

8TH BIENNIAL NATIONAL ART EXHIBITION



The Chambered Nautilus has been the exhibit emblem since its inception in 1998, though its appearance changes every year.

February 4 to March 11, 2012

Visual Arts Center □ Punta Gorda



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Welcome to the Visual Arts Center

The Visual Arts Center of Punta Gorda, Florida welcomes you to its 8th Biennial National Art Exhibit. For those who are visiting our Center for the first time, we invite you to share in the enjoyment of the most dynamic art organization in Southwest Florida.

This wonderful Center has enriched the lives of the people in our community and our many visitors. A handful of artists began the Charlotte County Art Guild in 1961, a modest beginning. Even Hurricane Charley only briefly interrupted our tradition of providing a venue for artists to exhibit and students to study with talented instructors in an ever increasing range of art classes and workshops.

The 8th Biennial National Art Exhibition is open to the public from February 4 to March 11, 2012. This exhibit, as well as all others throughout the year, is open to the public all free of charge. We encourage you to bring your children (but be advised there are nudes in this exhibition).

Visual Arts Center Board of Directors

Juried by
DEAN MITCHELL, AWS, NWS

DEAN MITCHELL is considered one of America's greatest watercolorists and exhibits in the nation's most prestigious museum invitationals including the Prix de West in Oklahoma City and the Autry National Center's Masters of the American West. His art can be found in corporate and museum collections across the country, including the Library of Congress. Mitchell is well known for his figurative works, landscapes and still lifes. In addition to watercolors, he is accomplished in other mediums, including egg temperas, oils and pastels.

Born in Pittsburgh in 1957, he grew up in Quincy, Florida, and is a graduate of the Columbus College of Art & Design in Columbus, Ohio. After Mitchell's inclusion in a 2002 exhibit in Harlem, New York Times art critic Michael Kimmelman was inspired to write that "Mr. Mitchell is a virtual modern-day Vermeer of ordinary black people given dignity through the eloquence of his concentration and touch." Mitchell was named a "Best Bet" for collectors in ARTnews magazine. He created portraits of Charlie Parker, Charles Mingus, John Coltrane and three others for the U.S. Postal Service Jazz Musicians stamp series. His life is the subject of an illustrated children's book titled, "Against All Odds: Artist Dean Mitchell's Story."

Mitchell has been featured in numerous publications, including the *New York Times*, *Christian Science Monitor*, *American Artist*, *Artist Magazine*, *Fine Art International* and *Art News*. He has received the American Watercolor Society Gold Medal, Allied Artist of American Gold Medal in Watercolor and Oil, Thomas Moran Award from the Salmagundi Club in New York, Remington Professional League, and for three years in a row the Best in Show Award from the Mississippi Watercolor Society Grand National Competition. In 2004 and 2007, he received the Autry National Center Award for Watercolor at the Masters of the American West Fine Art Exhibition and sale. Mitchell is a member of several professional societies, including the American Watercolor Society and the National Watercolor Society.

"I want to create paintings that make people think and feel," Mitchell has said. "Art has to mean something, whether it is commercial or not. I think that, in the end, the spirituality takes over. Human feelings are universal, no matter what the subject."



The Visual Arts Center

- Classes for all ages and skill levels: watercolor, acrylic, oil, pottery, sculpture, jewelry, drawing, stained glass, and our newest offerings in art technology such as Secrets of Windows 7 and various digital photography courses
- In-depth workshops for the serious artist
- Gift Shop featuring original local artwork
- Best art library in the area
- State-of-the-art pottery studio
- 3 galleries featuring exhibitions all year
- 6th Annual Peace River National Arts Festival
March 17 & 18, 10am-5pm
Over 100 prominent national artists showcasing original works of art for sale on the banks of the Peace River in Punta Gorda's beautiful Laishley Park... something for everyone!

Open year round to all ...
our galleries are **FREE** to visit!
Bring your children.

National Exhibition Hours:

Monday—Friday	9am-4pm
Saturday	10am-4pm
Sunday	1pm-4pm

For more information about our art classes, special events, workshops, arts library and Endowment Trust, please visit our website (www.VisualArtCenter.org) or call us at 941-639-8810.

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Come and be a PART of the VAC!

