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Community mural dedicated

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RUSKIN - About 175 people witnessed the [dedication ceremonies](#) of the mural adorning the exterior of the domed building that houses Second Hand Rose at the intersection of U.S. 41 and [Shell Point Road](#).

The work was a collaboration of volunteers, many of whom experienced workshops under the guidance of acclaimed artist Josette Urso.

Urso, who grew up in Tampa and graduated from the University of South Florida's School of Art, lives and works in New York City. She responded to a "Call to Artists" that appeared on the Internet in the early summer.

The South Shore Arts Council, the sponsoring group, selected [Urso](#) because of her impressive background, body of work and her eagerness to the challenging project. [Funding was provided by the Community Foundation of Greater Sun City Center.](#)

People from all over South Shore, some of whom had never painted before, came to the early workshops to discuss, sort out and display many visual ideas that evolved under Urso's direction. With paper, scissors and paint, they collaborated on collages that grew out of forms found in nature in the area, and then transferred their ideas onto the exterior of the building.

Titled "Seed to Bloom," the result is an innovative, [organic flow](#) of [abstract designs](#) that circles the building in delicate pastel colors.

This is the second [community mural](#) sponsored by the South Shore Arts Council, in connection with the annual [Ruskin Big Draw](#). Last year's mural, directed by [Michael Parker](#) and created by many hands, commemorated

Ruskin's first 100 years on the 100-by-20-foot exterior of the old Clark Furniture building.

A staff report