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**Artists Invited to Turn Surfboards into Artwork**

MELBOURNE, Fla., July 28, 2022 — The East Coast Zoological Society (ECZS) is seeking artists to participate in a Surfboard Art exhibition set to open November 19, 2022, at Brevard Zoo. The exhibition is to support and bring awareness to the \$100 million Our Legacy campaign that ECZS launched in December 2021. This campaign is to support Brevard Zoo and is raising funds to build an aquarium in Port Canaveral, Florida.

Surfboards are an iconic part of the Florida landscape along the East Coast. Chosen artists will share their vision of that Florida landscape utilizing recycled surfboards as their unique canvas. Artists are invited to submit creative ideas to be juried, and the 20-25 artists that are awarded the opportunity to participate will receive a \$1,000 stipend for the work.

Awarded artists will be required to attend in person or via Zoom to review complete details on the exhibition including all deadlines leading up to the opening on Nov. 19, 2022.

**Submission Deadline:** Aug. 19, 2022.

**Submission Requirements:** Artists will need to provide 2-3 samples of artwork along with a simple sketch of the surfboard design for this exhibition.

**Jury Process:** Aug. 22-25.

**Jury Makeup:** Applications will be reviewed by Brevard Zoo staff and select local artists.

**Notification of Acceptance:** Aug. 29.

For more information and to fill out an application, visit [BrevardZoo.org/special-events/surfboard-art-2022](https://BrevardZoo.org/special-events/surfboard-art-2022) or email [SurfboardArtInfo@BrevardZoo.org](mailto:SurfboardArtInfo@BrevardZoo.org).

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*Treetop Trek features five aerial obstacle courses that whisk guests above parts of the Zoo and through lush Florida landscapes. More information is available at [www.treetoptrek.com](http://www.treetoptrek.com).*