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Artists offer sensory tour of Haiti



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The sights, sounds, smells and culinary contributions of the Haitian town of Jacmel delighted locals at Roswell Artist in Residence Flo McGarrell's studio, 1404 W. Berrendo Road, Gallery F, Friday evening.

The event, called Jacmel Mwen Fou Pou Ou, or Jacmel, I'm Crazy About You, is an international traveling show that has already been presented in Chicago. It was organized by the Haitian and American Artist Exchange program, a group of artists who want to share what they love about Haiti with people in the U.S. and cultivate an understanding between the two cultures.

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Artist Ebby Louis Angel answered questions about Haiti and helped host the event, Jacmel Mwen Fou Pou Ou. (Daily Record/Vanessa Beauman)

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Video artists Ebby Louis Angel and Bayard Jean Bernard contributed videos of Jacmel that were shown on two television sets as well as on projectors on the gallery's two huge windows so those on the outside could also see Jacmel's coast and scenes from its carnival and watch Jacmel visual and music artists share their work.

Abstract paintings by artist Ambroise Anderson were on display as well as Haitian carnival masks - one that looked like a tiger, the other like a lion.

Refreshments included samples of savory Haitian foods such as pikliz, or a spicy shredded vegetable mix, and gryo, a stew made with pork.

Roswell resident Justus Bowe marveled at the sights of Jacmel. He said he has never been to Haiti but felt it is different than how many Americans may perceive it.

He said such a show is important as it promotes cultural diversity and understanding, especially in a country like the U.S., where immigrants bring their cultures with them.

"It helps to broaden your horizons," Bowe said.

As a visual artist herself, Miranda Howe said she appreciated the different forms of art as well as what the artists were communicating.

"It's nice to look at and experience another culture," Howe said. "It's very nice to be availed the sounds, culture ... of the daily life in Haiti."

She said she enjoyed the contrast between the static form of art, such as paintings, with video art.

Bernard was happily surprised with the turnout and the fact that so many were interested in Haiti's beauty.

"I didn't expect so many people," he said. "They love the show. I think the people want to come to Haiti."

Bernard said there were some fears that locals would not understand or would even fear



Artist Bayard Jean Bernard and two Haitian carnival masks greet guests as they enter Flo McGarrell's studio where an art show about the Haitian port town of Jacmel took place Friday evening. (Daily Record/Vanessa Beauman)

aspects of the Haitian culture, citing the carnival masks as an example. He said people the world over appreciate Jacmel's carnival masks.

"People come (to Jacmel) from all over the world to see the masks," Bernard said. "Why not people from New Mexico?"

He was thrilled to report no one at the show was scared. He said there are plans to take the show to San Francisco and possibly have an international artist exchange in Montreal.

McGarrell was also surprised with the turnout.

"It's going great so far," he said over the sounds of crashing waves, busy streets and the amused chatter from guests. "Nobody seems freaked out."

McGarrell worked to put on the show for Jacmel while working with his own exhibit at the Roswell Museum and Art Center.

"It was a lot of work," he said. "It's good to see everyone appreciates it."

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