



eco'arts event: June 8, 2006 | International Visions Arts Gallery, Washington DC

To have healthy people and health communities, a healthy planet is a must...

addressing environmental issues with creativity!

eco'arts project by Arts For Global Development | Art4Development.Net intends to tackle vital developmental issues with creativity; inform and inspire individuals to take preventive actions; and acknowledge those creative individuals who focus on habitat and environmental challenges.



eco'arts consists of an arts project presenting images of artworks / projects / performances created by artists and advocates from around the world; a catalogue listing information on the arts project participants; an online site providing resources about creative projects that address environmental issues; and an educational event in Washington DC commemorating the World Environment Day (WED).

WED celebrated each year on June 5th, is one of the principal vehicles through which the United Nations stimulates worldwide awareness of the environment and enhances citizen action.



The eco'arts event took place on June 8 at the International Visions Arts Gallery featuring guest speaker, *David Waskow* who is the International Program Director of the non-profit organization, Friends of the Earth. He emphasized the effects of climate change, global warming and gas consumptions as well as provided guidelines in which participants could implement in protecting the environment. The Arts For Global Development, Inc founder and president *Nil Sismanyazici Navaie* presented the eco'arts project, talked about the connection between the arts and the environment, and highlighted the importance of taking immediate preventive measures on environmental issues. In addition, the Creator of Postcards from Katrina Project, *Tambra Stevenson* introduced her project to bring awareness that people in the Gulf Region still need help and hope.



The arts project of eco'arts was launched in May 2006 to facilitate an opportunity for individuals / groups (*who care about environmental issues; use environmental friendly materials and recycled objects to shape their work; raise awareness on environmental challenges or organize eco-friendly projects*) to share their works and ideas. Through the call placed on Art4Development.Net E-Community and supporting online platforms, within 31 days of its launch eco'arts received artwork and art project images from over 60 artists from the USA, Canada, Italy, Germany, Netherlands, Sierra Leone, Columbia, Angola, Finland, South Africa...



The **eco'arts mural**, suspended from the ceiling, displays images of artworks / projects / performances created by those artists and advocates who shared their work with Art4Development.Net. The mural measures 24 x 48 inches and has two sides. eco'arts, which is a collage of works placed on wood, decorated with acrylic paint, mirrors, ornament, and silk leaves, depicts the connection of humanity and environment, and calls for protective action!



The eco'arts event guests were artists, representatives of cultural organizations, environmental agencies, graduate students, development and social marketing specialists, and more.

For further details on the eco'arts project please contact Arts For Global Development, Inc at info@art4development.net.



eco'arts mural
at the International Visions
Gallery - Washington, DC

