

HABITAT ReSTORE

What's Happening?

What's happening in the art world, or more importantly in our corner of the world?

Artists who Edit Nature or Repurpose everyday items into Art. Sounds interesting and fun.

Our platinum sponsor Edgemont Highlands created a development that enhances the experience of living in the woods with nature at your back door. Tom Gorton engaged Mary Ellen Long to edit the trail in Edgemont Highlands to include her interpretations of art in nature. Symbolic and ever so natural you must look carefully to see the interpretations. Mary Ellen draws those who repurpose art and inspires them to look for things in nature to add to their repertoire. Zayda heard about Mary Ellen's work and decided to take advantage of one of Mary Ellen's Nature hikes.



This duo met and shared their experiences. Mary Ellen Long (Right) and Zayda Mestas (Left) Stand by ringed limbs embedded in the ground in the shape of a tree trunk

While designing her doll house her new puppy Jack kept getting inside and tried making a bed. The suitcase kept rocking. Zayda said, "I knew I was going to make a dog bed. I had to figure out how to stop the rocking. The feet! Then I had to make it all comfy." Jack loves his new bed. Everything is recycled and repurposed.

Are you a budding artist?

Now is the time to get started. Go to the Habitat ReStore in Bodo Park and find something funky! Make it into something you can use or appreciate as an art piece. Garden Art is great. Use your imagination like Zayda did! Enter your piece and we will show it in one of the homes during the Parade of Homes. This



Zayda Mestas is a 7 year old from Riverview Elementary School. She has been recycling and creating journals and art for two years. She collects maps, papers and odds and ends from the Habitat ReStore.

is a fund raising event for Habitat ReStore our Charity Partner. There will be a silent auction of the pieces at the homes.

So go to Habitat ReStore and rummage through great stuff! Bring your piece back to the ReStore the last three days of August. Great prizes and great exposure to budding artist and professional alike. Help Habitat and have fun too! Prizes for our winners!

Call Barb for details 382-9735 or Cindy 749-5642



This is her interpretation of Repurposing. She found a vintage turquoise Samsonite suitcase for \$10.00.

She was thinking "This would make a great doll house and you could carry it around".

While designing her "Doll House" something inspired her to change direction. "If only this had feet!"

Now this has possibilities!

Now she had direction and started to collect fabric for the inside of the suitcase.

Viola! A picture of the finished piece. Guess what I made?



Zayda and Yaya with Jack's new bed.