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**BOCA RATON PUBLIC LIBRARY PRESENTS THE ART EXHIBIT,
“PLANT PORTRAITS: WEEDS TO WILDFLOWERS” BY KIM HEISE
OCTOBER 23–DECEMBER 31, 2023, DOWNTOWN LIBRARY**

BOCA RATON, FL (October 23, 2023) – The Downtown Library in Boca Raton presents a new watercolor exhibit, “Plant Portraits: Weeds to Wildflowers” by Kim Heise, who delights in painting some of the most common Florida native plants that are culturally known as weeds. Notes Heise, “They appear in lawns, tenaciously sprouting from sidewalks or in manicured exotic landscaping seemingly from nowhere. This also means that they are the most accessible of our native species. Not only that, but the chosen species also host butterflies, showing that there is magic even in the weeds you step over daily.”

In 2021, Heise began painting Florida native plants with the Miami nonprofit, Bound by Beauty. The goal of this project was to increase understanding and appreciation of these native species, make native plants accessible to a wider audience, and encourage homeowners, homeowner associations and those in charge of public spaces to end indiscriminate pesticide use and include these plants in landscaping. Her illustrations are also used by Bound by Beauty to create field guides and educational materials for the public.

“Plant Portraits: Weeds to Wildflowers,” a free exhibit, will run from October 23–December 31, 2023, in the front lobby of the Downtown Library at 400 NW 2nd Avenue, Boca Raton.



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