



The girls in the art class display their paintings alongside Artist Patrick Gaughan's famous framed print entitled THE LEOPARD.



Elio (right) indicated Mr. Patrick (left) was a very good teacher and thanked him for volunteering his time at the Youth Ranch in Safety Harbor.

## Developing Creative Minds

Patrick J. Gaughan's respect for law enforcement began at a very early age. His father, a Sergeant in the police force, was killed in the line of duty when he was 11 years old. His mother became Indiana's first undercover Policewoman.

After a successful business career, he discovered a flair for some very colorful painting. With a strong charitable desire to merge his affinity for law enforcement with his artistic talents, Mr. Patrick (as he

is known to the kids) decided to volunteer his time teaching art classes to the youngsters at the Youth Ranch in Safety Harbor.

The teenagers participating in the classes expressed tremendous interest in this hobby. After completing her first project, Lindsey proclaimed "Painting is 'spiffy'...I really like art." Ashlee identified her creation as "something out of Star Wars." Other youngsters, like Amanda, took a more philosophical approach and named her painting "Romeo and Juliette" because the two circles are so far away from each other on the canvas.



Residential artist Patrick Gaughan (center, back) joined with Recreational Director Jeff Harrell (third from right) to present Certificates of Achievement in Art to youngsters at the Youth Ranch/Safety Harbor.





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## The True Meaning of Christmas



The true meaning of Christmas. Since when does anyone know about the true meaning of Christmas. Most of the population celebrates Christmas with Santa Claus but that's not what it's all about. I am going to tell you my side of the story. My side is the side of the birth of Christ. He was born for a reason and that reason is way more important than anyone that is born. The reason he was born is so he could get

beaten and get put on the cross for our sins. That whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life with Jesus. So the true meaning of Christmas isn't about Santa Claus, and it's really not about getting things either. The meaning of Christmas is truly about giving. Giving to people is the best thing about Christmas and of course Jesus, who gave the most of all.

-by Gree Rineheisen

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### Scripture of the Month

Luke 2:8-14, 16

Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night.

And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid.

Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people.

For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

And this will be the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger."

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying:

*"Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!"*

And they came with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the Babe lying in a manger.

### The Artist of Magic

Mr. Pat Gaughan is truly a man of many talents. He is a professional financial planner turned painter and part time magician. All his work is absolutely superb. He came into painting late in his life. He searched and found that painting satisfied his desire to create something beautiful.

The reason for his use of vivid colors is due to the fact that Mr. Gaughan is color blind. His use of color sets him apart from other artists, giving his work a unique touch never seen before. Some of his paintings include: *The Leopard*, *Winers Circle*, *Ice Dancer*, and *Girl on the Beach*.

As a business-person, Mr. Gaughan intertwines the joy and experience of magic into his seminars on financial planning. He has learned to read minds, predict selected cards, and make sponge-balls appear from empty hands.

Mr. Gaughan recently took time from his schedule to come to the Boys Ranch and give an art class known as "Stone Art". Stone Art is a cool way to take broken pieces of stone and turn them into something new and totally unique. The process is simple. All you do is take pieces of stone and glue them together on a flat base of the same stone to form a cliff with a flat mountain top. The top of the cliff must be flat because you will be putting a lighthouse on it. The cliff only takes up part of the base so that you can use the flat part as a cutting board. It's a fun project that doesn't take a lot of time and makes a great Christmas present.

I'm proud of the fact that I know a man like Mr. Gaughan. I hope that he can take the time to come out again and show us what other cool things he can pull out of his hat.

-James Glass



Above: Mr. Patrick Gaughan and James G. Below: Phillip shows off his stone masterpiece.





**Artist Patrick Gaughan (back, right) and young artistic protégées welcome Chester the Mosaic Manatee to the Youth Ranch in Safety Harbor.**

## **Chester The Mosaic Manatee**

With the help of local artist Patrick Gaughan and the General Robert H. Gaughan Foundation, the boys and girls of the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranch in Safety Harbor have been working on a special art project this summer. The six foot sculpture arrived as white as snow but will be transformed by the youngsters into a colorful piece of art with a unique identity. Taking several months to complete, Chester will be debuted at a special art show and auction at Ruth Eckered Hall on October 14th. Tickets for this event can be obtained by calling Don Meek at Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranch (727) 725-4761.

## Art Show Succeeds in Saving “Chester the Mosaic Manatee”

Artist Patrick Gaughan is a talented teacher with a heart for kids. Through his work with the General Robert H. Gaughan Foundation, he strives to enrich and

enlighten all children, whether socially, at-risk, neglected or having special needs, by providing opportunities to bring out their talents and establish self-confidence, all while enjoying the benefits and appreciation of the arts.

He embarked on a project with the children at the Youth Ranch in Safety Harbor to artistically decorate a six-foot ceramic manatee. Then, to ensure that Chester the Mosaic Manatee found a permanent home at the Ranch, Mr. Gaughan held a special art show



Pinellas County Sheriff Jim Coats (left) personally thanked Artist and Teacher Patrick Gaughan for his leadership and commitment to the youth of Florida.

Chester the Mosaic Manatee is covered in unique and creative designs made of mosaic glass. Some scenes to be found on Chester are a lighthouse, palm tree, tropical fish, braces in his smile, and even a teardrop. Each child had an opportunity to design something meaningful as they worked on creating a colorful coat for Chester!

and auction.

The evening was an immediate success as word spread that a special friend of the Youth Ranch had already ensured Chester would be a very special “Thanksgiving Gift” to the children this year. Many others who attended this festive event purchased several colorful paintings to help the cause that provides the art classes at the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranch in Safety Harbor.

