

FLPD MOUNTED POLICE MONUMENT

ARTIST NILDA COMAS
LEGACY ART STUDIO, INC.
MARCH 2022

Renderings of proposed Monument



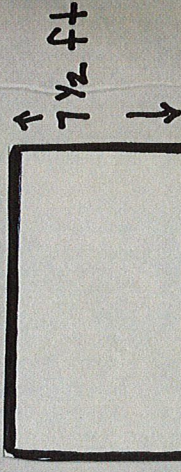


Monument Volume Area

Space

template

← 7 1/2 ft →



and Height 7 1/2 ft
of Monument

Proposed location in northwest
corner of Tunnel Park



LIFE-SIZE BRONZE MONUMENT PROPOSAL

FLPD MOUNTED POLICE

The honorable City of Fort Lauderdale Mounted Police are like Ambassadors, they create a feeling of safety within our citizens while patrolling the beach, our neighborhoods and streets such as Las Olas Boulevard. People smile when they see the Mounted Police and want to pet the horses, chat with the riders and take pictures with them.

The monument would consist of two lifesize bronze sculptures of our Mounted Police standing side by side in their usual stance, to be placed in our upcoming Tunnel Park.

The monument would be a wonderful opportunity for visitors, citizens and children to take pictures next to the monument and to view our Police in a positive, uplifting manner that honors their dedication to our city.













NILDA COMAS MFA, NSS

FINE ARTIST

The Legacy Art Studio

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Born: San Juan, Puerto Rico. Languages: Spanish, English, Italian and French

CURRICULUM VITAE

EDUCATION

1998-1999 Accademia de Belle Arti di Carrara, Italy (Post Grad Studies)
1998 New York Academy of Art, The Graduate School of Figurative Art, NYC area of specialization I: Sculpture, M.F.A. Cum Laude
1971-1974 University of Houston, Houston, Texas, B.F.A.
1970-1971 Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, Texas (studies in Fine Arts)
1969-1970 Universidad de Puerto Rico San Juan, PR Studies in Humanities, Philosophy.

CURRENT COMMISSIONS

2017-2021 Commissioned by FCAC Florida Council on Arts & Culture to create a marble sculpture of Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune to represent the State of Florida in the National Statuary Hall, at the US Capitol building in Washington, D.C.
2020-2021 Commissioned by the City of Daytona Beach, FL. to sculpt Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune 11 ft. in bronze for a park.
2021 Commissioned by the Church Our Lady of Guadalupe, Doral, FL. to sculpt a 9 ft. Sculpture for the Plaza of the Unborn.

PUBLIC COLLECTIONS.

2020 4 Large Bronze Reliefs, Plaza of the Church Our Lady of Guadalupe, Doral, Florida
2015 Life size Figure Bronze of Kaye Stevens for City Park, Margate, Florida
2015 10 ft. Bronze Corpus, sculpture of Christ on 20' wooden cross commissioned by the Archdiocese of Miami for the altar of the Church Our Lady of Guadalupe, Doral, Fla.
2015 9 ft. Marble Virgin Lady of Guadalupe commissioned by the Archdiocese of Miami for the plaza at the Church Our Lady of Guadalupe, City of Doral, Florida
2015 "Florida's Seminole Girl" 12 Ft. Monument in bronze with colorful ceramic tiles installed in City of Ft. Lauderdale for the 500th anniversary of Florida, sponsored by the Seminole Tribe of Florida, 100 City of Fort Lauderdale citizens and benefactor AJ Acker
2014 Lifesize Bronze Sculpture of "Danny de Gennaro" at Buck's County College, Buck's County, Pennsylvania.
2014 Portrait Bust in Bronze of wife of Founder of the City of Doral, Florida
2014 Lifesize Bronze T-Ball Player, installed in Holiday Park, Ft. Lauderdale, FL.

