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April 27, 2011

## Kirk Chamberlain and Anthony Whiting at JAXPORT Gallery

**Show:** April 25 through May 31, 2011

**Opening:** May 6, 2011 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.

### **Kirk Chamberlain:**

[www.kirkchamberlain.com](http://www.kirkchamberlain.com)

"I'm inspired by nature and life's experiences to create a photograph. People, places and things emotionally impact our life's and hopefully, my representations inspire the viewers feelings. Nature has been a big part of my life from early childhood guided by my nature loving parents. From the backseat of the car and camping adventures, they showed us the beauty of the natural world. Spiritual Truth."

Kirk started making pictures pre-teen in our crude basement darkroom. As an adult, he lived and traveled on a small sailboat for almost 20 years between Canada and the Caribbean, making photographs above and below the ocean surface. Traveling by sailboat, foot, bike, car, being open to the natural world, different cultures and experiences frame his life. He feels most of us suffer from nature-deficit disorder, he hopes his visual depictions will take you there, a little magic carpet ride.

In addition to nature, Kirk has a passion for photographing people, an eye for emotion, a connection. He specializes in lifestyles, portraits and corporate. Kirk is a full time photographer based in Jacksonville, Florida.

### **Anthony Whiting**

[www.whitingstudios.com](http://www.whitingstudios.com)

Anthony Whiting, born in Mexico of an English mother and American father has lived in Latin America, North Africa, Asia, Italy, Sweden and England in addition to the U.S. Studying and working in these diverse cultures has helped him develop unusual empathy and sensitivity to people, places and the natural world as well as fluency in five languages.

Anthony received a B.Arch. degree from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and subsequently served as an architect in the Peace Corps in Tunisia. While there he was greatly impressed by local art and craft forms, by the textures and colors of the desert and by the cultures of the peoples in North Africa. He practiced architecture internationally for 21 years while based in Africa, Italy and England.

His works are in numerous collections on both sides of the Atlantic and he has had numerous one-man and group exhibitions in England and the U.S.

Anthony has studied painting at graduate university level and at workshops with Barbara Nechis, Al Brouillette, Jean Dobie, Paul Leveille, Margaret Martin, Charles Sovek and Robert Burrige. He has art teaching experience to groups and private students in his studios in his former studios in Rome, London, New York, Greenwich, CT and now, Jacksonville, FL. He is currently teaching two community education painting courses at Fletcher Senior High School in Neptune Beach, Florida.

In Jacksonville, Anthony was the proud recipient of the brAIDS ARTreach 2006 First Prize award for his painting "Lilly Pond Treasure" and was also the signature artist at the following year's event.

### **JAXPORT Gallery**

Located on the first floor of JAXPORT Headquarters, the Gallery features local artists rotating on a bi-monthly basis. JAXPORT Gallery is open during normal JAXPORT Headquarters hours and admission is free.

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*The mission of the JAXPORT Gallery is to showcase local visual arts within Northeast Florida. The Gallery displays new and existing works by emerging and established artists of high quality. Through exhibitions, the Gallery is dedicated to the cultural enrichment of the Jacksonville community, the State of Florida and the Southeast region.*