The Visual Arts Center is owned by the Charlotte County Art Guild, Inc. a 501(c)(3) non-profit, tax exempt organization. Our support comes from a dues-paying membership, class and exhibit fees, special events, grants, The Century Club (an annual gift fund) and our own Endowment Trust. This is not a government agency.

Our Volunteers are the Best!

The 2010 National Art Exhibit committee began working over a year ago to put this together. A total of nearly 100 persons are needed to put on a show of this magnitude. Many of the people listed below worked at two or even three tasks throughout the year.

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Thanks to Charlie Button for photographing the reception,
Chip Smith for assisting with parking,
and to Judee Fish for managing the People's Choice balloting.



Best of Show

In honor of her Parents
Col. & Mrs Charles J. Beck
sponsored by Becky Bovell
Cecilia Jonsson-Bisset

White Bird

*The composition is excellent
and mood of light is outstanding.*

Second Prize

sponsored by
Mary P. Sharp Memorial and Sandstar
Cheryl Fausel

The Three A's: An Alsatian Artist

*This has great energy and it speaks to me on a
modern day level with unusual objects and symbols.*



Third Prize

In memory of
Susan Prendergrast
(anonymous)

Brent Funderburk

Ascension

Great use of light and warm and cool colors;

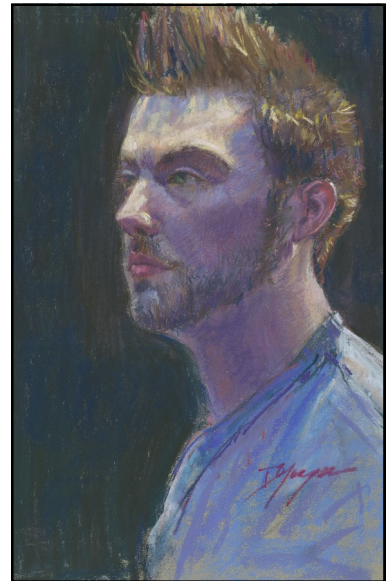


Award for Portrait Excellence
sponsored by the Suzanne & William Bowles Endowment Fund

Donna Yeager

Ryan

Beautifully done; wonderful emotional quality and nice use of light.



Ronald D. Smith
Excellence Award
sponsored by Elizabeth Smith

Denise Athanas

Jazzy Red II

The abstract quality is dramatic in terms of color and brush work; the addition of lines gives a wonderful musical feel.

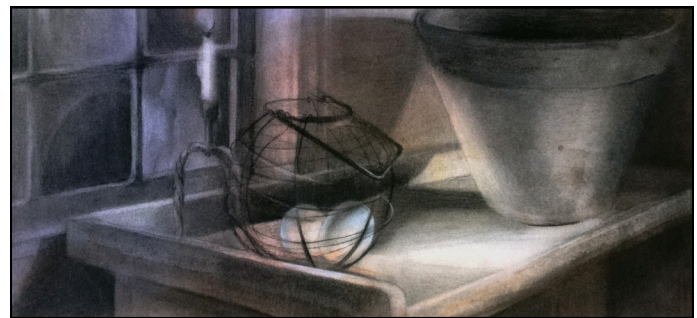


Excellence Award
In memory of Vernon Porter
Sponsored by Lois Porter

Joanna Coke

Making Bread

*The mood of this piece is soft and personal;
the bleeding of the table out of the frame*



Merit Award
sponsored by Ingrid & Samuel Carroll

Pat Joiner

Choose Your Spirits

I like the choice of subject matter using simple objects; and it has a great quality of light and texture and atmosphere.



Executive Director's Award

sponsored by
Michele Valencourt

Muffy Clark Gill

Agua Uno

Wonderfully abstracted in warm and cool colors; very playful giving an almost glass like quality to the water.



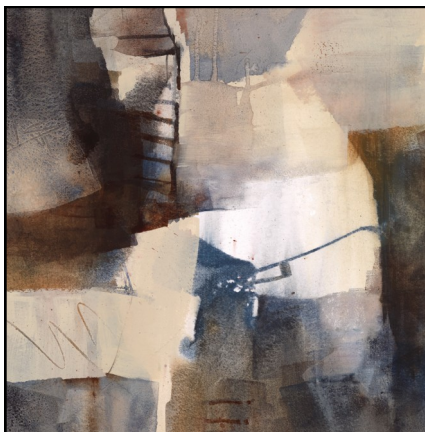
Merit Award

sponsored by
Rebecca Durig

Sharon E. Rawlins

Carol After Dinner

There is a sense of distant, isolation quality; it is beautifully executed. I love the loose quality of the paint.