2013 Bronze of a Tequesta Indian, City of Ft. Lauderdale, Florida
2013 "Al Galopo" Museo dei Bozzetti, Centro Culturale "Luigi Russo", Pietrasanta, Italy
2000 Accademia di Belle Arti di Carrara, Italy
2000 Bronze of "Lil Blader" installed at Colee Hammock Park, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla
2000 Bronze sculpture named "Alive" installed at Chris Evert's Children's Center, Broward District Hospital, Broward County, Florida

AWARDS, HONORS & GRANTS

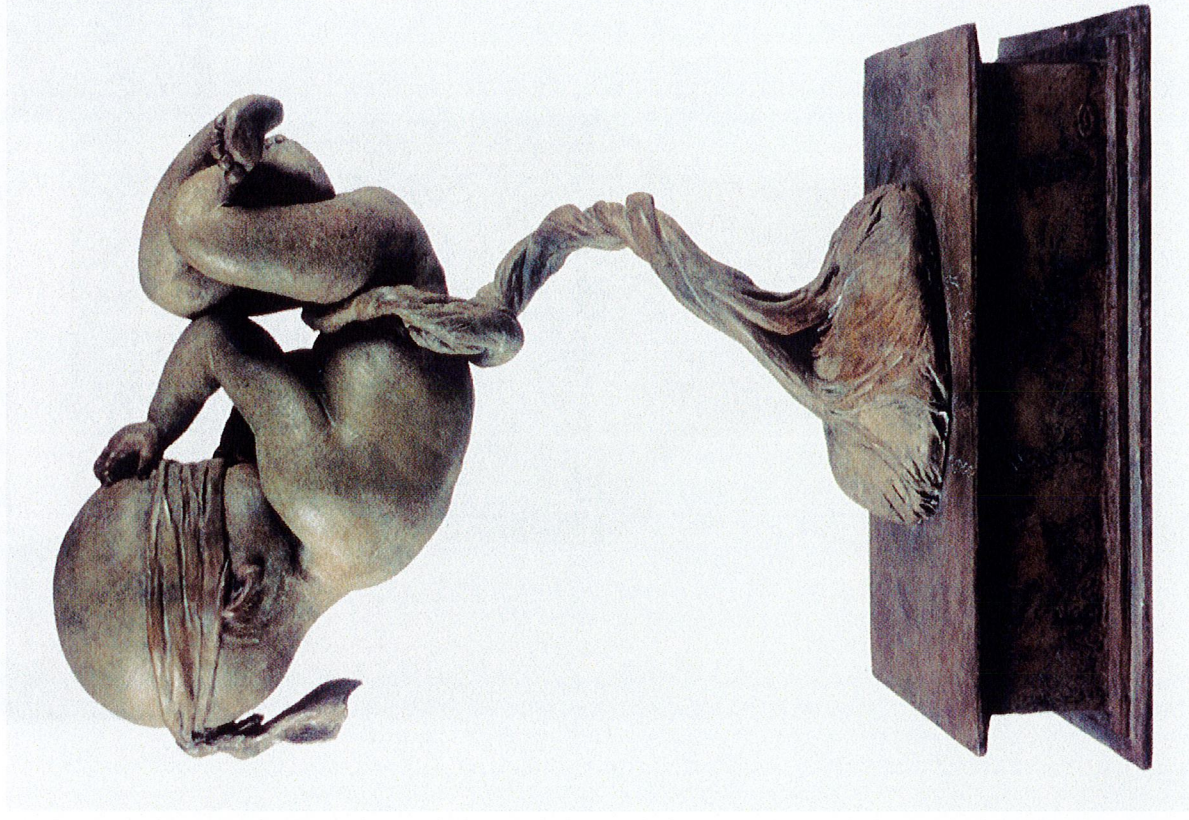
2020-2021 Interviewed by BBC, NPR, Discovery Channel, Biz in the Arts.
2018, Inducted to Broward County's Women's Hall of Fame
2017, Sun Sentinel newspaper will start a documentary video and written articles to have complete two year coverage of sculpting a Statue for the National Statuary Hall in Washington, DC
2017, City of Ft. Lauderdale WOW Award for Monument Florida, A Seminole Girl
2015 Filmed by Univision for a documentary about the art works at the Church Our Lady of Guadalupe
2015 Filmed by BBC for documentary on Marble Carvers in Italy
2011 Speaker at MOCA, Museum of Contemporary Art, Miami, FL
2010 Gate-way Bank, Speaker, Ocala, Florida
2009 Judge "Fine Arts for Ocala Exhibition", Ocala, Florida
2009 Interviewed by WLRN at The Legacy Art Studio
2008 ECD Grant from The Broward County Cultural Division for 2008-2009
2008 Mini-Grant from The Broward County Cultural Division for 2008-2009
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2007 Interviewed by WLRN at The Legacy Art Studio
2006 Sister City Grant, Ocala, Florida
2006 Award for Excellence, International Biennale, Palm Bch., Florida
2006 Master Artist and Speaker, International Biennale, Palm Bch., Fla
2004 Award for Excellence in Figurative Sculpture, Catherine Lorillard Wolfe Art Club, National Arts Club, NYC
2003 Best in Show Award, Westminster 142nd Exhibition of Women Artists, London, UK
2003 1st prize for Sculpture, Hambro Group Bank, London, UK
2000 National Sculpture Society Agop Agopoff Memorial Prize, NYC
2000-1999 Art in the Downtown Award, Downtown Development Authority, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida
1998 Filmed interview for TV Program "Good Morning Austria"
1998 Agop Agopoff Memorial Prize, National Sculpture Society, NYC
1998 Bronze Medal, National Sculpture Society, NYC
1997-1998 Andy Warhol Scholarship, The Graduate School of Figurative Art, NY Academy of Art, NYC

