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WHAT: Islander Art Exhibit at South Texas Botanical Gardens & Nature Center

WHEN: Friday, Oct. 24, through Sunday, Nov. 16, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. A closing reception will be held on Friday, Nov. 14, from 4-6 p.m. Best time for interviews is Tuesdays and Fridays, 9-10:30 a.m. through Nov. 14.

WHERE: South Texas Botanical Gardens & Nature Center, 8545 S. Staples St.

INTERVIEW OP: Michael Womack, Botanical Gardens Executive Director, and TAMU-CC graduate assistant and Emily Roberts, TAMU-CC graduate assistant

Student Sculptures Bring Flora and Fauna to Life at South Texas Botanical Gardens & Nature Center

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas — Visitors to the South Texas Botanical Gardens & Nature Center can now enjoy a vibrant new art display created by Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi students.

The works were created by students enrolled in beginner-level ceramics and sculpture classes taught by Island University art instructors Marian Ruvalcaba Cruz, Dr. JinSun Kim, and graduate assistant students Ian Manseau '26 and Emily Roberts '20.

Approximately 15 students participated in this year's exhibition, contributing a total of 58 unique artworks now on display throughout the gardens. The partnership between Texas A&M-Corpus Christi and the South Texas Botanical Gardens continues to offer students a hands-on opportunity to share their creativity with the broader community while highlighting the region's natural beauty.

The exhibit is open to the public during the South Texas Botanical Gardens & Nature Center, Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Pieces may be purchased, with 15% to Botanical Gardens. Take photograph of display card, take to Gift Shop to reserve. **-A&M-Corpus Christi-**

