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**"Pinking" the Corpus Christi Bayfront:
A Collaborative Effort to support Breast Cancer Awareness**

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas- The Art Center of Corpus Christi has come together with our bayfront neighbors at the Corpus Christi Yacht Club, Corpus Christi Marina, and several Shoreline businesses to hoist over **500 pink flags** along the bay in honor and remembrance of those among us who have been touched by breast cancer in some way. October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and Ann Hennis, Past Commodore of the Corpus Christi Yacht Club, is this year's **"Unique Pink"** celebration coordinator. Through her efforts, hundreds of pink flags will be hoisted from **9:00-10:00 am on October 15th** and they will stay up for two weeks, **"pinking"** the bayfront. In addition to the pink flags, the City's Parks & Recreation Department has arranged for the water in the Water Garden and lights in the City's Splash Park to be pink for a period of time! The Art Center of Corpus Christi will be hosting a special exhibit, "Art for Breast Cancer Awareness" featuring over 40 pieces by Carroll High School art students who are exhibiting their personal pieces of art for the first time in a professional gallery. These students all have their own stories about how their lives have been affected by cancer and their pieces reflect the pain, struggles, and even joyous moments patients experience during their fight for survival. From the magic moments with survivors to touching stories of dear friends and family we miss, your participation and support in spreading awareness will make a difference in the Coastal Bend. Join us at the Art Center on **Thursday, October 13th from 5:00-7:00 pm** for a special artists reception to honor the students of Carroll High School, and kick off the two week **Unique Pink** celebration along the Corpus Christi Bayfront.

WHO: Media, Press, Members of the Community, Cancer Fighters, Survivors and Supporters

WHAT: **Pinking** the Bayfront & Artists Reception for Carroll High School Art Students

WHEN: Kick-off Reception on Thursday, October 13th from 5:00-7:00 pm at the Art Center & Hoisting of the flags on Saturday, October 15th by 10:00 am along the Bayfront

WHERE: The Art Center of Corpus Christi at 100 Shoreline Blvd.
The Corpus Christi Yacht Club at 98 Cooper's Alley
The Bay Yacht Club on Lawrence St. T-Head
Texas State Aquarium at 2710 N. Shoreline Blvd.
Harrison's Landing at 108 People's Street
The Corpus Christi Marina at 400 N. Shoreline Blvd.
Sea Wall Food & Spirits at 520 S. Shoreline Blvd
Marshall's Business Records at 1525 N. Shoreline Blvd.

WHY: Inspired by Corpus Christi sailor and geologist, Virginia Henderson's courageous struggle with breast cancer.

“What a Difference a Bay Makes” by Virginia Henderson (1959- 2001)



Photo: Corpus Christi Yacht Club – 2010

About the Art Center of Corpus Christi The Art Center of Corpus

Christi (www.artcentercc.org 361-884-6406) was founded as a community art center and 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization in 1972. “The Center” provides an environment for creative expression with educational programs and exhibition of the arts. Its facilities include nine art organizations, five gallery spaces, and studio space for art classes. The Art Center is located at 100 Shoreline Boulevard on Corpus Christi’s historic bayfront. Its facilities are available for weddings, receptions, and special events. The Art Center has free admission and is open to the public Tuesday through Sunday, 10 am to 4 pm.