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the side of the home," according to VFD. "A water source was established by other fire personnel. Remaining engine companies assisted with search and rescue and later with salvage and overhaul."

Approximately 30 percent of the residence was severely damaged, with smoke and heat damage of 100 percent.

No one was home and the house was vacant, according to VFD.

A fire investigator was called to the scene. The cause of the fire was undetermined Saturday and under investigation.

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The Greater Valdosta United Way is at 49 percent of its \$1 million goal. It has raised \$491,674.84.

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## Presenter Series seeks 'Lucky Number 13'

BY DEAN POLING  
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VALDOSTA — The Annette Howell Turner Center for the Arts Presenter Series is looking for a Lucky Number 13.

Friday, the center was 13 tickets away from reaching its record-breaking goal of selling 500 season tickets to the Presenter Series 2015-16 season, said Cheryl Oliver, arts center executive director.

The person to purchase the 500th season ticket will be the Lucky Number 13 and receive a second season ticket for free, Oliver said.

The season ticket has a \$129 value.

The season ticket provides entry into the three Presenter Series 2015-16 shows.

The shows are "Flashdance: The Musical," playing Nov. 12; "The Toy

Shoppe," playing Dec. 8; The Hit Men, playing Feb. 16.

All three shows will be staged at Mathis City Auditorium, 2300 N. Ashley St.

To order tickets, contact the Annette Howell Turner Center for the Arts, 527 N. Patterson St., or call (229) 247-2787, or visit [www.turnercenter.org](http://www.turnercenter.org).

the opening of the second location.

"We are excited about this second location," said Robin DeRocco, Norman Drive location manager. "We look forward to serving friends who live on the north end of town as well as meeting new friends. Besides being a thrift store, our amazing staff sees themselves as ministers to the community. We hope everyone will come to visit and see the beautiful 'chapeau' furniture and other articles for sale."

Repeat Boutique Thrift Store serves as a ministry outreach and funding source for Options Now, a local pregnancy clinic. As Options Now has grown, the Repeat Boutique, according to the organization. The community's

## Texas Roadhouse

VALDOSTA — Texas Roadhouse restaurant invites veterans and active members of the United States military for a free lunch, Nov. 11, Veterans Day.

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Jeani Synyard sells a Peach State Summer Theatre sweepstakes ticket to Mala Vallotton at 306 North. The sweepstakes includes a trip to New York City and a beach weekend. PSST! announces the winners Monday evening.

# PSST! wants to take you to NYC

**BY DEAN POLING**

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VALDOSTA — Peach State Summer Theatre doesn't just want to provide Broadway shows for summer audiences.

PSST! wants to send one lucky winner to Broadway, again.

Peach State sponsors an annual fund-raising sweepstakes offering a weekend trip to New York City. PSST! also offers the chance to win a trip to the beach and other prizes, said Duke Guthrie, PSST!'s managing director.

The PSST! Sweepstakes has proved a successful fund-raiser since the 2009 season.

The three 2016 season shows and the sweepstakes winners will be announced 6 p.m. Monday, 306 North restaurant, 306 N. Patterson St.

**Grand Prize:** A Weekend

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- Sleeps six.
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- An Apple watch provided by AT&T Mobility.
- Two season memberships for the upcoming PSST! season.

**Fourth Prize:** Date Night

- A gift certificate to

306 North Restaurant (\$50 value).

- Two season memberships for the upcoming PSST! season.

**Fifth Prize:** Take in a Show

- Two season memberships for the upcoming PSST! season.

## SWEEPSTAKES DETAILS

• There are a limited number of tickets for the sweepstakes, not to exceed 300.

• Tickets can be obtained for a \$100 donation, with checks payable to the VSU Foundation for the PSST Sweepstakes.

