

Beachcomber Art moves to new location

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Beachcomber Art
212 S. Federal Highway
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Boynton Beach almost lost a unique business.

Debbie Brooks, owner of Beachcomber Art, always wanted a larger space for her business and after three years at 112 S. Federal Highway, she was tempted to move to Lake Worth in search of a larger work space.

Under the circumstances, the Boynton Beach Community Redevelopment Agency stepped in with its Commercial Rent Subsidy program and got her a 1,500-square-foot space at 212 S. Federal Highway, which is where Beachcomber reopened April 1.

Through the Commercial Rent Subsidy program, recipients receive assistance with rent for the first year for a new or expanding business. It will pay one-half or up to \$600 a month to the landlord for qualifying businesses.

Brooks said the business has to be in the CRA's district for three years and be augmenting its space at least 50 percent.

"I do a bit of everything here," Brooks said. "I make seashell chandeliers, jewelry, furniture and even lamps."

With her workspace so small at 112 S Federal Highway, Brooks said she really was considering moving to Lake Worth, an area she said is actively recruiting artists.

"With the CRA, I think I was the first person to apply for this program and kind of the guinea pig," she said.

For information on Beachcomber Art, call 561-315-5717.