

Artwork's bee-yond dogs

Museum's abuzz with pup parade, photo exhibit, canine contests

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The Brevard Museum of Art and Science is going to the dogs, thanks to Los Angeles artist Rose-Lynn Fisher.

Fisher's scanning electron microscope photographs of bees are stunning works of art that present us with nature at an extraordinary level. Magnified 300 times, the bees appear as architectural masterpieces.

To explain her images, Fisher depends on whimsically concocted interpretations from Douglas, her terrier-mix pooch. Douglas apparently aspires to be a bee in the fanciful photo creations that accompany Fisher's bee photos.

To celebrate Douglas and the bee pictures, the museum is sponsoring a Doggedly BEEyond Dog Parade and Fun Day, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday.

Children and their parents can enter their favorite canine in the dog parade. Prizes will be awarded for smallest, tallest, cutest and longest or waggiest tail.

Dogs and owners also can strut their finery for the costume prizes or the Best Strut by Dog and Owner award. Even the best dog float will get an award.

The event includes the 10:30 a.m. pooch parade, vendors, food, sketch and silhouette artists, dog photographs, doggie paw painting, bobbing for hot dogs, raffles and a decorated dog bowl auction.

Don't have a dog? Dog rescue and pet adoptions group will be on hand with some possible new best friends for you.

Part of the proceeds from the day will benefit local pet adoption and rescue efforts. Donations of pet food will be accepted at the Ruth Cote Clemente Science Center.

Museum admission will be free during the event to view the Doggedly BEEyond exhibit and meet Fisher, although Douglas the dog is too old to travel from Los Angeles.

Fisher will lead a gallery walk at 10 a.m. today. The gallery walk is included in the price of museum admission.

Fisher's show will be on exhibit at the museum through July 23.
