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## Local Artist's Flower Photograph Selected for Exhibition

Westchase resident and artist Teresa Trubilla finds her inspiration just steps outside her back door.

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Beauty can found in the simplest things.

For Teresa Trubilla, Westchase Artists Association president and nature photographer, that means a simple stroll around her backyard or the retention pond behind her home.

"Learn to know your subjects- the birds, the animals – to better understand their habitat," she said about her technique for finding inspiration. "Nature photography takes a lot of sitting and being still."

Last month, Trubilla's nature photography was selected for an exhibit by internationally acclaimed photographer Clyde Butcher.

"It's an all Florida photography exhibit juried by Clyde," says Andy Brown, **United Arts Council of Collier County** (<http://www.collierarts.com/>) Program Manager. "This was primarily a landscape show, but that's loosely defined. Most jurors are looking for a combination of originality and expertise with the medium."

Of the 71 artist who submitted their work for the Rookery Bay Photography exhibit, 38 are displayed in the exhibition which runs through April 1. Trubilla's selected piece is a photograph of a flower called "In the Silence."

"I've always liked his (*Clyde Butcher's*) photography- he's sort of the Ansel Adams of the Everglades and I fanned him on Facebook," explains Trubilla. "That's where I saw the announcement about the show."

The daughter of an avid sportsman, Teresa discovered her passion for the outdoors at a young age. Not until 2007, when she joined the **Westchase Artists Society** (<http://www.westchaseartists.com/wa/index.htm>) did she find her creative voice.

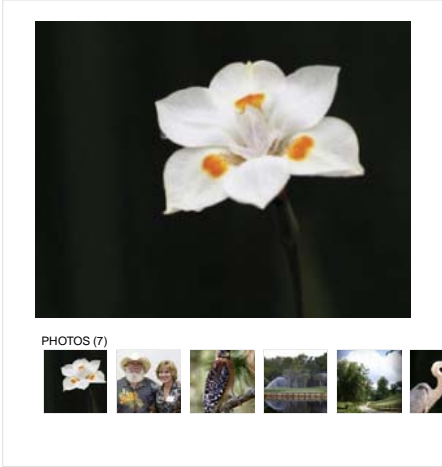
"I took a couple of photography classes in high school and one college, but when they came out with digital cameras it made it possible to do a lot more with photography," she said. "I really enjoy nature and landscape photography."

Trubilla practices her craft and participates in photography exhibitions at many locations including the Museum of Science and Industry, Florida Museum of Photographic Arts, Upper Tampa Chamber of Commerce, Carrollwood Cultural Center and **Upper Tampa Bay Library** (<http://westchase.patch.com/listings/upper-tampa-bay-regional-library>).

Ultimately, Trubilla stresses the importance of respecting nature.

"No picture is ever worth hurting your subject," she said. "In other words, don't do anything that's going to endanger the wildlife you are taking pictures of or destroy the place where you'd been."

To see Trubilla's work, go to: **Great Art and Frame in West Park Village**. (<http://www.greatartandframe.com>)



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