

Jaye Boswell

Jaye Boswell, a thirty seven year Sanibel Island resident, graduated from The University of Miami with a BA in Art Education. For twenty two years Jaye taught Art in the Lee County School System, where she was named "2004 Visual Arts Teacher of the Year". While teaching, Jaye also did freelance painting and performed graphic art services for local businesses. These services included Logo Design, Resort Brochures, Restaurant Menus and advertisements for magazines and newspapers.

During the 1989-90 school year Jaye combined art with environmental education and had her students draw ducks in a wildlife setting. The drawings were judged at the J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge. From this class project the Federal Junior Duck Stamp Competition emerged. Headquartered in Washington, D.C., the Annual Program currently has approximately forty thousand entries from States and U.S. Territories.

Jaye believes in the strong connection between Art and Nature and that is evident in her pen and ink, watercolor and acrylic paintings. She also designs greeting cards, illustrates books and creates many original hand-painted Decorator items, which she donates to worthy causes.

Recently Jaye Boswell received the first annual "Brush of Excellence Award". This award was created by The Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation and a descendent of J. N. "Ding" Darling to select an Annual Environmental Artist of the Year, based upon one or more of the following criteria:

- Their career as an artist has helped to further environmental causes.
- Their work is informed by/captures/addresses environmental causes.
- Their work inspires us to see our connection to Nature.
- The artist has a history of philanthropic in-kind support of environmental causes.