Monuments by Nilda Comas in the City of Fort Lauderdale

Lil' Blader Girl, 2002, bronze, 7.5' with base.
Capturing the saazyness and playfulness of little girls.
Colee Hammock Park, City of Ft. Lauderdale, Florida



ALIVE! 2002 Broward Health
Chris Evert Children's Center



Father Hannon as a Young Boy, 2007 Bronze,
4.5'x1.5'x1.7',
Rose Miniacci Fine Arts Bldg.,
St Anthony Catholic Church
Fort Lauderdale, Florida

Commissioned by the 8th grade graduating class.
Father Hannon was the Headmaster of School and
the children chose to depict him as a child dressed
for his first communion. The class wrote to his
family in Ireland for photos. The sculpture
commemorates his life.



Tequesta Indian, 2013
Lewis Landing Park



"FLORIDA" a Seminole Girl 2015,
at Stranahan Landing



Play Ball 2014,
Holiday Park



Awards and Recognitions in the City of Fort Lauderdale



**Broward County
Women's History Coalition**
Our History is Our Strength ... Women Empowering Women
www.womenhistorycoalition.org

January 18, 2018

Nilda Comas, FMA, NSS
The Legacy Art Studio
207 S. W. 5th Street
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33301

Dear Ms. Comas:

The Broward County Women's History Coalition is honored to advise that you have been selected as one of our 2018 Women's Hall of Fame Inductees. Your commitment to issues affecting both women and girls in our community is exemplary and we look forward to honoring you as a new member of Broward County's Women's Hall of Fame.

As an Inductee, we would like to offer you and a guest complimentary tickets for the **Induction Ceremony and Brunch** to be held on **Saturday, March 24, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. at the Carolina Club located at 3011 Rock Island Road, Margate, Florida.**

Of course, we hope that you will encourage additional friends and family to join with you in the celebration honoring your commitment to women's and children's issues which have positively impacted the residents of Broward County.

The individual cost of the brunch is \$65 and sponsorships are available. If you would like us to provide you additional invitations to share with your friends and family, please email BrowardCountyWomen@broward.org, and we will be happy to provide them.

Again, congratulations and we look forward to seeing you and your supporters on Saturday, March 24th. Should you have any questions or require additional information, please feel free to contact me personally at lisster@brhgc.org.