Merit Award

sponsored by
Judith & Kenneth Fish

Carol Frye

Bridging the Gap

This piece has a great atmosphere.



Merit Award

sponsored by
Judith Roth

Jill Wulkan

Deconnaissance

Bold use of color, strong composition, color harmony excellent.



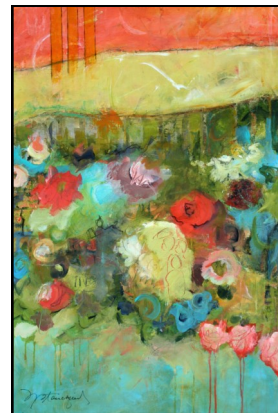
Judge's Award
sponsored by Sea Grape Artists Gallery
Raymond Olivero
Sophia
The portrait is gentle in feeling and the eyes capture you and keep you engaged.



Judge's Award
In Memory of Vera Barlow
Sponsored by Barbara Arthur-Devlin
Jason Sacran
Contemplation
A great portrait with depth of feeling, it captures the



Judge's Award
sponsored by Sunart
Bill James
Sign of the Times
Dramatic use of value and color; it speaks to the haunting issue of poverty.



Judge's Award
sponsored by Creation's Gallery
Nancy Stanchfield
Expansion I
Colorful, playful energy and wonderful impressionistic use of color and light.

BE SURE TO VOTE FOR YOUR FAVORITE!
NAE 2012 PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD

Votes are \$1 each

Vote for as many pieces as you wish

Vote as many times as you wish

Use the People's Choice envelopes ... complete the information and include \$1 per vote

Monies will be split 50/50 between winning artist and VAC

Winner announced March 14 and published in the April VAC Newsletter

VOTE EARLY! VOTE OFTEN!

