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**To:** the Collins Park Neighborhood Association's email list  
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## **Collins Park News**

**Congratulations to Michael Gongora and Jorge Exposito who won their bid to become the newest Miami Beach Commissioners in Tuesday's run-off election.**

**They were sworn in on Wednesday and their duties start immediately.**

### **Julia Tuttle Causeway night time closure.**

The Julia Tuttle Causeway [I-195] **westbound lanes** only will be closed, 9:00PM to 5:30AM, Wed. & Th., Nov. 18 & 19 to install new overhead road signs. Use the Mac Arthur Causeway (I-395) or the Venetian Causeway. FDOT signs will remind you of this closure.

### **From the Miami Herald "Neighbors" today.**

MIAMI BEACH

## **Local artists get the opportunity to be seen during Art Basel**

BY DAVID SMILEY  
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**With the largest and most prominent South Florida art event on the horizon, Sid Daniels wasn't even looking for a space to market his Latin Deco art during Art Basel.**

**That's not to say he didn't want the exposure.**

**After years of unsuccessfully ``running around like a chicken with its head cut off" to find a gallery space during the international art event, Daniels just didn't believe he could afford it.**

**But on Monday, the Miami Beach artist stood inside a Collins Park gallery where his paintings will hang during Art Basel. This year, Daniels will get a slice of the action for a fraction of the price.**

“This literally fell in front of me,” Daniels said of the gallery space. “It dropped from the sky.”

Often priced out of Miami Beach during Art Basel, Daniels and other Miami-area artists have found an affordable venue in what was once the W Hotel sales office and is now the CANDO Arts Co-op at Palm Court. Nearly a dozen local artists joined together in the space pro bono for the city's all-night cultural extravaganza Sleepless Night, and landlord Ron Bloomberg was so impressed he offered to keep the art in the venue on the cheap until after Art Basel, said Ray Breslin, president of the Collins Park Neighborhood Association. So far, the artists have created a space of vastly different pieces.

In the entryway, Ryan Farrell's functional samurai suit made of car bumpers greets visitors. Further inside the gallery are Louis Rosemond's vibrant paintings of Haiti and Africa, Janet Mueller's abstract and political paintings, and Lucinda Linderman's sculptures made of “upcycled” material -- recycling lowly materials into loftier pieces of art. One large Linderman piece, *Timeline of Digestion*, is made of her “clothes unworthy of Goodwill” and packaging material. For South Beach resident Joey Daoud, a 22-year-old filmmaker and photojournalist, the opportunity is one that gives him a unique venue for his work and a chance at widespread marketing.

“It's just great exposure,” Daoud said. “Even more than selling stuff, it's the exposure.”

Dena Stewart and husband Stewart Stewart, who share an area in the gallery, said the gallery has also had the benefit of bringing together artists who normally work alone, creating cohesion in a Collins Park community that is working to promote itself as a cultural hub on Miami Beach.

“It's the artists' job to support whatever goes on in this neighborhood,” Stewart Stewart said. “If the artists don't do their part we're not going to succeed.”

Breslin, gallery co-curator, said he has space for two more artists and a courtyard open to a possible art installation.

Breslin said Bloomberg's offer was a “dream” for local artists and the gallery is the first to grace the Collins Park area since the city established the Cultural Arts Neighborhood District Overlay (CANDO).

“This adds a viability to the neighborhood and excitement,” said Breslin, gallery co-curator, “in what otherwise would be just another storefront.”

## **Collins Park Business**

**Mark your calendars now for our annual meeting to be held Tuesday,**

January 19th, 2010 at Miami City Ballet at 6:30 PM.

**Don't want to cook for Thanksgiving.....** Go to Talula's Thanksgiving Feast. They do all the work, you have all the fun and it's still home cooked. \$75 per couple, \$38 for a single and only \$20 for kids.



*Happy Thanksgiving*



## THANKSGIVING MENU

3:00PM-9:00PM

Herb Roasted Turkey With  
Homemade Gravy  
Cranberry-Balsamic Marmalade

### SIDE DISH SELECTION

*Choice of Five For the Table*

- \*Yukon Gold Mashed Potatoes
- \*House Made Sweet Italian Sausage & Vidalia Onion Stuffing
- \*Brown Sugar-Burbon Sweet Potatoes
- \*Broccoli-Cheddar Casserole
- \*Green Beans Almondine, Sherry Brown Butter
- \*Roasted Brussels Sprouts With House Smoked Tasso Ham
- \*Traditional Caesar Salad, Herb Coutons, Parmigiano Reggiano

### DESSERTS

*Choice of One Per Person*

- \*Homemade Pumpkin Pie With Spiced Whipped Cream
- \*Chocolate Pecan Pie With Espresso Whipped Cream
- \*Talula Key Lime Pie With Thai Basil Syrup & Fresh Berries

\$75.00 For Two Guests

\$38.00 Per Additional Guest

Complete Party Must Order Thanksgiving Dinner



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Dinner Fri-Sat 6:30PM-  
11:30PM  
Sunday  
Brunch 11:00AM-3:00PM  
Sunday  
Dinner 6:00PM-10:00PM

**No Collins Park Events scheduled for this week**

Have a great Thanksgiving week.

Thanks,

Ray

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