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### **Fish Painting at the ELC**

WABASSO ISLAND, Fla. An art form originating from the desire of Japanese and Hawaiian fishermen to document their prize catches will be demonstrated to participants in an Environmental Learning Center (ELC) workshop on Saturday, February 20 from 10:30 AM until noon.

Artist MarSea Purdy will help those attending produce their own works of Gyotaku, literally meaning fish rubbing. The fish (a real one for her, rubber for the budding artists) will be painted with acrylics or inks and the image is then transferred to rice paper pressed against it. The crude impression is then artistically enhanced as a finished product.

The cost of the workshop is \$10 for adults and \$3 for children (\$8 and \$2 for ELC members), and reservations can be made by calling 772-589-5050

The Environmental Learning Center is located north of Vero Beach off County Road 510 at the western edge of the Wabasso Bridge. Its 64-acre island campus includes exhibit areas, native plant gardens, picnic facilities, gift shop and visitor center. A list of its many field excursions including hikes, boat excursions, nature walks and bird watching can be found at [www.DiscoverELC.org](http://www.DiscoverELC.org).

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