



## City of Eustis News Release

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### **Works by R. L. Lewis to be auctioned this Saturday** Proceeds go toward the City's 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

**EUSTIS** – Paintings by R. L. Lewis, one of the creative and versatile figures of the Florida landscape artist tradition know as The Highwaymen, will be up for auction this Saturday from 9 am to 6 pm during the City's 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. Lewis, who has spent most of his career in Central Florida, painted four scenic paintings depicting Eustis' landscape history for the event and will be on hand to demonstrate his talent and sign autographs.

The R.L. Lewis booth will be adjacent to the Alice McClelland Memorial Bandshell in Ferran Park where the bidding will start at \$1,000 for each of the 4 paintings. The retail value of each painting is \$2,000 each. The artist is also bringing "prints on canvas" of the paintings for sale ranging from \$50-\$150 each. Limited edition souvenir postcards of the paintings will be sold for \$2.00 (set of 4) or 50 cents each.

A native of Cocoa, Florida, Lewis was an art teacher in Brevard County for 32 years and an adult education art instructor at both Brevard Community College and the Cocoa Village Adult Education Association. He specialized in still life scenes and portraits and began selling his Florida art in 1967 throughout Central Florida.

More recently, he was selected to be part of the Smithsonian Institute Exhibition on Highwaymen art in 2004, became a Florida Artist Hall of Fame Inductee in 2004, and was the recipient of a National Endowment of the Arts "Preserving the Highwaymen Tradition" during 2003-2005.

R.L. Lewis and his son, Robert, own and operate the R.L. Lewis Art Gallery located in Cocoa, Florida. More information about the gallery and art can be found at [www.rllewisartist.com](http://www.rllewisartist.com). For more information concerning this and other 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary events, visit: <http://eustis125.wordpress.com/>



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