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Art for Sea exhibit time extended to Nov. 30

Exhibit also held at
Brielle Public Library

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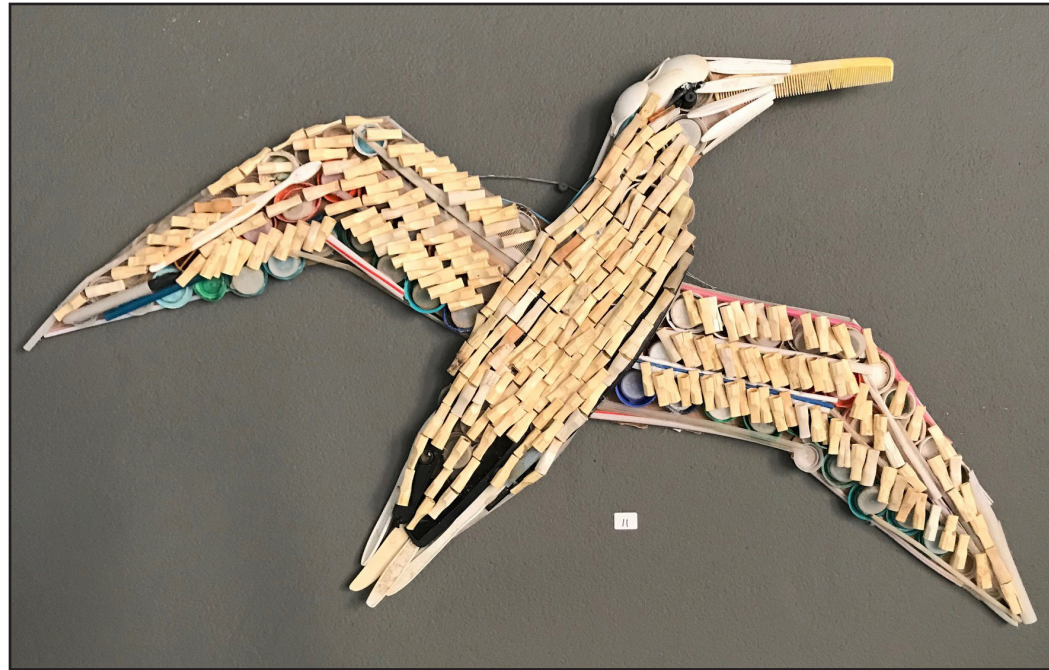
BELMAR — The show will go on for the Art for Sea Exhibit at the Belmar Art Center.

The exhibit, which raises funds to support environmental groups, will continue into the end of November at the gallery on River Road. The exhibit is part of a series of art-based fundraisers they have held throughout the area which have raised thousands of dollars.

“Art is powerful in terms of not only sometimes telling a story, but also I think everyone likes to look at nice art,” Suzanne Crosby, president of Art for Sea, said. “We’re trying to tug on people’s heart strings by letting them know why we are doing this, and if they buy a piece of art from us they are supporting these ocean conservation groups.”

Of the nine art fairs and two art exhibits held by Art for Sea, \$4,000 have been raised. Roughly \$2,000 has been given to environmental groups.

There are 23 pieces on display in the exhibit at the Bel-



COURTESY OF SUZANNE CROSBY

Some artworks in the Art for Sea exhibit are made out of litter found on the beaches, such as this seagull artwork made from discarded cigarette butts.

mar Art Center, which range in price from \$400 to \$100. On the opening reception of the exhibit, two pieces were sold for a total of \$200.

Some of the artwork is made of disposed items found on the beach in order to drive the message home of pollution. One such piece includes a seagull created from used cigarette butts found on the beach.

At the opening reception for the exhibit, held on Sept. 14, \$1,500 was given to local environmental groups in Monmouth County, according to Ms. Crosby. Clean Ocean Action, the American Littoral Society and the NY/NJ Bay Keeper were given \$500 each.

“I think it’s important that our artists see our progress and see that we mean to support this group as soon as we can,” Ms. Crosby said. She

added the group is looking for more exhibit space to house their artwork, including at local libraries and hotels.

There was previously an exhibit held at the Brielle Public Library, with 12 pieces.

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