

MDC Museum of Art + Design and Galleria Ca' D'Oro present Foreverglades

Opening reception: November 30, 2012. 7:00 p.m.
From November 30, 2012 through January 26, 2013.



As part of Foreverglades, an environmentally minded public installation by William Sweetlove and other members of Cracking Art Group, large-scale recyclable plastic alligators, sea turtles, frogs, and bunnies will be positioned crawling up and down and around the historic Freedom Tower at MDC. The exhibition will open with a public reception in collaboration with Galleria Ca' D'Oro.

This unique exhibition features bright-colored plastic figures modeled after native South Florida animal species, such as alligators, sea turtles, frogs, and marsh rabbits, peppered throughout the interior and exterior of the Freedom Tower. The animals were selected by the artists because of the important role each plays in the development and history of the local landscape. The exhibition aims to establish a locally conscious perspective focusing on environmental protection, sustainability and advocacy of South Florida's National Parks and Preserves.

In addition, the museum presents Foreverglades: here today, hopeful for tomorrow, an educational symposium, on Friday, November 30, at the Freedom Tower, in partnership with the MDC Earth Ethics Institute, National Parks Conservation Association, Everglades National Park, Biscayne National Park, Dry Tortugas National Park, and Big Cypress National Preserve.

The Cracking Art Group consists of six European artists whose underlying mission is to change art history through both a strong social and environmental commitment and the revolutionary and innovative use of different plastic materials that evoke a strict relationship between natural life and artificial reality. The plastic results from the catalytic Cracking (the name of the group comes from this term), which transforms petroleum into plastic, has its roots in a millenary civilization which is the history of man and his world.

The exhibition and events are free and open to the public. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday, from noon to 5:00 p.m.