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Open House event for new Creative Collective

(29th April 2019 Georgetown) Community collaboration is thriving at a local art studio in George Town.

Art Nest creator Christina Pineda envisioned a creative community space with active participation from members of the creative industries when she created the studio in late 2016 "we moved into a huge space after outgrowing our first space in the first year of business knowing that we would need strategic partners to help share that space to create a vibrant community that proves that creative co-working works wells in such a small jurisdiction".

It started with Spark! School of Performing Arts relocating to Art Nest Creative Studio in summer 2018. Spark! And Art Nest went on to co-create a 6-week integrated arts summer camp, where students enjoyed music, dance, drama, art, crafts and field trips. Spark! provides private instruction as well as group classes in dance, drama, and music.

A few months later, owner of vegetarian meal delivery service Saucha Conscious Living, Chef Britta Bush, decided to launch her first brick and mortar café within Art Nest's expansive space, adding to idea of the studio as a one stop destination.

"After 5 years of operating as a delivery, catering, private chef, and events service, it was time to be able to answer the question, 'but where are you located?'" says Britta, "It is so satisfying not only to be able to give an answer, rather than an explanation of what we do, AND be sharing a space with talented community creatives. In the short 6 months since we have been there, the changes are significant, and we are thrilled to be hosting exciting and unique events in the future." In addition to breakfast and lunch specials, the Conscious Café also hosts a popular brunch every Sunday featuring some of Britta's signature items like Vietnamese Pho and Sourdough Cinnamon Rolls.

The recent relocation of local artist Avril Ward's Awardart Gallery to Art Nest Creative Studio, completes the vision of a hub for creative culinary, performing arts and fine arts.

"I had learnt from previous experience, that it's not a good idea to only have my personal work for a gallery to work commercially, for variety sake and for keeping up with demand, so I chose to showcase the work of other artists I respect and enjoy as well" Avril says "This way also providing the same service for them that I was seeking for myself".

All members of the public are invited to the Launch Party Open House for the Creative Cayman Collective on Saturday, May 11 starting at 7:00pm where guests will view the newly renovated Art Nest, relocation of Awardart Gallery and enjoy food by Conscious Cafe and musical performances by Spark! School of Performing Arts.

Admission is free and complimentary welcome drink and canapes will be provided along

with a cash bar. There will also be live painting by local artists, a new local crafts section, and live musical performances.

The organisers are asking that guests email: events@artnestcayman.com to confirm attendance or call 345-949-0107.

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