

Healthy Community Painting Tour

the idea...

Ward Edwards commissioned a painting to celebrate the inaugural year of our Healthy Community Grant Program, which was created to fund projects that benefit the environment and our community. Artist, Joy Patterson did a live performance painting during a reception to announce the 2007/2008 Healthy Community Grant recipients. We now want to share that painting with the community. The idea is that the painting will go on tour throughout the Lowcountry and Coastal Empire. It will hang in various lobbies and conference rooms of local businesses and non-profit agencies. A small plaque telling the story of the painting and the grant program will accompany the painting.

the painting...

The painting is approximately 9'x 6'. Joy was asked to do a live performance painting inspired by the ideas of nature and community. The artist uses a traditional landscape to convey the importance of preserving the unique beauty that we are blessed with in this region. The untraditional texturing techniques reference old reel-to-reel movies, suggesting that the marshlands should not become just a memory, something that can only be viewed on a screen.

the artist...

Joy Patterson is a native of Beaufort. She is a multi-media artist and a teacher in the Beaufort County School District. "The process is the art...I incorporate music or work with the music at an event in order to create the art in front of the viewers very eyes. I consider a performance to be done well if the viewers are "touched" in someway and share with me and others that the viewing has left a lasting imprint on their senses or memory."



If you are interested in participating in the tour, contact Kimberly Seipel-Parks at 843.263.2059.