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**Polasek Museum Announces Fall Exhibit “Captured in Paint: Central Florida in Art”
Local Private Collection Showcases Exquisite Contemporary Plein Air Landscapes**

WINTER PARK, Fla. – The Albin Polasek Museum & Sculpture Gardens is pleased to announce an exhibit that highlights the new “Florida School of Painters.” *Captured in Paint: Central Florida in Art* will run from Tuesday, September 12 to Sunday, December 3, 2017. The works on display come from the private collection of Hal Stringer and Kevin Miller, local art collectors and *plein air* advocates. This exhibit explores a collection of contemporary landscapes illustrating the Central Florida we love—one filled with light, atmosphere, dramatic weather, and a myriad of lush ecosystems from palmetto scrub to sandy beaches – depicted by various *plein air* artists.

Plein air comes from the French word meaning “open air” and is the painting style that the artists featured in the collection embrace. These stunning canvases become more impressive when the viewer considers the challenging factors for the artist who chooses to paint in the field, with shifting natural light and a range of temperatures and weather conditions. *Captured in Paint: Central Florida in Art* also nobly illustrates and helps to preserve some of Central Florida’s most beloved natural landscapes.

“It is our hope that this collection of contemporary Florida landscapes not only captures the beauty of this remarkable, sunshine-drenched state but will also kindle the spark of conservation within each viewer’s heart,” said Polasek Museum Curator Rachel Frisby. “This exhibit is a celebration of what the Florida landscape is today as we highlight relevant conservation challenges and the triumphs of our next generation of the Florida School painters.”

Stringer, one of the collection’s co-owners, is the co-chair of the annual Winter Park Paint Out, a week-long festival that brings acclaimed *plein air* artists to Central Florida, making Winter Park a destination for art collectors as well as an educational hub with free art demos throughout the week.

About the Albin Polasek Museum & Sculpture Gardens: Founded in 1961, the Albin Polasek Museum & Sculpture Gardens features guided tours of the world-renowned Czech-American sculptor's home and studio, his exquisite works of art, and serene gardens as well as rotating gallery exhibits, educational programming, and the restored 1885 Capen House. Polasek was a 2004 Florida Artists Hall of Fame recipient, and his home is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The museum is also home to the historic 1885 Capen-Showalter House that was saved from demolition, renovated, and re-opened to the public as an event and meeting space in 2015.

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