

"WATER CONSCIOUSNESS"
Sixth Annual Grand Isle Juried Exhibition

Grand Isle Community Development Team, Inc. with support from the Grand Isle Port Commission and the Town of Grand Isle presents "*Water Consciousness*": The Sixth Annual Grand Isle Juried Exhibition at the Community Center on Highway One. Themes relate to the nature, natural beauty, and potential loss of the only inhabited Louisiana barrier island and the surrounding wetlands. This Exhibition was open to artists with original artwork done within the last 5 years in the following categories: 1. Drawing, Painting and Printmaking, 2. Photography, 3. Video, 4. Sculpture, 5. Installation Art, 6. Fiber Art, and 7. Children's division – 18 and under. Grand Isle Community Development Team, Inc., a nonprofit organization, is comprised of proactive citizens of the community whose goal is to improve the community through cultural, historical, educational, and environmental projects. The goals of this Exhibition are to raise the awareness of coastal wetlands erosion through the artist's eye and to encourage the preservation of images of this culture and its disappearing habitat for future generations.

For the last six years the Grand Isle Community Development Team Art Committee has invited established artists to jury *The Grand Isle Annual Juried Exhibition* with the intention of exploring coastal erosion in Louisiana through Contemporary Art. Because of the positive response received from artists and audiences and of the increase in environmental concerns, a group retrospective was assembled of select work from past participants, titled "**Uncertain Territory: Losing Louisiana**". The Exhibit was held Oct 4 – 23, 2007 at Delgado Community College Fine Arts Gallery, New Orleans, La. Grand Isle is Louisiana's only inhabited barrier island. The future of this barrier island and its surrounding wetlands is uncertain. Louisiana is disappearing and no longer has protection from hurricanes. Art is quite possibly the best way to communicate these significant issues. This invitational exhibition was juried by former jurors: Allison Stewart, Adrian Deckbar, Jacqueline Bishop, Bradley Sabin and Raine Bedsole. If funded the Exhibition will travel to regional Art Museums in nearby states and hopefully to Washington, DC.