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Georgia Southern University will host internationally acclaimed artist and environmental advocate Greg Mort for the next installment of the annual Sustainability Seminar Series at 7 p.m., Thursday, March 3, in the Nessmith Continuing Education Building Assembly Hall Auditorium. The event is free and open to the public.

During his presentation, "The Art of Stewardship," Mort will display many pieces of his collection and share with audience members his vision for stewardship and spreading environmental awareness through the arts. He considers his collection — which incorporates concepts of nature, sustainability and the concept of "one earth" — a challenge to all to celebrate our roles as stewards of earth and nature for the purpose of our survival.

"We are fortunate to have an internationally acclaimed artist as a part of our Sustainability Seminar Series. Greg Mort brings a whole new perspective to sustainability with his stunning images and insightful depictions of stewardship," said Lissa Leege, director of Georgia Southern's Center for Sustainability. "Artists and non-artists alike will appreciate Mort's presentation on sustainability from the viewpoint of an artist, inspired by the natural world."

The event is hosted in partnership with Statesboro's Averitt Center for the Arts, where Mort's collection will be on display from March 4 through April 29.

"Greg uses a plethora of materials, including oils, watercolors, and graphite. He frequently creates scale models of landscapes, buildings, and objects which he integrates into his paintings, always focusing on subjects in nature," said Elaine Schneider, gallery coordinator at the Averitt Center. "The emphasis is always the same — save the planet; cherish the world."

In addition to Georgia Southern University's Center for Sustainability and The Averitt Center for the Arts this event is made possible by a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts, with support from Joiner-Anderson Funeral Home, Friedman & Martin Law Firm, and Faye Sanders Martin, Retired Superior Court Judge, Ogeechee Circuit.

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