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Secretary Hood Announces an Exhibition of Works by the Center for Emerging Art

Tallahassee, FL -- Secretary of State Glenda E. Hood announced today an exhibition of mixed-media works from the Center for Emerging Art of Miami Beach. The exhibition, entitled "Preserving the Legacy and Digital Divide," features artwork created by senior citizens and people with disabilities. The works were created through artist-in-residence programs conducted by the Center for Emerging Art and will be on display at the Old Capitol Gallery from July 7, 2004 through October 3, 2004. "The Department of State is delighted to host this exhibition which is the direct result of our arts in education grant program," said Secretary Hood.

The educational outreach programs offered by the Center for Emerging Art are designed to make lifelong learning and quality educational opportunities available in the visual arts to Florida's seniors and people with disabilities. Program participants engage in educational workshops and hands-on art making activities to share their life experiences through the creation of original works of art. The artworks on exhibit incorporate a variety of artistic media from quilting to painting and depict the personal stories and cultures of the participants.

Founded in 1995, the Center for Emerging Art's mission is to facilitate a forum in which artists and the public can together challenge traditions, explore new ideas, and serve as a gateway through which the artists can enter the arts mainstream. Through the presentation of

exhibitions, performances, artistic programming, education, and research, the Center directs its efforts to respond to the ever-changing, total artists' and community's needs.

The Old Capitol Gallery is located in the Capitol Complex in the Lower Level Rotunda of the Old Capitol. Hours are Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; and Sunday, 12:00 noon to 4:30 p.m. For further information, contact Erin Long at the Division of Cultural Affairs at (850) 245-6475 or visit www.Florida-Arts.org.

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