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## Weber creates collection for Woodlands Conservancy

When Woodlands Conservancy began plans to celebrate their decade of conservation, they wanted to come up with an award that would be meaningful to their top contributors. The nonprofit organization has been working for the past 10 years to connect low lying greenways and trails in the peninsula formed by Orleans and Plaquemines Parishes. As the forested wetland provides habitat for hundreds of species of resident and migratory birds, the commonly seen Egret at the Woodlands site became the inspiration.

"Lots of people have plaques on their walls," said Katie Brasted, Executive Director of Woodlands Conservancy. "We wanted to thank our major contributors in a different way - by sharing a work of art of the forested wetland they support."

When local artist, Glen Weber, was approached, he was excited to create the piece. In fact, Weber, right, was so excited about creating the Summer Egret for Woodlands Conservancy's 10th Anniversary Gala; he proceeded to create a collection of four paintings

representing common sites at Woodlands during each of the seasons. Born in New Orleans, Weber lives in Lower Coast Algiers where he maintains a studio for creation of watercolors, oil paintings, portraits and etchings. He has been represented in fine galleries throughout the United States and in private collections in this country, as well as in England, Ireland, Italy and Japan. The top ten organization and individual contributors to Woodlands Conservancy during the past decade will receive a limited edition Giclee of the Summer Egret during the award ceremony at English Turn Country Club on October 14, 2011. Guests will receive a unique limited print edition of the "Summer Egret."

The Woodlands Conservancy greenway and trail system allows for increased access to wetlands that provide an "environmental classroom" to educate users of the value of conserving, restoring, creating and enhancing wetlands in Louisiana. For more information, visit [www.woodlandsconservancy.org](http://www.woodlandsconservancy.org).