# ★ Anthony's Magic ★

Magic tricks can make a boy's spine straighten, ears perk up and eyes widen with interest. He will focus intently on the show before him while his mind races to figure out how it happens. Intrigued by the slight of hand and the imagination of what could be, Rancher Anthony has found a new hobby.

His interest has grown dramatically as premier magician Patrick Gaughan and others of the Tampa Bay Magic Club have shown him a few tricks of the trade. Beginning with card tricks and now having earned a magic table of his own, Anthony is fascinated by this age old mastery of illusion and entertainment.

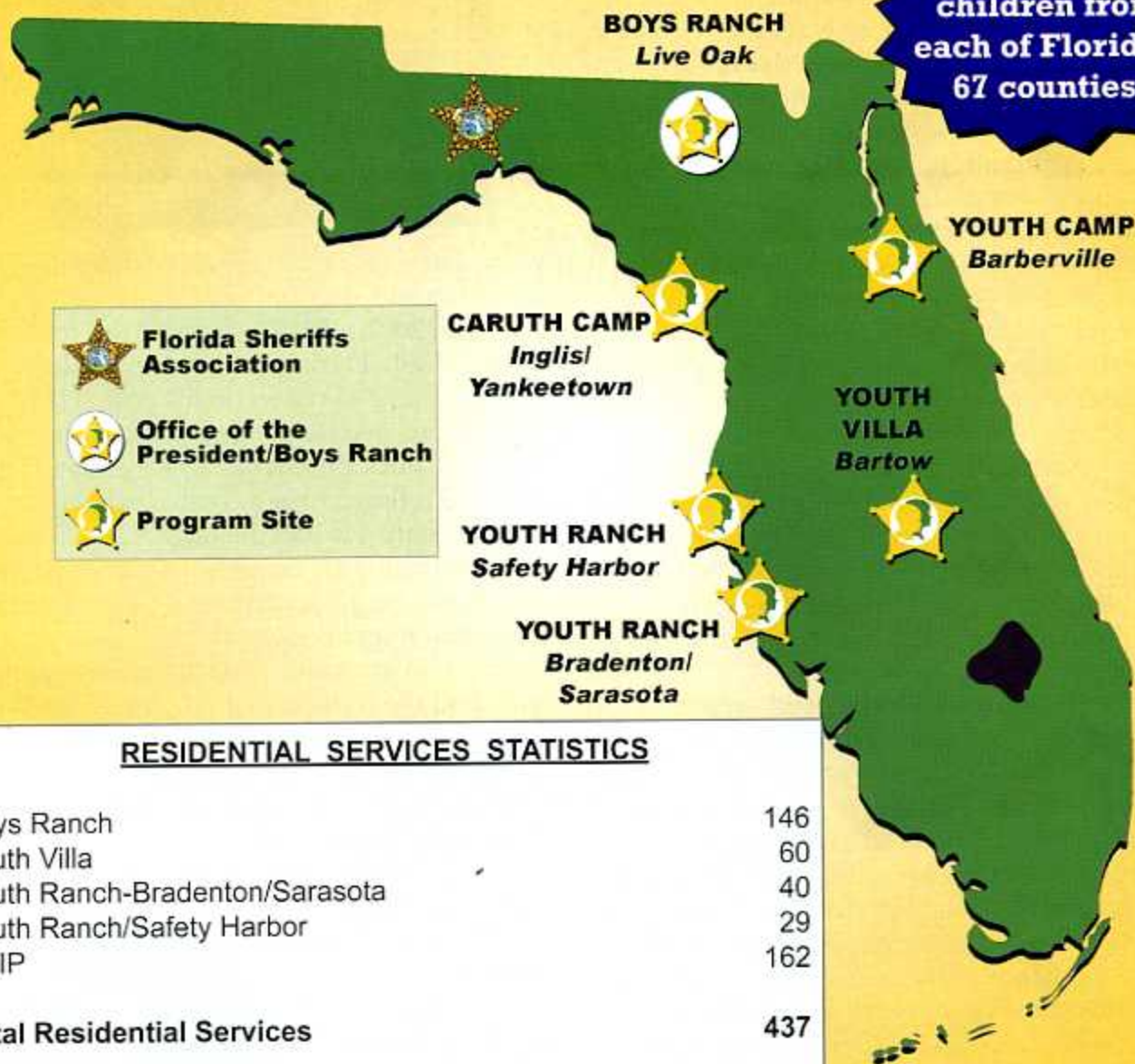
At home, his aunt is particularly pleased with this newfound hobby because it has prompted an improvement in his grades and attitude. She talks with Anthony's cottage mom on a regular basis and has given approval for him to continue this learning adventure during his teenage years. Back at the ranch, Anthony has a built in "mini" audience in his cottage and hopes to perform one day for the entire campus.



Coached by nationally known magician Patrick Brown (a.k.a. Mr. Bones), Anthony (left) learns a trick involving the folding of a dollar bill.

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## RESIDENTIAL SERVICES STATISTICS

Boys Ranch	146
Youth Villa	60
Youth Ranch-Bradenton/Sarasota	40
Youth Ranch/Safety Harbor	29
EDIP	162
<b>Total Residential Services</b>	<b>437</b>

## YOUTH SERVICES STATISTICS

Average Age of Youth in Residence	15 years, 2 months
Average Length of Stay in Residence	1 year, 1/2 month
Youth Served in Campus Learning Centers	134
Youth on A/B Honor Roll	43
Number of Youth on College Scholarship	12
Number of Youth Volunteering in Community	47
<b>Total Cases Opened Since 1957</b>	<b>79,072</b>

\* Statistics from 2004-2005