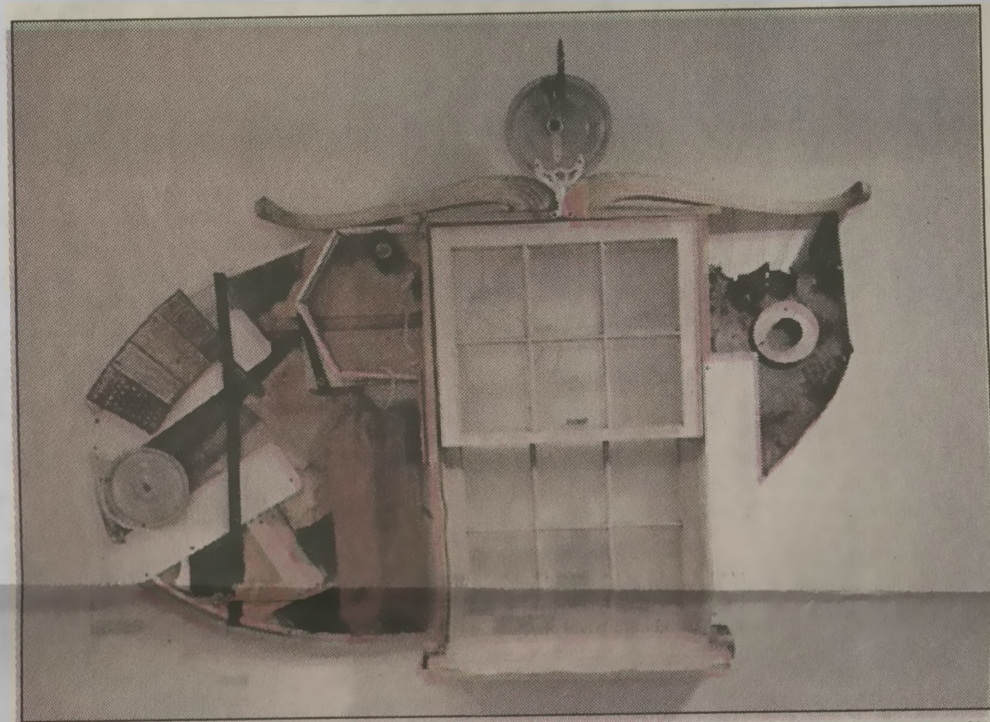
• There is an \$80 potential tax deduction with each ticket donation of \$100.

• Participants do not have to be present to win.

**More information:** Visit [www.valdosta.edu/psst](http://www.valdosta.edu/psst) or call (229) 333-5307.



'THE RIVER OF LIFE IN THE AZALEA CITY,' ARTIST MARTY HAYTHORN.



'THE MOTHER DAUGHTER,' ARTIST JOEL DION.



'KEEPER,' ARTIST JOEL DION.

## Artists in the House

### Center exhibits artists-in-residence

BY DEAN POLING  
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VALDOSTA — Annette Howell Turner Center for the Arts reveals the men behind the downtown art projects.

The Artists-in-Residence exhibition features the art of Joel Dion and Marty Haythorn in Josette's Gallery.

Dion and Haythorn are the artists behind the community art projects that will be unveiled Nov. 6 at 5:30p.m. downtown. The artists developed the themes and

techniques. During workshop sessions, the public was invited to create the pieces.

Haythorn has been involved in two pieces. He is the force behind "The River of Life in the Azalea City," a massive, three-dimensional mural which is displayed on a wall of Bennie's Alley in Downtown Valdosta. He also developed the mosaic planter downtown.

Dion developed a three-part mural of metal and ceramic tiles. In Josette's Gallery, the artists exhibit their finished works.



'Arctic Scourge,' artist Derek Schaper.

## Arts center welcomes new exhibits, new book, a tribute to an old friend

BY DEAN POLING  
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VALDOSTA — New art exhibits, an author's reception, a tribute and the return of a holiday favorite are all part of events Monday evening at the Annette Howell Turner Center for the Arts.

Three new art exhibits open.

Artist Kelly Williams presents "Life Science" in the Sallie & Harmon Boyette Gallery. The exhibit will include still-lives of plant terrariums, etc.

Artist Robert Coon presents his work in the Price-Campbell Foundation Gallery. The exhibit will include sculpture. Coon's pieces have been displayed outside of the arts center in the past.

Artist Derek Schaper presents a mixed-media exhibit in Josette's Gallery. A variety of works presented in various media.

The annual Snow Village display returns to the Roberta George Children's Gallery through the upcoming holidays.

Simultaneously, the center hosts a book signing for Karla M. Hull's recently published book, "A Sip of Death."

The art show reception and book signing are scheduled for 5-7 p.m. Monday, arts center, 527 N. Patterson St. The art exhibits run through Jan. 6.

The evening concludes with a tribute to the late Johnny B. Lastinger of Valdosta Magazine. The tribute runs 7-8 p.m. Monday at the arts center.

All events are free and open to the public.

More information: Call (229) 247-2787; or visit [www.turnercenter.org](http://www.turnercenter.org).



'Crystal Ball Terrarium II,' artist Kelly Williams.



'Intersection,' artist Robert Coon.

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## University life inspired Hull's 'A Sip of Death'

BY DEAN POLING

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VALDOSTA — “The Grievance Collectors: A Sip of Death” may well be the perfect read for mystery readers on a fall afternoon in a university town.

Especially given “A Sip of Death” is written by a Valdosta State University administrator who knows both the intrigue of campus politics and how to spin a great tale.

Author Karla M. Hull of Valdosta will sign copies of “A Sip of Death” Monday evening at the Annette Howell Turner Center for the Arts.

“I am intimately familiar with all aspects of university life,” Hull said. “Most novels about universities are written from the perspective of a student or faculty member. I have incorporated those perspectives but added the perspective of upper administration with all of the power and political agendas that influence decisions that are made on a campus.”

Hull has lived in Valdosta since 1996. She has served at VSU as a professor, chair of two Dewar College of Education departments, interim dean of the graduate school, dean of the Dewar College of Education, and interim provost.