Sincerely,

Joanne Grealy Richter
President

St. Beth Lerner, Event Chair







WOW AWARD

Presented to
Artist Nilda Comas
for
"FLORIDA" A SEMINOLE GIRL
A bronze sculpture honoring the Seminole Tribe of Florida
and the 500th Anniversary of the State of Florida





City of Fort Lauderdale Community Appearance Board
NON-RESIDENTIAL WOW AWARD FOR COMMUNITY BEAUTIFICATION
"Florida" A Seminole Girl
Starbuck Landing Park 1,500 S. New River Drive East

Please welcome Community Appearance Board Vice Chair Barbara Van Hout
The City of Fort Lauderdale Community Appearance Board established the non-residential WOW Award for community beautification in 2016. This award is created to recognize elements that add to the aesthetic beauty of our community that are visible to the public. Examples include, but are not limited to, commercial and residential properties, murals, sculptures, monuments, memorials, bridges, walkways, and public art. The first non-residential WOW Award for community beautification is being presented to Nilda Comas for her bronze sculpture, "Florida" A Seminole Girl, which honors the Seminole Tribe of Florida and the State of Florida's 500th Anniversary.

Located in Starbuck Landing Park along our City's beautiful New River, the "Florida" A Seminole Girl sculpture is a masterpiece of art and history. The sculpture is a tribute to the Seminole Tribe of Florida and the State of Florida's 500th Anniversary. It is a masterpiece of art and history, and it is a testament to the City of Fort Lauderdale's commitment to community beautification and to the preservation of our heritage. The sculpture is a masterpiece of art and history, and it is a testament to the City of Fort Lauderdale's commitment to community beautification and to the preservation of our heritage.

We thank the Seminole Tribe of Florida for supporting and funding much of this project under the dedicated leadership of Larry Miles. Conoco is the City's largest contributor to the project, which was championed by the Venetian Art Society and its president, William Riddle. We also thank our Parks and Recreation Department for all of their efforts helping to coordinate this transformative project for our City.

The Fort Lauderdale City Commission and the Community Appearance Board are honored to present the inaugural non-residential WOW Award for Community Beautification to Nilda Comas for "Florida" A Seminole Girl, and we thank her for enhancing our New River and beautifying our City.

Nilda, we are pleased to present you with a certificate of appreciation from the City Commission, a gift certificate from P.F. Chang's restaurant, and an orchid donated by Home Depot to celebrate the recognition.

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GENVAS 2021
Icon of the Arts Honoree
NILDA COMAS
Master Sculptor

Friday, December 3, 2021



GENVAS
Venetian Arts Society
ULTIMA 21st Century Art Show

"Generation"
Venetian Arts Society of South Florida

NILDA MARTA COMAS

MASTER SCULPTOR

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Proclamation

In Recognition of
Nilda Comas
for the First Hispanic Woman to Sculpt a Statue
for the National Statuary Hall in the U.S. Capitol Building

WHEREAS, Nilda Comas, master sculptor, is a 39-year-old woman of Puerto Rican descent, an artist whose works are on display globally, a nationally respected award-winning architect's degree in Fine Arts from the University of Puerto Rico, and a master's degree in Fine Arts from the New York Academy of Figurative Arts with a master's degree in Fine Arts; and

WHEREAS, Nilda Comas work has been exhibited in the Ann Norton Sculpture Gardens in Palm Beach, Florida, the New York Academy of Art and the National Sculpture Society in New York, the Academia de Bella Arti di Carrara and the Chiesse di Sant' Agostino in Italy, and the Museum of Modern Art in New York; and her work has been collected in many source of local pride is her 12-foot sculpture, "Florida, a Seminole Indian Girl", located at Stranahall Landing on the bank of the New River; and

WHEREAS, Nilda Comas was commissioned by the State of Florida, from a list of over 1,000 sculptors, to create one of the statues in the National Statuary Hall in the U.S. Capitol Building in Washington, D.C. and her work has gained world-wide acclaim for Nilda Comas, and brought honor and distinction to the City of Fort Lauderdale; and

