and Myra Burg with their art