

Arts on the Horizon

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What could be better?

A walk in late spring with cooling breezes along the bay? Perhaps before a lovely lunch at one of Sarasota's nearby restaurants while seeing the Dolphin fountain spray water into the blue puffy-cloud strewn sky? Hearing beautiful music play on your Walkman (ha ha, just retro-joking). Or discussing some esoteric event with someone you care about? What could be better? Doing all of the foregoing, while strolling around the 45 giant billboard-sized works of art during the Embracing Our Differences display at Island Park in downtown Sarasota. There were 8,350 works that people thought were worth submitting – 45 were selected for display through May 31.

Why not go with a friend, family member or young child and have your own competition – have everyone choose their three favorite images and tell each other why. The young child might change your mind about something. If you really enjoy the show, wait three days, pick another friend, and do it again.



Apples and Orange by: Ashly Lovett, West Monroe, Louisiana.
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