



4TH ANNUAL GECKO ART SHOW

FRI. AUGUST . 3

CATHERINE A. HICKMAN THEATER OF GULFPORT
5501 27TH AVE. S.
GULFPORT, FLORIDA 33707

■ 6 - 8 P.M.

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Artists Create Geckos for Charity Auction

Larger-than-life geckos will be the centerpiece of a live auction at Gecko Ball 8/25/18 at the Gulfport Casino Ballroom to benefit local charities. The geckos will be visualized and created according to each artist's individual concept. This year's theme is "Gecko Con" A celebration of superheroes, villains, cult characters, imaginary locations and more from comics, books, movies, tv shows, animé and other media in pop culture genres, akin to the world of popular Comic Con conventions around the world.

All geckos can be seen for the first time at the 4TH Annual Art Gecko Show during an opening reception on Friday, August 3rd at the Catherine Hickman Theater (5501 27th Avenue S.) from 6 pm until 8 pm. The show will also feature selections from the participating artist's regular body of work in a variety of media. The reception is free and open to the public and will also include complimentary hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar.

The selection of artists' other work will continue to be displayed through the month of August, but following the reception, the geckos themselves will be moved to preview locations in venues throughout Gulfport's Waterfront District. The geckos will then go up for auction at the Annual Gecko Ball on Saturday, August 25th at the historic Gulfport Casino Ballroom. Each gecko will be a prized collector's art work and join the ranks of nearly 70 other geckos that have been created since the inception of the Gecko Ball. Organizers initiated the Artists' Gecko Auction nine years ago with much success and the auction is now a popular part of the tradition of annual Gulfport Gecko-related activities in late summer. The Art Gecko Show was conceived in 2015 to highlight and show appreciation for the participating artists.