

PRESS RELEASE
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SOUTHSHORE ARTS COUNCIL PREPARING TO REPEAT LAST YEAR'S SUCCESS
Ruskin, Florida

Those talented folks who gave us last year's eye-popping mural, "Head, Hands and Heart," now gracing the huge wall behind the Ruskin Post Office, are planning to do it again as part of the Second Annual BIG DRAW and they invite you to be part of it.

The unique structure that now houses the thrift shop of the Mary and Martha House, "Second Hand Rose", with its curved white concrete walls, is located on Shell Point Road off Rte 41 North in Ruskin. It is primed and ready for painting and that's where you come in.

Here's an opportunity for some hands-on art experience by volunteering to be part of this very special community project offered by the SouthShore Arts Council. You will participate in the design and creation of the mural under the direction of well-known contemporary artist, Josette Urso.

Internationally known as a fine painter as well as a gifted teacher, Josette has roots in Tampa and lives presently in New York. She will remain with us for more than two months while she identifies themes and images that the mural team creates and guide the painters' efforts.

Come to the first meeting of the SSAC Community Mural Planning Committee on Saturday, August 15 at 1:00 PM at Hillsborough Community College's SouthShore Campus in Ruskin on Shell Point Road. Meet Josette and learn about this and the many other interesting workshops and classes that will be held in connection with the BIG DRAW 2009.

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