



Francis Hardy Center for the Arts Common Ground Exhibit

Supporting Solutions through Community

COMMON GROUND ENVIRONMENTAL ART EXHIBITION

Common Ground is an exciting fine art exhibit that brought together over 50 artists, scientists and writers to interpret the natural beauty of Door County, as well as the environmental threats to the region. The exhibit, sponsored by the Francis Hardy Center for the Arts, will address human impacts on the peninsula's air, water, and soil, and the loss of natural habitats. Issues relating to land use, surface and groundwater contamination, and urban and agricultural pollution will be examined through posters, original artwork and publication of a Common Ground book.

LNRP funds will also support a series of twelve lectures/workshops with local and regional experts discussing Door County's environment. This exhibition melding art and science will also travel to Green Bay, Manitowoc and the State Capitol in Madison.

FINAL PROJECT REPORT

"This exhibit challenged artists and scientists to participate in a group focus...so art could speak with a deeper voice. This collaboration heralds a new paradigm of action throughout the community. This exhibit brings to reality a vision of using art as the vehicle for communication of important issues." Jan Comstock, Director of the Francis Hardy Center for the Arts.

The exhibit was an innovative way to communicate environmental awareness to the public so that people can draw their own conclusions from the resource of art and information. A highlight was 25 well attended educational programs on basin environmental issues and opportunities.

185 participants
65 artists
25 speakers
18 writers/poets
7 tech support
67 students

At a Glance...

Project Goal:

To foster collaboration between artists, poets, musicians and scientists as they focus on environmental awareness and education through themes of beauty and environmental issues in Door County. ...participants endeavor to heighten community environmental awareness through multi-discipline collaboration of science and multi-media fine art.

Grant Recipient:

Francis Hardy Center for the Arts
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Over 7,200 people visited the exhibit over its 44 days between July 16 and August 29, 2004.

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