



World-Renowned Zimbabwean Exhibit, *ZimSculpt*, Lands at Peace River Botanical & Sculpture Gardens

Sculptures Alight Punta Gorda Sanctuary for Global Once-A-Year Show, Feb 4-Apr 18

Punta Gorda, Fla. (Jan 25, 2022) – Peace River Botanical & Sculpture Gardens announces the arrival of ZimSculpt, an exclusive exhibit of modern Zimbabwean stone sculptures from Feb 4 through Apr 18, 2022. More than 100 African sculptures will be on display across the 30-acre sanctuary and gardens, and all will be available for purchase. The exhibit will also include a Zimbabwean marketplace where hundreds of unique carvings, traditional baskets, and jewelry will be available at retail.

ZimSculpt only travels from Africa to North America once a year for display in a preselected Garden. In 2022, this prestigious honor has been bestowed on the Peace River Botanical & Sculpture Gardens in Punta Gorda. Peace River also welcomes Zimbabwean sculptors Passmore Mupindiko and Brighton Layson, who will demonstrate their masterful artistry on select days throughout the show.

The exhibit's sculptures are known for their striking style that is unique to the Shona tribe of southern Africa. Hailed by *Newsweek* as "...perhaps the most important new art form to emerge from Africa in this century," the Zimbabwean pieces are carved from various types of serpentine and semi-precious stone, often weighing tons, and reaching heights of seven feet tall. The word *Zimbabwe* means "great stone house".

ZimSculpt is a curated artist collective of more than 200 hundred Zimbabwean sculptors including world-renowned artists and young apprentices. All ZimSculpt sculptures have been ethically sourced, and artists are fairly compensated for their talent.

During the exhibit, daily activities will surround themes: *Music Monday, Tasty Tuesday, Workshop Wednesday, Thirsty Thursday, Flower Friday, Sculptural Saturday, and Family Funday Sunday*. Tickets can be purchased through Eventbrite or at the gate.

Visit Peace River Gardens for more information on admission and special events.

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About ZimSculpt

ZimSculpt is passionate about promoting the work of some of the finest Zimbabwean sculptors. By holding exhibitions around the world and making sculptures available for purchase online, we let you experience some of the finest contemporary stone sculptures. Zimsculpt.com

About Peace River Gardens

Abutting the Peace River, Peace River Botanical & Sculpture Gardens is a 30-acre waterfront oasis that encompasses a diversity of five ecosystems including marshlands, wetlands, mangroves, uplands, a tidal basin and an island amphitheater. Flowering trees and plants bloom throughout the year, and more than 15,000 sq. ft. of boardwalks and docks provide optimum viewing of the Garden's sculptures. Peacrivergardens.org

ABOUT PUNTA GORDA/ENGLEWOOD BEACH

Punta Gorda/Englewood Beach is Florida's best kept secret of a charming natural paradise located on the idyllic Southwest Gulf Coast. This coastal community surrounding the state's second largest harbor sits conveniently between Tampa and Naples. Outdoor enthusiasts will find a haven of vibrant experiences in the sun-soaked oasis of the Southwest Florida islands, characterized by almost year-round sunshine and sub-tropical weather. Relaxation and discovery await in miles of waterways and inland exploration trails filled with unspoiled natural beauty. From beaches to boating, hiking to harbor tours, fishing to nature paths; to sun, shelling and fossilized sharks' teeth, Punta Gorda/Englewood Beach immerses lively locals and active adventurers in a pure island experience. Most notably known for its 830 miles of pristine unparalleled shoreline, including captivating river passages, a mangrove-edged aquatic preserve and more than a dozen miles of natural Gulf beaches, the Charlotte Harbor Gulf Island Coast includes the areas of Boca Grande, Don Pedro Island, Englewood-Cape Haze, Little Gasparilla Island, Manasota Key, Knight Island, Placida, Babcock Ranch, Port Charlotte and Punta Gorda.

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