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Local Artist captures essence of Seminole

Barbara Salazar's vintage art shines bright

Approximately nine months ago Seminole Mayor Leslie Waters privately commissioned local artist Barbara Salazar to create an art piece that would capture the essence of the City Of Seminole.

In 2020 the City of Seminole will be celebrating the 50th anniversary of incorporation. In preparation for this important milestone, the two ladies worked on a colorful depiction of important highlights that add to the evolving and family-friendly city of 18,000.

The "S" represents the flag banners hanging on poles around town, recognizing Seminole's red-white-blue initiative.

"E"-Tree City USA has for 17 years recognized Seminole's management of public trees in parks and shady green spaces.

"M" – This entire letter is dedicated to the Seminole-St. Petersburg College joint use public library, a hub of learning, reading, diverse events and services for citizens of all ages.

"I" – The Pinellas County Sheriff's has always provided law enforcement services to the City, and their seal is the dot; and the Seminole Seal with Chief Osceola, the influential leader of the Seminole Tribe, is proudly depicted.

"N" – In front of Seminole City Hall during past Novembers the Field of Honor, with hundreds of flags, are displayed to give tribute to our veterans and men and women in uniform.

"O" – Seminole City Park is a gem, with wildlife, state-of-the-art playground equipment, the historical museum, and the Parkview Room, suited for various public and private special events.

"L" – Seminole has the honor of being designated a Purple Heart City as well as a Dementia Friendly City.

"E" – The Seminole Water Tower once was a reminder of the original source of water delivery to area homes and businesses. Also, offers a sketch representing Seminole Fire-Rescue fire engine, and the City Center retail and entertainment epi-center of Sunny Seminole.

Barbara Salazar will be at Seminole's Art-in-the Park on Saturday April 21, 10:00-2:00pm with framed vintage Seminole art for display in offices and homes; note cards, caps, postcards, t-shirt and other merchandise; as well as other art creations. Support this local Seminole artist!

For further details, please contact Mayor Leslie Waters, 727-391-0204 x102; or Barbara Salazar, 727-424-3424, <u>artbysalazar@gmail.com</u>

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