Microplastics Gallery Show

Modern society is immersed in plastic. From our household appliances to our handheld gadgets. From our clothes to our food to our beds, lined with synthetic fiber, to our work tables laminated in plastic tops. Plastic is everywhere, and in every size.

Microplastics are pieces of plastic that are 5mm or smaller. They are either manufactured at this size or have degraded from larger plastics. They are ingested by fish and other marine life, infiltrate our tap water systems, and absorb chemicals in the water that surrounds them.

This is a show about Microplastics. A gallery exhibition that serves as a bridge between the objective research on Microplastics and the subjective response to it. A bridge between the scientific and artistic community.

The show, scheduled to open in the fall 2018 and aiming to promote awareness on the issue, will exhibit multiple voices on Microplastics, both from the scientific community (through written/verbal statements, info-videos/infographics created by students, and physical samples of microplastics, etc) and the artistic community (through created works of paintings, sculpture, stickers, posters, etc).

Responsive Artwork

As an artist making work for this show, the content of your work would be a response to the issue of microplastics, not merely promotion of information. This can be in the form of an emotional response, political comment, a first impression, a call to action, a wish. This can be expressed in any artistic medium.

Size Limits - **Maximum** size:
2D work: 24 by 36 inches
3D Work: 24 x 24 x 36.
Time based mediums to be kept under 5 minutes.

The artist may choose to put up pieces for sale, with proceeds to be donated to UF/IFAS Extension Sarasota, to fund more research/volunteer programs into microplastics.

**Important Dates:**

April 22: Deadline to decide Artwork size/number/type
October 29-November 4: Collection Week: Artwork Due!
November 9: Gallery Show Opening
November 13 - December 14: Work is up

Any questions, comments or concerns feel free to email me, Tess at tlockey@c.ringling.edu!