Participating Artists

AIKEN, WILLIAM

San Francisco, CA

Back Stairs

Loc: 15

Medium: oil on canvas

Price: \$3500

ALBIN, BARBARA

Punta Gorda, FL

Homage to Pan

Loc: 23

Medium: watercolor collage

Price: \$1500

Midtown

Loc: 35

Medium: watercolor collage

Price: \$1500

ALLEN, SUE

Lithia, FL

Palimpsest

Loc: 43

Medium: watercolor & acrylic

Price: \$1200

AMUNDSEN, LINDA

Longwood, FL

Beans, Onions & Peppers

Loc: 27

Medium: oil

Price: \$1150

ATHANAS, DENISE

Mount Pleasant, SC

Jazzy Red II

Loc: 34

Medium: acrylic on paper

Price: \$2500

Making A Connection II

Loc: 39

Medium: acrylic on paper

Price: \$2500

BACON, PATT

Punta Gorda, FL

Fan Palm

Loc: 24

Medium: watercolor

Price: \$625

BAIRD, CECILE

Hillsboro, OH

Lemons

Loc: 92

Medium: colored pencil

Price: \$3500

Pearl Nautilus

Loc: 97

Medium: colored pencil

Price: \$3500

BARBATO, MARY BETH

Simpsonville, SC

Lenten Frenzie

Loc: 89

Medium: mixed medium on woven canvas

Price: \$750

BARR-SMITH, DEBRA

Punta Gorda, FL

Daisies & A Degas

Loc: 33

Medium: acrylic & ink on canvas

Price: \$195

BARTH-WHITE, GWENNETH

Placida, FL

After Supper

Loc: 62

Medium: pastel

Price: \$15,000

BEATTIE, ELISE

Paducah, KY

Tsunami

Loc: 48

Medium: acrylic on canvas

Price: \$3500

Dahlia's, Dahling

Loc: 65

Medium: acrylic on canvas

Price: \$3500

BENNETT, MARGE

Sarasota, FL

Moonlit Garden

Loc: 31

Medium: acrylic

Price: \$2000

BOHON, ED

Englewood, FL

Quiet Morning

Loc: 104

Medium: acrylic

Price: \$700

BOND, DENNY

East Petersburg, PA

Voyage

Loc: 105

Medium: watercolor

Price: \$3000

BORAH, CELESTE

Fort Myers, FL

Theater in the Sky

Loc: 22

Medium: graphite on canvas

Price: \$2500

Cumulonimbus 2

Loc: 61

Medium: graphite on canvas

Price: \$2000

BOWLES, SUZANNE

Tuscon, AZ

Almost Heaven

Loc: 9

Medium: oil

Price: \$600

BRADLEY, MARILYNNE

Webster Groves, MO

Little Bohemia

Loc: 114

Medium: watercolor

Price: \$1400

BROWN, SUSANNE

Fort Myers, FL

Who Do You Think You Are?

Loc: 29

Medium: acrylic

Price: \$800

BURD, EDWARD

Punta Gorda, FL

The Cat

Loc: 59

Medium: pencil

Price: \$3000

CAPTEIN, LOUISE

Galena, OH

Untitled #1

Loc: 19

Medium: paper collage

Price: \$950

CASON RANKIN, DEBBIE

Tampa, FL

Life Coming Apart

Loc: 55

Medium: charcoal

Price: \$400

CHANG, PAUL

Sunrise, FL

Kite Flying

Loc: 17

Medium: acrylic on canvas

Price: \$3000

COBB, CHRISTINE

Sarasota, FL

Solitary Thoughts

Loc: 118

Medium: pastel

Price: \$1275

COKE, JOANNA

Nokomis, FL

Crab Apple Cluster 3

Loc: 20

Medium: graphite, charcoal on paper

Price: \$295

Making Bread

Loc: 46

Medium: watercolor, graphite & charcoal on 300# paper

Price: \$995

CORNELL, JEFF

Venice, FL

Let Me Rest A Minute

Loc: 45

Medium: pastel

Price: \$4000

Repose

Loc: 113

Medium: pastel

Price: \$2500

DAIDA, THELMA

Punta Gorda, FL

The Webs We Weave

Loc: 86

Medium: water media

Price: \$700

DE SANTIS, DIANA

Whitestone, NY

Ike

Loc: 116

Medium: pastel

Price: \$5000

DICKINSON, JUDITH

Brighton, CO

Megan

Loc: 96

Medium: oil

Price: \$5000

ECKENROD, KATIE

Fort Myers, FL

Shrimpers Break

Loc: 103

Medium: oil

Price: \$1500

EISERMANN, KARIN

Punta Gorda, FL

A Woman of Leisure

Loc: 30

Medium: oil

Price: \$2000

ELLIS, ROSE

Grand Rapids, MI

Barbecue Bubble

Loc: 77

Medium: oil on canvas

Price: \$1800

Double Bubble

Loc: 83

Medium: oil on canvas

Price: \$1800

ENGEL, ANDREW

Ocala, FL

When Boats Were Wood

Loc: 115

Medium: oil

Price: \$1200

FAUSEL, CHERYL

Cape Coral, FL

*The Three A's:**An Alsatian Artist*

Loc: 95

Medium: watercolor

Price: \$3000

Stranger In The Night

Loc: 108

Medium: watercolor

Price: \$3000

FETTER, JAMES

Bloomfield Hills, MI

Late Entry

Loc: 119

Medium: acrylic

Price: \$3800

FLYNT, DOUGLAS

Fort Myers, FL

Jenene

Loc: 10

Medium: oil on mounted linen

Price: \$3800

FOSTER, CAROL

Tampa, FL

After the Haul

Loc: 67

Medium: watercolor

Price: \$1200

FOURNET, ERNIE

New Iberia, LA

Sgt. Rock

Loc: 14

Medium: acrylic

Price: \$2000

The Calm Before

Loc: 18

Medium: graphite

Price: \$1200

FRYE, CAROL

Lakeland, FL

Unabridged

Loc: 49

Medium: acrylic & collage

Price: \$1200

Bridging The Gap

Loc: 98

Medium: watercolor & gesso

Price: \$1200

FUNDERBURK, BRENT

Starkville, MS

Perfect Storm

Loc: 7

Medium: watercolor

Price: \$4000

Ascension

Loc: 32

Medium: watercolor

Price: \$4000

When My Ship Comes In

Loc: 85

Medium: watercolor

Price: \$3500

GANDY, BETSY

Miami, FL

Spanish Skies (Sanctuary)

