

Sunshine ARTIST

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Daisy Holcombe, Director St. Stephen's Art Show Coconut Grove, Florida



St. Stephen's Art Show director Daisy Holcombe shares the joy of an art award with sculptor Cheri Kudja.

Sunshine Artist (SA): How long have you been with the St. Stephen's Art Show?

Daisy Holcombe (DH): This 30th year of the show will celebrate my 10th anniversary with this amazing community of people.

SA: What do you like most about being involved in the art and craft show community?

DH: It takes over 200 volunteers to run this fundraiser for St. Stephens Church and the community really shows up. Some key leaders are with me every day, all day. I am the only paid staff person. It is awe inspiring the support and commitment of philanthropy and volunteerism in our community.

SA: What's your all-time favorite memory from the St. Stephen's Art Show?

DH: At last year's 2018 show, an artist who has been with us for over 10 years — for the first time ever — won Best in Show. He immediately asked me to privately donate all of his win-

nings to a fellow artist who was having a bad year. Selfless and full of grace — a true inspiration.

SA: The St. Stephen's Art Show is celebrating its 30th year in 2018. What is the show doing to commemorate this event?

DH: We will have 30 featured veteran artists at the main entrance of the show and 30 days of featured articles; the show will be free to patrons.

SA: What is the difference between a fine artist and an indie maker?

DH: The St. Stephen's Art Show is once again including an indie-craft makers fest on the south side of the show. MakersFest @ St. Stephen's Art Show is a handcrafted experience of sound, color, and flavor. Makers combine traditional craft techniques with modern, offbeat, and unconventional styles, context, and subject matter. Makers must use the additional four feet of booth space to interact and demonstrate during the festival.

SA: What makes exhibiting at the St. Stephen's Art Show so special?

DH: Our community slogan for the show is "Art is in the Heart." It represents who we are as a people, and it is why we have an A+ rating for artist treatment and amenities. Our volun-

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teers make our homemade artist dinner from scratch. Our load-in team of 20 volunteers keep track of how many artists they make smile after a long drive in. We review where artists are arriving from and exactly what kind of car they drive so we can best receive them on site. We even have 4-5 volunteers around to unload if artists need some help.



SA: Why should artists and craftspeople choose to exhibit at the St. Stephen's Art Show?

DH: The patrons stroll and stay on our campus. We are not the Coconut Grove Art Show and we embrace that. We are the St. Stephens Art Show — welcoming people, food, art, music and makers. ☉

To learn more about St. Stephen's Art Show, please visit www.artshows.org.

