



Brighton Eye for Art Spotlight on Francesca "Franki" Morales-Cook in Bountiful Living Art Show

Former social worker teaches others how to create wearable art while following her passion of jewelry and helping others.

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Brighton Eye for Art Program spotlights area artist Francesca "Franki" Morales-Cook in the "Bountiful Living" art show. A former social worker, Morales-Cook has had a passion in "*wearable art*" since childhood. After 25 years of working as an advocate for children and families, Morales-Cook is incorporating her passion for jewelry into her passion for people.

Since 2003, Morales-Cook has had the opportunity to craft imaginative designs and also teaches others to create wearable art. She strongly believes that each design celebrates the strength and love within the people who create them.

Embracing both her love for people and jewelry, Morales-Cook has partnered with several agencies, such as Colorado CASA, National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Denver Hospice, Catholic Charities, National Jewish Research Hospital, and the Woman's Bean Project for fundraising projects through her unique jewelry creations and jewelry making classes.

As an instructor at the Community College of Aurora, Morales-Cook nurtures others by teaching jewelry crafting. Classes range from basic jewelry making to metal-smithing which includes the use of torches. Other teaching venues include specialized classes for small groups and private apprenticeships. Watch for future classes to be offered in the Brighton area.

Morales-Cook's work is also showcased at the Denver Art Museum, the Taos Art Museum, and several other exclusive galleries and boutiques. She has been featured in *303 Magazine* as well as honored by *5280* as their Editor's Choice Award for "Top Local Jewelry Designer."

Morales-Cook's artwork is vibrant and alluring in detail and craftsmanship. Don't miss your opportunity to see or purchase her fabulous jewelry which is on display now in the Eye for Art "Bountiful Living" art show. This show is currently underway at Brighton City Hall and ends November 16.

The City of Brighton proudly supports and promotes art and culture within the City. Artwork currently on display is available for purchase. To learn more about the Eye for Art Program or take part in future displays please call Laurie Lozano-Maier, program coordinator, at 303-655-2034. Artwork may include, but not be limited to, paintings, drawings, photography, and sculpture of various media.

To view a video sample of the current artwork being displayed and for sale at City Hall, visit:

<http://www.brightonco.gov/egov/docs/1332367187961.htm>