WHEREAS, The Black Rose, a 12-foot sculpture that stands proudly atop a 15-foot base, portrays the life of Rosa Parks, a civil rights leader, and a founder of the first dedicated college for African Americans; and

WHEREAS, on February 2, 2022, The Black Rose will be the first statue of an African American installed in the National Statuary Hall. Of equal significance, Nilda Comas will be the first Hispanic and the first woman to have her work displayed in the National Statuary Hall. This recognition is a testament to her talent, her commitment to the community, and her commitment to inclusion and diversity of the City of Fort Lauderdale and the State of Florida.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, as City Commissioners of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, do hereby proclaim the December 2, 2021, as:

Nilda Comas Day

in the City of Fort Lauderdale and we are inspired by her ongoing dedication to the enhancement of the arts and the cultural enrichment of our city.

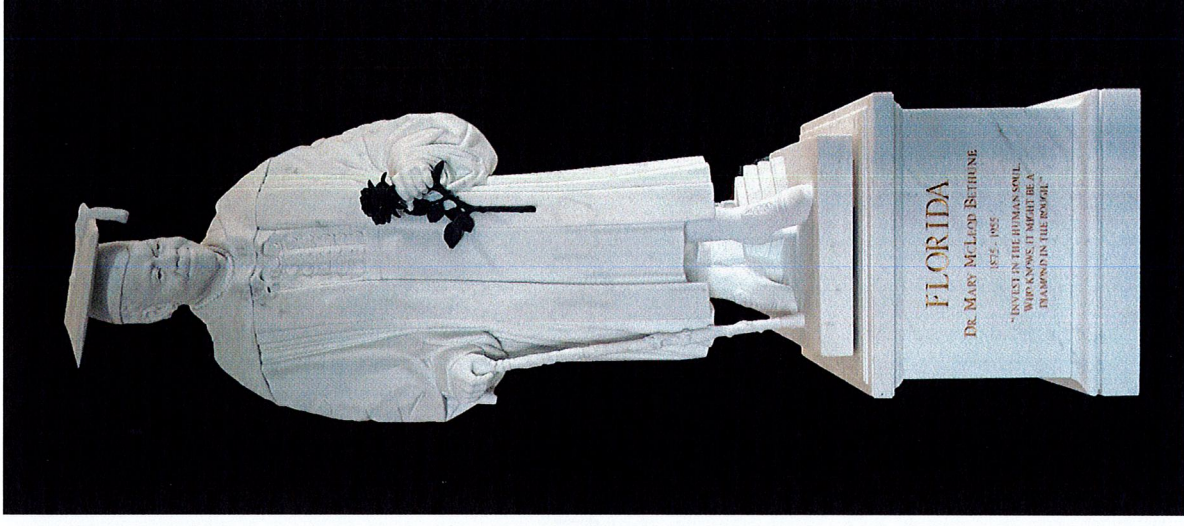
DATED this, the 2nd day of December 2021

Gilly J. J. J.
Mayor Dean J. Tranalis



Recently Completed and Current Projects

Marble statue of Dr. Mary McLeod
Bethune to represent the State of Florida
in Statuary Hall of the U.S. Capitol



Bronze Statue of Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune to
be placed at the Esplanade Park in the City of
Daytona Beach, Florida



9' Marble Statue of Our Lady of
Guadalupe, 2017 at the Church of Our
Lady of Guadalupe in the City of Doral,
Florida

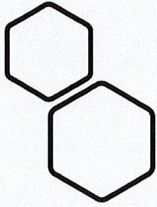


10' Bronze Christ "Corpus", 2017 at
the Church of Our Lady of Guadalupe
in the City of Doral, Florida

