



Beaches

A Celebration of the Arts

2021 Nominees

Community Impact Nominees

Beaches Go Green (also nominated for Arts Education & Advocacy)

Beaches Go Green has dedicated years of creative approaches in the utilization of art as a creative medium to transfer knowledge of important information about the waste that we produce and how it impacts our planet.

Over the last three years, Beaches Go Green has installed a massive single-use plastic awareness art installation known as the *Octopus Garden at Deck the Chairs* in Jacksonville Beach. Several hundred thousand people have enjoyed and learned from the environmental art exhibit. This exhibit includes other ocean creations within the display and is lit up every night during the winter holidays for everyone to enjoy.

Anne Marie Moquin is the founder and driving heartbeat behind Beaches Go Green. She exhibits the kind of work ethic and professionalism that one wishes were characteristic of every community art and advocacy effort. Fletcher Middle Schools' Beaches Go Green Club created an ocean wave and adorned it in single-use plastic bottles. Ocean Palms Elementary created a tribute to "first responders" using all recycled materials. The Nease High School Beaches Go Green Club created their panther logo in recycled bottle cap art.

Moquin is constantly striving to improve community awareness through advocacy utilizing art as our collective tool, even when there are virtually no extrinsic motivations or rewards for doing so. Her belief that holding tightly to our individual responsibility to maintain and care for our planet as well as our community is truly admirable.

Word Revolt (also nominated for Irene Lazzara Beaches, A Celebration of the Arts Award)

Word Revolt Art Gallery Inc. is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit studio gallery in Atlantic Beach, FL, dedicated to hosting free events that benefit artists, charities, and the community.

One of Word Revolt's biggest accomplishments to date is bringing an art scene to what is now known as the Mayport Cultural Corridor. Word Revolt brought the entire community, including city hall members and participants of all ages, together to paint a community mural. Despite the challenges of 2020, Word Revolt maintained a safe schedule of art exhibitions that helped to keep culture afloat. The gallery launched one of the first virtual reality galleries that now reaches 180,000 audience members worldwide.

Other current activities include holding an art auction for the Beaches Sea Turtle Patrol, volunteering with Hope at Hand for Jax Virtual Poetry Fest, hosting a completely booked podcast for Jacksonville Main Library, coordinating a Fine Arts Capstone Guest Speaker at Jacksonville University, and debuting "Echo," the art robot. In 2020, Word Revolt held four physical exhibitions, three virtual exhibits, and one that had both physical and online aspects. One of the virtual exhibits included the International Virtual Reality exhibit for eleven artists in six countries.