August 2023 Downtown Clearwater CRA View in browser

Hello Friend,

Check out some unique art experiences this August in Downtown Clearwater! From colorful murals on sailboats to newly wrapped signal boxes. Plus the opportunity to meet and learn from a legendary photographer. Scroll down to learn more and see what's happening downtown.

#### Art Sails into Station Square Park



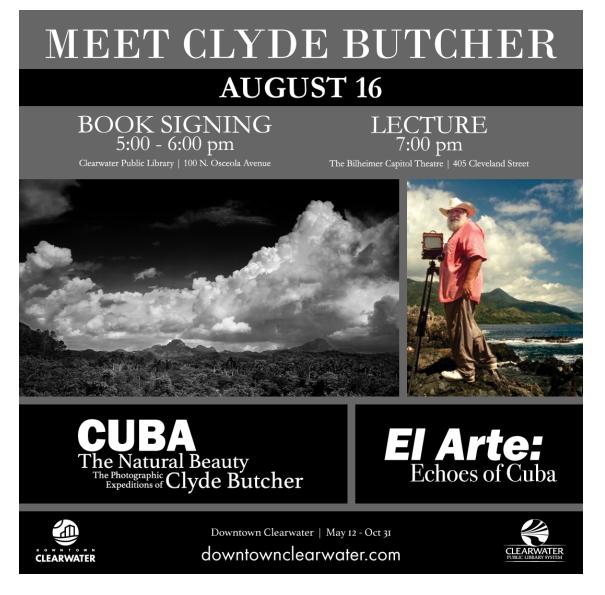
Join the <u>Clearwater Community Sailing Center</u> (CCSC) on August 7th for "Sailing Out of Summer" from 6:00 - 8:00 pm in Station Square Park featuring DJ, games, raffles, vendors, ice cream, and back-to-school giveaways.

Station Square Park is now home to a fun and colorful pop-up art display created by CCSC and the Pinellas County Center for the Arts at Gibbs High School with sailboats featuring vivid artwork of marine life touching on themes of sailing, maritime history in Clearwater, and environmental stewardship. Youth attendees at "Sailing Out of Summer" will have the opportunity to contribute to a unique paint-by-numbers sail mural to leave their mark on this placemaking installation.

#### **Event Registration**

Learn more at: downtownclearwater.com/sailart

#### **Clyde Butcher Returns to Clearwater**



Legendary photographer Clyde Butcher makes his return to Downtown Clearwater on <u>August 16th</u> with a book signing and a special evening lecture. Both events are free and open to the public.

**Book Signing** 

5:00 – 6:00 pm at Clearwater Public Library Main Branch

Lecture with Clyde Butcher - "CUBA: The Natural Beauty – Nature Has No Borders" 7:00 pm at The Nancy and David Bilheimer Capitol Theatre

#### FREE TICKETS

The United Nations declared 2002 as "The Year of the Mountains." Cuba hosted the conference inviting conservationists from across the Americas and Caribbean region to meet. The coordinator of the UN programs in Cuba invited Clyde Butcher to create a portfolio of the mountainous lands of Cuba; Clyde set out on three week-long expeditions into unfamiliar lands.

This presentation Clyde will discuss his sense of dedication to use his art form, photography to show people that there is a unity between all undisturbed natural places, whether a peak of a mountain range in Cuba, the wetlands where water covers the soil, or a streambed in an urban watershed. Clyde's work is important aesthetically, and it is his hope that it will provide a vital tool for energizing efforts to preserve wilderness and wildlife habitat.

See the exhibits <u>CUBA: The Natural Beauty - The Photographic Expeditions of</u> <u>Clyde Butcher</u> and <u>El Arte: Echoes of Cuba</u> now through October 31st

### **August Events**

- Aug 7 Sailing Out of Summer
- Aug 12 The Market Marie on Cleveland Street
- Aug 14 Downtown Gateway Business and Neighbors Association Meeting
- Aug 16 Clyde Butcher Lecture and Book Signing
- Aug 19 Clearwater Arts Alliance Public Art Walk

# We want to hear from you!

Complete our short survey to tell us what activities and businesses you would like to see in Downtown Clearwater?





**Complete Survey** 

**Grant Programs** 



#### **CRA Business Assistance Grants**

The Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) is offering a mix of business assistance grants for existing businesses and property owners located within the CRA boundaries. As well as for new businesses looking to open within the CRA boundaries.

Applications and additional information at: downtownclearwater.com/grants

#### **Cultural Affairs Non-Profit Grants**

The City of Clearwater's Cultural Grant application is currently open for a second round of funding. This grant is open to non-profit organizations for either ongoing program support or a one time performance/event. Ongoing support is for organizations that continued performance and educational programs during the pandemic. One-time grant funds may be used for a single event or performance as well as an arts and/or culture exhibit or installation that will not have ongoing support costs. Total available awards is \$428,850. No organization shall receive a cumulative award of more than \$250,000.

APPLY HERE - deadline is September 20, 2023

Creative Pinellas is offering a free grant writing workshop specifically for this grant. The workshop will be held on August 11th at 3:00pm at Creative Pinellas 12211 Walsingham Rd, Largo, FL 33778. <u>Register for Workshop</u>.

#### More Downtown and Community Info



#### Yoga Everybody Wednesday

Every Wednesday night this summer Station Square Park is home to Yoga in the Park presented by <u>Yoga</u> <u>Village</u>.



#### Thinking Outside the Box

The Clearwater Arts Alliance proudly announces several recent installations in its "<u>Thinking Outside</u> <u>the Box</u>" project to bring art and beauty to Downtown and throughout Clearwater.

Learn more and register.

Art Sails into Downtown and Clyde Butcher Returns to Clearwater



#### The Market Marie

<u>Saturday, August 12</u> | 10:00 am -2:00 pm | Cleveland Street and Garden Avenue

The second Saturday of each month featuring a mix of 100+ local businesses.



Public Art Walk Saturday, August 19 | 10:30 am

Clearwater Arts Alliance presents Public Art Walk on the third Saturday of each month.



#### Downtown Gateway Business and Neighbors Association

Monday, August 14 | Hacienda Corralejo, 1230 Cleveland Street

The <u>second Monday</u> of each month. Mix and mingle at 5:30 pm followed by the meeting from 6:00 - 7:00 pm.



Businesses Remain Open during Construction

<u>Cleveland Streetscape Phase III</u> and Mercado construction continues in the Downtown Gateway neighborhood and as we get closer to project completion this summer we remind you that all businesses remain open during construction.

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