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## Volunteers Needed for New Arts and Education Initiative

**LYNDHURST, N.J.** – The New Jersey Meadowlands Commission has launched an appeal today for volunteers to help establish a new arts initiative getting underway in February.

“Volunteers provide one of the pillars that allow this agency to provide the community services that we do,” said NJMC Executive Director Robert Ceberio. “We are going to try something innovative together with our partners at Ramapo College. We will bring together the innovation and engagement of the arts with the lessons of ecological wisdom and scientific inquiry sparked by our region in one series of programs for residents.”

To get the four months of dance, film, theater and awareness underway, the NJMC’s Meadowlands Environment Center is seeking ushers, house staff and greeters to assist your fellow residents and their enjoyment of our mutual artistic resources.

Interested residents are invited to reach out to Jane Stein at (201) 777-2413 or [jane.stein@njmeadowlands.gov](mailto:jane.stein@njmeadowlands.gov). Ms. Stein has joined this effort, drawing on her expertise as Director of Ramapo College’s Berrie Center for the Performing and Visual Arts. The NJMC welcomes her involvement and support of this important new program. The NJMC is proud of the many artists who hail from the District. The past year included many exhibits by talented artists, including the following:

- Elaine Lorenz’s “Earth Spiral” was unveiled in October 2006. The circular sculpture combines human craftsmanship with natural flora.
- Also in October 2006, The Flyway Gallery in the Meadowlands Environment Center hosted a nature-themed exhibit by the Art Association of Rutherford.
- “Species on the Edge,” an exhibit featuring award-winning artwork and essays by fifth-graders from across New Jersey, kicked off the Flyway Gallery’s 2007 exhibit schedule.
- Students from the South Bergen Jointure Commission provided artwork for the March 2007 exhibit, “Welcome to Our World: Artwork from Special Needs Children.”
- “Skyline: Natural Wonders and the Urban Landscape,” featured works by students from Hudson Community College in June 2007.

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