

CF, MCA CELEBRATE ‘SUNNY DAZE’ AT VINTAGE FARM CAMPUS



Above, from left, Dr. Jim Henningsen, CF president; Jaye Baillie, executive director of the Marion Cultural Alliance; donor Irene McCracken; Laurie Zink, MCA board member and Horse Fever co-chair; and Chris Knife, vice president of Development and CEO of the CF Foundation. Below, from left, McCracken, artist Ronda Richley, Baillie and Zink.

Ocala, FL (Sept. 30, 2021) — The College of Central Florida and Marion Cultural Alliance celebrated the addition of Sunny Daze to the CF Vintage Farm Campus on Sept. 29.

Ronda Richley painted the sunflower-themed horse sculpture as part of the Marion Cultural Alliance Horse Fever 20/20 project that benefited local artists and art groups. She painted Sunny Daze during the pandemic and said at the celebration that the horse symbolizes “happiness, peace and tranquility.”

Irene McCracken, a local benefactor and art enthusiast, gifted the horse to CF. “Education is the cornerstone of the future and I donate this piece with love and great hope that for years to come it will be a warm welcome to the staff, students and everyone who comes to share and enjoy this special place.”