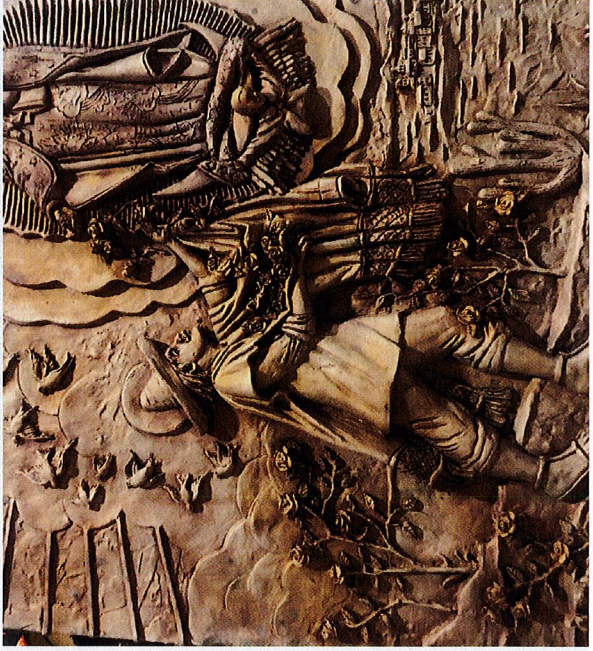
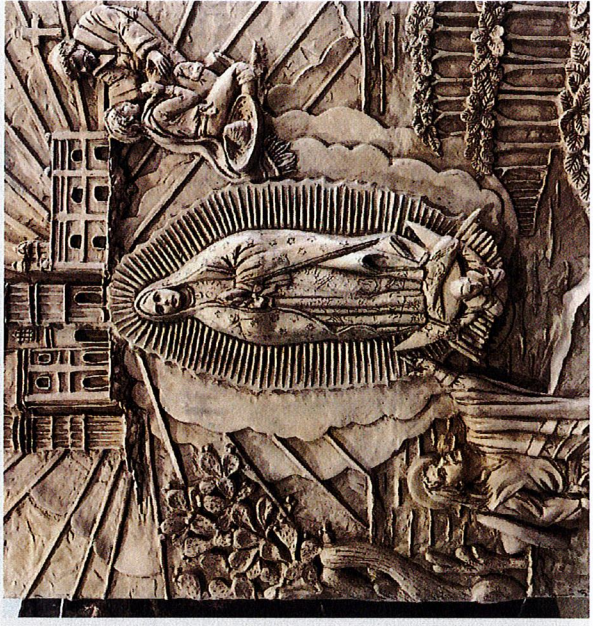
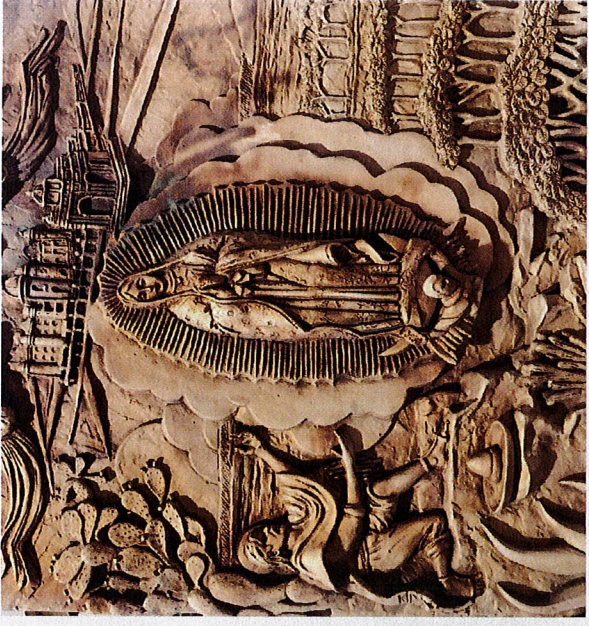


Life size bronze of
Danny DeGennaro,
musician, member
of the Grateful
Dead placed at
Buck's County
Community College
in Buck's County,
Pennsylvania.





