

## **Duality of magic and mystery explored in “Dark Crystals” exhibit Feb. 19 – March 22 at the Art Gallery at Eissey Campus**



(Palm Beach Gardens, Fla. – Feb. 6, 2013) A group of nine contemporary south Florida artists will feature their latest works in the exhibit “Dark Crystals” at the Art Gallery at Eissey Campus at Palm Beach State College, Feb. 19 – March 22.

The exhibit is curated by Jacques de Beaufort, associate professor of art at the Palm Beach Gardens campus. The collective work of this particular group of artists, de Beaufort says, have qualities that are not only mysterious and indefinable—a “darkness”—but also possesses a radiance and beauty that qualifies them as “crystals.”

“What cannot be denied is that the works in question are indeed in possession of [a] vibrational energy,” said de Beaufort. “Each artist’s work remains a universe onto themselves, art that has been lovingly crafted into something so specific it cannot be shared by language. These ‘Dark Crystals’ are in possession of a certain quality that can be ascertained only through direct observation.”

An opening reception will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 19, from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Both the reception and the exhibit are free and open to the public. There will be approximately 30 pieces on display, ranging from mixed media, photography and sculpture to paintings and drawings. Some of the works are available for sale, with prices ranging from \$1,000 to \$10,000.

The Art Gallery at Eissey Campus is located in the BB building, 3160 PGA Blvd. Gallery hours are Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Tuesday 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. For more information, contact Karla Walter at 561-207-5015 or visit [www.palmbeachstate.edu/artgallerypbq](http://www.palmbeachstate.edu/artgallerypbq).

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