

CUBAN-AMERICAN ARTIST HAILED FOR QUINCENTENNIAL EXHIBITION

Leslie Goode, representing Queen Mariana of the St. Augustine Royal Family, was the guest of honor at the St. Augustine Art Association Viva Espana Party, held April 18th to commemorate Florida's Quincentennial.

In her role as Queen, Goode presented a Royal Proclamation from the St. Augustine Art Association to Cuban-American artist Elio Beltran, whose installation "What Flows From Spain" is featured in the Marguerita Phillips Gallery. Beltran was recognized as a friend of the St. Augustine Royal Court and adopted son of the St. Augustine art community for his artistic endeavors to enhance appreciation of our Hispanic heritage.

"What Flows From Spain" is an exhibit of large-scale narrative paintings depicting images of historic, religious and cultural traditions the waters have brought to our shores. It is installed with masts and rigging to replicate Old World sailing vessels.

Beltran is an award-winning artist whose works have been included in both group and honorary exhibitions in New York, Miami, Philadelphia and Madrid. His new collection will be on display through June 3, at 22 Marine Street.

The St. Augustine Art Association is open Tuesdays through Saturdays, noon to 4 p.m. and Sunday, from 2 to 5 p.m. Admission is free. For information call (904) 824-2310 or visit www.staaa.org.



PHOTO CAPTION:
Virginia Goode as Queen Mariana presented a Royal Proclamation to Cuban-American Artist Elio Beltran in recognition of his artistic efforts for Florida's Quincentennial. (Photo by Alicia Gray)