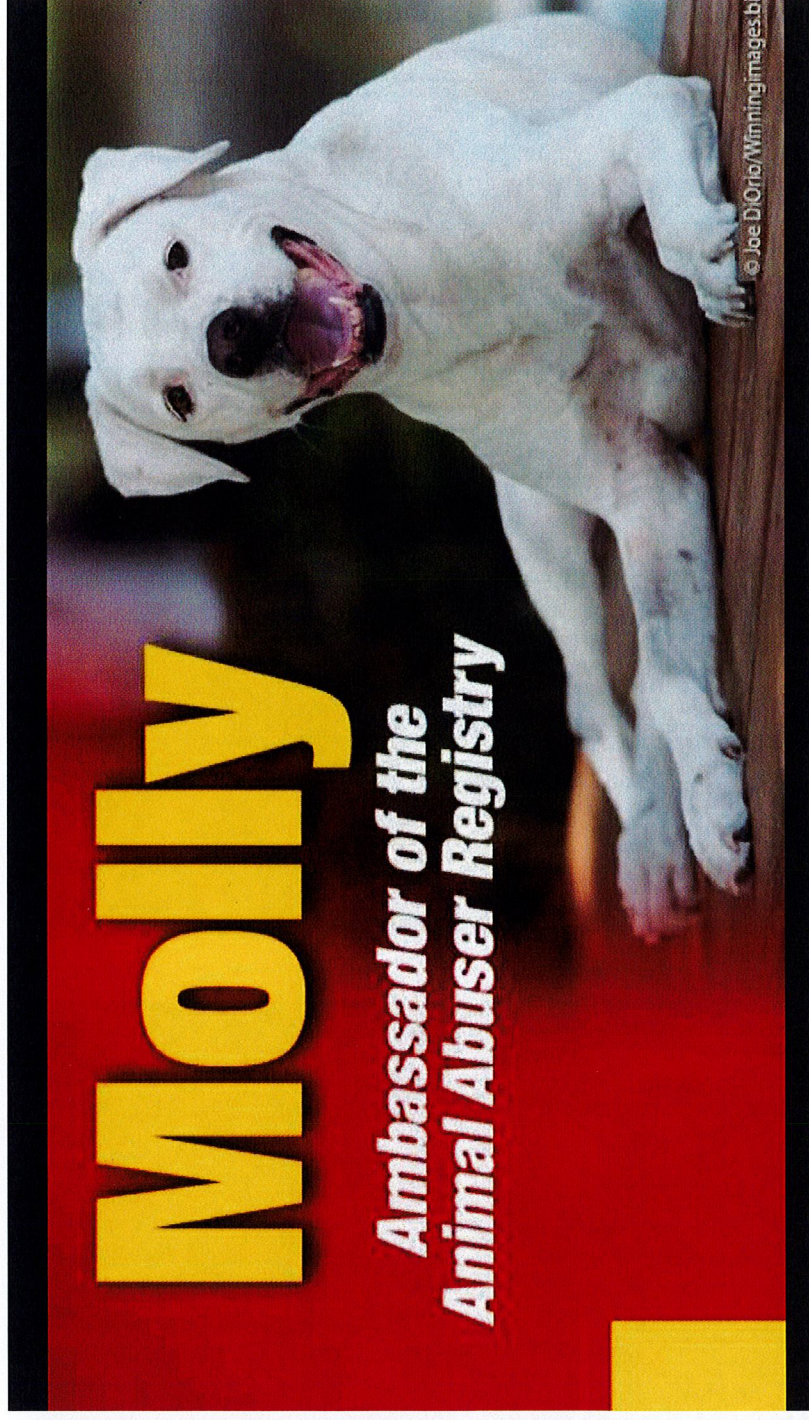
Four 16' sq.ft. bronze reliefs
placed at the Church of Our
Lady of Guadalupe in the
City of Doral, Florida



Working on three ceramic
bas reliefs commissioned
by the Archdiocese of
Miami to be completed in
2022



Commissioned to create a life size marble sculpture of Molly to be placed outside City Hall in Ocala, Florida to be completed in 2022.





Bay of Pigs Memorial commissioned by the City of Miami to be placed in Bay of Pigs Memorial Park in 2022

Samples of my equestrian sculptures





Thank You!

