

## Graduating art majors take a final bow

By Kyle Jackola  
Staff Writer

Last Friday, the art department held their final gallery opening for the 2012-2013 year. Eight seniors from the department displayed the final products of their semester-long labors in the Spiers Art Gallery; and invited students, faculty, staff, and community members to celebrate with them in their accomplishments.

The students began by introducing their work and talking about the broad spectrum of personal influences that helped inspire their capstone projects. These influences included rock climbing, biblical stories, coffee shops and self-identity exploration. Even Geoffrey Chaucer was cited.

Chris Lockhart, who found his muse in Chaucer's *Canterbury Tales*, said that he didn't want his painting to depict scenes, but rather the truths that Chaucer conveyed through his tales. "Even though they're rooted in the middle-ages, they still continue to speak to the human experience today," said Lockhart. "Each one of the paintings is inspired by one of the tales. They're not illustrations, but rather visual representations—fragments seen through different angles, like a kaleidoscope."

Bennett Anderson presented a moving gallery talk as he reminisced to the audience



Senior Art Show artists left to right: Spencer Crews, Bennett Anderson, Cameron Kahill, Rachel Coates, Ariel Muiselaar, Julie Kuykendall, and Carolina Anderson. Not pictured: Chris Lockhart.

about his life-long love of sculpture and kinetic art. "When I was a freshman thinking about my senior show, this is exactly what I imagined," he said. "I was introduced to kinetic sculpture at ten years old, and ever since, I've loved art that moves."

Professor Bob Bauslaugh was especially drawn to Anderson's work, which is displayed inside and outside the gallery. "The mobile Bennet created has such a presence in the space it occupies," said Bauslaugh, speaking of Anderson's sculpted mobile that hung inside the gallery. "It's a shame we couldn't see it hanging alone and watch it interact with the empty space around it. It really is a

marvelous piece."

All in all, the show was outstanding. In the four years that I've been attending gallery openings, this one was by far my favorite. The seniors displayed the very best of their hard work, and it has been a joy to watch these artists develop and perfect their technique and style over the past four years. Not only are they talented artists in their own respect, but they're also some of my greatest friends. When you see them, be sure to congratulate them on their successful show and wish them well in their future artistic endeavors. Well done, seniors!

## Earthfest 2013 was a big hit on campus

By Ashlee Greene  
Sports Editor

Earth Fest was an amazing learning experience for Brevard College's campus and surrounding community this past Saturday. The festival took place from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. in front of the Porter Center, and brought in much business for our local businesses.

The celebration to help save our environment showed how much people really care about our Earth and made the leader of this event, Beth Banks, very proud.

Earth Fest's activities included events for both adults and children. The Kid Village offered face painting, chalk to draw on the sidewalks, and a section for art that helped

show children that they could have fun creating art using simple things around the house by creating a butterfly from simple and inexpensive household materials.

Local businesses offered their homemade and recycled arts and crafts including dolls, small tin containers, paintings, pet rocks, clothing, and much more. In addition to these, there was a swap shop that was the hit of the day because people learned to trade unwanted items for something they may want or need, rather than throwing everything away when they're done.

Rain barrels were raffled off, and a booth was set up to explain how these simple contraptions could help out so much around the house. If the power goes out, your water

gets cut off, if there is a drought, or you simply want to use rain water to save your running water, the rain barrels are an excellent option because they trap the water for later use.

Freshman student, Zif Clark, dressed as "Bag Monster" and went around wearing 500 grocery bags tied together to explain how many plastic bags a person will use on average in one year, trying to convince people to recycle their used bags or use the reusable cloth bags that are available.

All of the entertainment at Earth Fest was amazing, from the drummers, to the Zumba exercises, to the music that was played. Overall, BC Greens did a fantastic job creating this amazing event this year!