Loc: 79

Medium: acrylic on canvas

Price: \$7000

GIBSON, CASEY

Fort Myers, FL

Caribbean Donkey

Loc: 106

Medium: oil

Price: \$650

GILL, MUFFY CLARK

Naples, FL

Journeys

Loc: 53

Medium: batik & mixed media

Price: \$6000

Agua Uno

Loc: 90

Medium: rozone on silk

Price: \$4500

Musa Isle Wedding

Loc: 102

Medium: batik & mixed media

Price: \$4500

HAHN, ELAINE

Holiday, FL

Jumbled Up

Loc: 54

Medium: oil

Price: \$2400

Fish Eye

Loc: 81

Medium: oil

Price: \$2000

HARRIS, MARSHA

Houston, TX

Migrations

Loc: 73

Medium: transparent watercolor

Price: \$1300

HIGGINS, BRIAN

W. Brookfield, MA

Field Trip

Loc: 11

Medium: pastel

Price: \$500

HINES, FRAN

Punta Gorda, FL

Baptism

Loc: 91

Medium: pastel

Price: \$1200

HORNER, JACK

Boca Grande, FL

*Impending Storm,**Georgia Coast*

Loc: 111

Medium: watercolor

Price: \$900

JAMES, BILL

Ocala, FL

Sign Of The Times

Loc: 93

Medium: transparent gouache

Price: \$7000

JOINER, PAT

Punta Gorda, FL

Choose Your Spirits

Loc: 41

Medium: watercolor & acrylic

Price: \$3000

Juliet & Romeo

Loc: 72

Medium: watercolor

Price: \$9000

JONSSON-BISSET, CECILIA

Boca Grande, FL

White Bird

Loc: 94

Medium: watercolor & pastel

Price: \$5000

Emerging

Loc: 107

Medium: watercolor & pastel

Price: \$2000

KADAMOVAS, JURIJUS

Terre Haute, IN

Windows of the Mind

Loc: 64

Medium: acrylic

Price: \$500

Mood's Strings

Loc: 84

Medium: graphite & colored pencil

Price: \$500

KAMAN, TRICIA

Chargin Falls, OH

Morning Hours

Loc: 63

Medium: oil

Price: \$1800

KANG, LINH

Savannah, GA

Pillar of Salt

Loc: 36

Medium: oil, enamel & salt

Price: \$1500

KESSLER, WARREN WAYNE

Fargo, ND

Whats Left

Loc: 58

Medium: acrylic

Price: \$2300

KITTEL, ANNE

Fort Myers, FL

Departure

Loc: 101

Medium: watercolor, gouache &

acrylic

Price: \$900

LA GRO, RALPH

Lake Suzy, FL

The Quilter

Loc: 76

Medium: pastel

Price: \$800

MAJHER, MARION "LEFTY"

North Port, FL

Decisive Decision

Loc: 40

Medium: mixed

Price: \$2000

MARTIN, DEBORAH

Bonita Springs, FL

A Moment

Loc: 88

Medium: encaustic on board

Price: \$500

MEE, DORIS

Dunedin, FL

Summer on Cape Cod

Loc: 75

Medium: mixed, acrylic with collage

Price: \$500

MILLER, EVE

St. Helena Island, SC

Serenity

Loc: 6

Medium: pastel

Price: \$595

MO, WEIMIN

Lehigh Acres, FL

Cowgirl

Loc: 52

Medium: acrylic

Price: \$500

NECE, MELISSA MILLER

Palm Harbor, FL

Sculptress

Loc: 47

Medium: colored pencil with oil & clear gesso

Price: \$850

OLIVERO, RAYMOND

Fort Lauderdale, FL

The Venetian

Loc: 42

Medium: oil

Price: \$30,000

Sophia

Loc: 82

Medium: oil

Price: \$30,000

OSBURN, LINDA

Bakersfield, CA

Into The Light

Loc: 16

Medium: acrylic

Price: \$450

OSTROWSKI, JOANN

Fort Myers, FL

Tugboat II

Loc: 21

Medium: watercolor

Price: \$3614

POPEO, JOAN

Port Charlotte, FL

Ravenswood Barn

Loc: 12

Medium: watercolor

Price: \$1500

PRIEDE-RODRIGUEZ, J.

