

## **The Jurying Process**

The Angels of the Arts Committee invites members of the community to nominate special individuals and businesses who make a difference in the Lee County Art Scene.

Nominees could be anyone: a sponsor, a teacher, a student, a painter, a dancer, an administrator; the committee welcomed them all. The nominee is eligible if their work is based year-round or part-time in Lee County, actively creating or supporting literary, performing, or visual art. No nominee may win in the same category twice in a row, so there's always someone new in the running each year. It only takes one nomination to get an individual or business to the next step.

That's when nominations are collected and nominees are contacted. Every nominee is asked to accept their nomination and submit a few samples of their work (if applicable) and give a quick answer to the question "Why do you do what you do for the arts?" Samples and statements were attached to the nomination forms, and copies of all these materials go to independent jurors in from outside Lee County.

Each juror reviews these packets and scores each nominee based on the information provided. The jurors ship the packages directly to an accounting firm in Fort Myers. The firm tabulates all the scores, and submits the results. The nominees receiving the highest combined score in each category will take home the Angels Awards.