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Intimate Science – Intersection of Science, Art and Technology

In much of the work we do, images from Satellites play a large role in the way we study climate change, weather patterns, natural and man-made disasters, timber stand health and man-kinds development and use of the Earth’s resources. In studying these images we also find many of the fundamental elements of fine art such as tonal quality, image composition and balance. In this exhibition, working with the USGS “Earth As Art” program, utilizing NASA Landsat Satellite Imagery we comprised images to excite the imagination and entertain creative fancies. Over 30 Images from Satellite systems were displayed for multiple gala events and school visitations during 2014, entertaining a host with images that depict the science of the region and invoke the art of the earth’s natural landscape. All anyone had to do was bring along their Imagination!

During the month of November the Earth As Art gallery exhibit was on display at the University library and welcomed viewing from over 500 university students and visitors during that time.

Louisiana Continues Earth As Art Education and Outreach

Earth As Art has been a theme for the LouisianaView program over the course of 2014, visiting many areas around South Louisiana. One such endeavor was placing the display at the first annual SMART Festival on October 25th, 2014 engaging high school and university students, throughout Acadiana, with both technology and art. The Earth As Art display consisted of over 30 images and a 9X20 foot Earth at Night canvas. Over 300 students and their families were introduced to images of the Earth and interactive educational games to illustrate landforms on the earth and their relation to art.

Earth Observation Day Ornament Contest
The University of Louisiana at Lafayette’s Regional Application Center working on behalf of LouisianaView established an outreach program on November 17th, 2014 to local middle schools and their 4-H clubs to participate in an Earth Observation Day Ornament Contest. The participants were asked to make an ornament that reflected their view and understanding of the Earth. LouisianaView volunteer staff members participated by giving classroom presentations about the Earth’s geography and the use of remote sensing before the students engaged in creating their masterpieces. The winning ornaments of the contest will be placed on display at our 2015 LouisianaView Earth Observation Day celebration at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. Over 75 children participated in the event.