Tampa, FL

Monk-S6

Loc: 25

Medium: acrylic

Price: \$590

Blue Rood

Loc: 37

Medium: acrylic

Price: \$590

Septanarium

Loc: 57

Medium: acrylic

Price: \$590

RAWLINS, SHARON E.

Santa Ana, CA

Carol After Dinner

Loc: 44

Medium: watercolor

Price: \$1125

RENNER, DONALD

Ormond Beach, FL

The Westerner

Loc: 66

Medium: oil

Price: \$5000

SACRAN, JASON

Lavaca, AR

Contemplation

Loc: 71 Medium: acrylic

Price: \$3600

SCHNEIDER, WILLIAM

Village Of Lakewood, IL

Picante

Loc: 5 Medium: oil

Price: \$2850

SCHROCK, CATHRYN

Temple Terrace, FL

Midnight Radiance

Loc: 50 Medium: oil

Price: \$1500

SERING, CYNTHIA

Port Charlotte, FL

Coconut Palm

Loc: 87 Medium: acrylic

Price: \$1000

SHANDORF, DIANNA

St. Paul, MN

Wish You Were Here

Loc: 110 Medium: pastel

Price: \$1800

SHERFICK, PAT

Punta Gorda, FL

Alfie

Loc: 80 Medium: oil

Price: \$395

SHERMAN, ROGER

The Villages, FL

Kyna #2

Loc: 70 Medium: oil

Price: \$900

Kyna

Loc: 99 Medium: oil

Price: \$500

SPRY, TERRY LYNN

Lehigh Acres, FL

Floating Dreams

Loc: 112 Medium: oil

Price: \$2800

STANCHFIELD, NANCY

La Quinta, CA

Wild Iris

Loc: 13

Medium: acrylic

Price: \$2500

Expansion I

Loc: 28

Medium: acrylic

Price: \$2400

TAYLOR, KEN

Rochester Hills, MI

Shadow Ride

Loc: 38

Medium: acrylic

Price: \$700

TRAUSCH, THOMAS

Woodstock, IL

Family, Always Family

Loc: 69

Medium: watercolor

Price: \$675

TURCONI, SUSAN

Venice, FL

In The Temple

Loc: 51

Medium: drawing & wash

Price: \$4000

USAVAGE, JUDY

Cape Coral, FL

Tapestry of Roses

Loc: 68

Medium: acrylic

Price: \$450

VAN STONE, GILMORE

Salida, CO

The Family

Loc: 26

Medium: watercolor

Price: \$1000

VIRES, MICHAEL

Punta Gorda, FL

Salty

Loc: 3

Medium: oil

Price: \$1400

Looking Back

Loc: 100

Medium: oil

Price: \$5000

WESNER, LINDA

Lewis Center, OH

Nine Brothers

Loc: 117

Medium: colored pencil

Price: \$800

WILSON, DELFORD

Brooklyn, NY

Frank the Duppy Conqueror

Loc: 56

Medium: watercolor on twinrocker paper

Price: \$4956

WOODWARD, ANN

New York, NY

Four Ammoniti

Loc: 60

Medium: pencil, ink, torn monoprint, paper collage

Price: \$475

WULKAN, JILL

Sarasota, FL

Deconnaissance

Loc: 1

Medium: acrylic

Price: \$1200

YANKWITT, BEVERLY

Port Charlotte, FL

Musical Interlude

Loc: 2

Medium: water media

Price: \$350

Flower Power

Loc: 8

Medium: mixed

Price: \$350

Jungle

Loc: 74

Medium: watercolor

Price: \$350

YEAGER, DONNA

Overland Park, KS

Finch Feast

Loc: 4

Medium: pastel

Price: \$600

Past Yet Present

Loc: 78

Medium: acrylic

Price: \$800

Ryan

Loc: 109

Medium: pastel

Price: \$600

The Visual Arts Center held its first National Art Exhibition in 1998.

It has had several distinguished judges: M. Steven Dougherty (twice), Katherine Liu, Daniel Greene, Joseph Fettingis, Peter Trippi, and now Dean Mitchell.

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