

The City of Atlantic Beach Environmental Stewardship Committee (ESC) has partnered with the Word Revolt Art Gallery of Atlantic Beach to host an Earth Day art show and juried art competition. The theme of this inaugural event is *Sustainable Earth* and the competition is open to accomplished and aspiring local artists both young and old. Cash prizes will be awarded and the art will be on display through July. Companies and individuals are helping sponsor the event and award the artists.

A public reception will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. on Earth Day – Thursday, April 22 – at Word Revolt, 1249 Mayport Road. COVID-19 protocols will be followed at the reception.

“This is a first-of-its-kind event for the City – in recent years, at least,” said Deputy City Manager Kevin Hogencamp. “The goal is to inspire citizens to help protect the environment, which, not coincidentally, is a priority of the City Commission and the community as a whole.

Word Revolt is a 501(c)(3) non-profit and does not charge entry fees nor receive any commission from the artists for any art that might be sold. The ESC is an all-volunteer group of Atlantic Beach residents appointed by the City Commission; members are donating time for this important effort.

Featured artwork must represent the theme of the show, “sustainability,” and what it means to celebrate caring for the planet and the local environment’s natural beauty, or offering a creative solution to the world to help keep it green. In addition to sustainability, suggested themes for the show are nature, plants, animals, clean air and clean water. All types of art media are accepted, from ceramic art and painting to photography, and more.

“People who participate in or otherwise support the art show also are supporting Word Revolt, a community art asset on Mayport Road,” said ESC Chair Mark Gabrynowicz.

Prizes will be awarded in various categories and winners will be awarded a second showing in June and July at the Adele Grage Cultural Center in Atlantic Beach.

The entry deadline is midnight April 11.

Sponsors may choose from four tiers of support: \$2,000 Event Sponsor; @1,000 Event Co-Sponsor; \$500 Environmental Champion; \$100 Environment Supporter; and Less than \$100 Friend of the Community.

Sponsor benefits include: logo/name on event poster and promotion materials; recognition on the City of Atlantic Beach, ESC and Word Revolt social media platforms; recognition and participation in the Sustainable Earth awards ceremony and reception; and an ESC Atlantic Beach Loves Trees gift bag.

For information, contact Word Revolt at TR@wordrevolt.com or visit www.coab.us/earthdayart.