

# CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

*A Gift From The Bower* - April 22 & 23, 2023



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# A GIFT FROM THE BOWER

Opening Earth Day  
Weekend, 2023

Saturday | April 22, 11 AM-7 PM  
Sunday | April 23, 11 AM-7 PM

Leticia Bajuyo	Rachel Gardner	Patrick Renner
Susan Budge	Ronald L. Jones	Art Shirer
John Calaway	Sharon Kopriva	Kaneem Smith
Carlos Canul	Charmaine Locke	James Surls
Lina Dib	Jack Massing	George Tobolowsky
Alton DuLaney	Sherry Owens	

Locke Surls Center for Art and Nature  
Cleveland, TX

DiverseWorks is seeking volunteers to assist with the opening weekend extravaganza of the outdoor multidisciplinary exhibition, [\*A Gift From The Bower\*](#).

The event will take place at the [Locke Surls Center for Art and Nature](#) on Saturday and Sunday April 22 & 23, 2023 from 11 am - 7 pm.

Volunteers will have the opportunity to be involved in various aspects of the event, including set-up and take-down; assisting artists, performers & musicians; welcoming and guiding visitors; and providing event support. We welcome volunteers from all backgrounds and skill levels. This is a great opportunity to get

involved in a vibrant artistic community, gain hands-on experience in event operations, and meet new people who share your passion for the arts. A complimentary meal will be provided.

No experience is necessary, but we do ask that volunteers are:

- Reliable and punctual
- Comfortable working in an outdoor setting
- Able to stand for extended periods of time
- 21+

Email us at [events@diverseworks.org](mailto:events@diverseworks.org) with the following information by Sunday April 16, 2023:

- Your name and contact information
- Any relevant skills or experience you may have (such as event planning, art or performance experience, or customer service skills)
- Your availability on April 22 & 23. Shifts will be 4 hours.

We will review your response and follow up in the coming weeks. Thank you for your interest in volunteering and helping us make this exhibition a success!

## **ABOUT THE EXHIBITION**

[\*A Gift From The Bower\*](#) is an outdoor, multi-disciplinary exhibition that takes place in natural galleries formed by small clearings in the woods of the Locke Surls Center for Art and Nature (LSCAN) in Southeast Texas. Originally conceived by artists James Surls and Charmaine Locke, the project is co-curated by Jack Massing and Xandra Eden to include newly commissioned works by fourteen artists and artist teams. Each of the artworks is being created in collaboration with musicians, performers, and writers to create a unique experience in nature.

The opening of *A Gift From The Bower* also marks James Surls' 80th birthday and DiverseWorks 40th anniversary. Surls played a significant role in the early days of DiverseWorks and the overall development of artists and the arts scene in Houston. Opening festivities include live performances, artist talks, and special tours that will take place on Earth Day Weekend, April 22-23, 2023, from 11am-7pm each day.

As implied by its title, *A Gift From The Bower* has its starting point as a view of nature as a restorative, benevolent source. As the world experiences the unprecedented impacts of climate change, aspects of the flora and fauna of the grounds of LSCAN take a central role in a number of the artists' works, while others focus on community, the environment, and relationships to nature and land.

*A Gift From The Bower* will feature new work created by multiple generations of artists, including [Leticia Bajuyo](#) (Oklahoma), [John Calaway](#) (Texas/Mexico), [Carlos Canul](#) (Texas) and [Rachel Gardner](#) (Texas), [Lina Dib](#) (Texas), [Alton DuLaney](#) (Texas), [Ronald L. Jones](#) (Texas), [Sharon Kopriva](#) (Texas/Idaho), [Charmaine Locke](#) (Colorado), [Jack Massing](#) (Texas), [Sherry Owens](#) (Texas) and Art Shirer (Texas), [Patrick Renner](#) (Texas), [Kaneem Smith](#) (Texas), [James Surls](#) (Colorado), and [George Tobolowsky](#) (Texas) and [Susan Budge](#) (Texas).