

Artwork projects flourish at courthouses

Lake Worth artist creates mosaics

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The Palm Beach County Courthouse is the last place people would think to go to see art. But in communities such as Delray Beach and Belle Glade, people are noticing decorated benches, lively murals and colorful sculptures.

Jumpstarted earlier this year, the county's Art in Public Places program is rolling

along. Borrowing from a culture and recreation measure approved by voters in 2002, the public art program will pay for about 10 projects to be placed throughout the county, county officials said.

For instance, at the public art project at the South County Courthouse in Delray Beach, Miami artists Carlos Alves and Andrew Reid recently completed large murals and tiled seating, including a pineapple-shaped bench, for the courthouse exterior.

"It has just brought that [place] to life," said Elayna To-

by Singer, the county's Art in Public Places administrator. "It is very much in keeping with the Delray aesthetic. The artists did a great job of delivering what they said they would."

A ceremony celebrating the new public art, featuring live music, will be held Nov. 3.

Lake Worth artist Shanon Materio is the architect of the latest project at the West County Courthouse in Belle Glade. It's a \$40,000 design that includes glass mosaic columns and a Native American-theme

OPENING CEREMONY

What: Palm Beach County Art in Public Places ceremony

When: 6 p.m. Nov. 3

Where: South County Courthouse, 200 W. Atlantic Ave., Delray Beach

Information: Palm Beach County Art in Public Places program, call 561-233-0235 or visit www.pbcgov.com/Ido/Art

DESIGNING WOMAN: Artist Shanon Materio worked on the West County Courthouse project. Staff photo/Joe Amon



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