She has been married for 39 years to Thomas Gor-

man and has two grown daughters, Teresa and Jennifer.

“Currently, I am teaching in the department of curriculum, leadership and technology, and working with doctoral students whose dissertations focus on leadership and higher education issues,” Hull said.

Her fictional Harrison University isn't informed solely by her career at VSU. She has taught and been an administrator at seven universities in states including Arizona, California and Vermont. Her Harrison University is set in the South.

“A Sip of Death” centers on a newly appointed provost who has also become a recent widow following the murder of her husband. In addition to administrative problems she encounters on campus, she becomes deeply involved in a mysterious trilogy of deaths at Harrison. She creates an authentic atmosphere while developing the tension of a thriller.

Hull combined her campus experiences with her love for mysteries to create “A Sip of Death,” which she said will be the first in a series of books called “The Grievance Collectors.”

“I have always loved reading mysteries and several times during my academic career I encountered individuals that exhibited



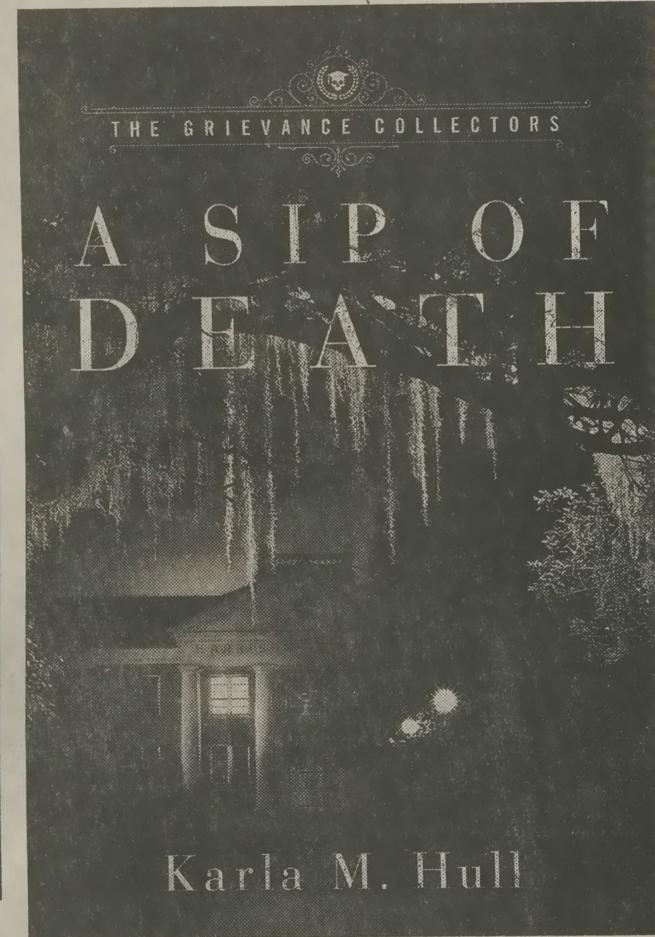
Karla M. Hull

sociopathic behaviors,” Hull said. “Several times I thought I should write about this but I didn't. After serving as the interim provost when VSU experienced its first murder, I became acutely aware of the vulnerabilities of a campus community. Finally, I decided it might be good to share some of the slimy political maneuvers that occur in

every university. The Ivory Tower is not pure.”

Still, she warns readers they should not look for VSU people as characters in the book.

“This is a work of fiction but many readers have commented that they ‘know’ who the characters are,” Hull said. “That speaks to the universal nature of my characters.



They can be found at any university.”

Readers who enjoy the book can look for the return of several of the characters in the next “Grievance Collectors” volume, “Dead Day.” Hull is writing the book now and hopes it will be ready for publication in summer 2016.

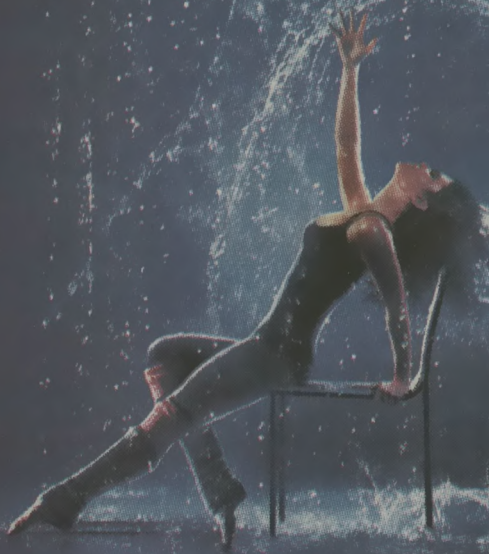
“The title ‘The Grievance Collectors’ was in-

spired by my observation that many professors and students collect grievances and allow those painful memories to haunt them in a way that negatively impacts their ability to function,” Hull said. “And with the apparent increase in mass shootings, the FBI has added Grievance Collector as a category of killers.”

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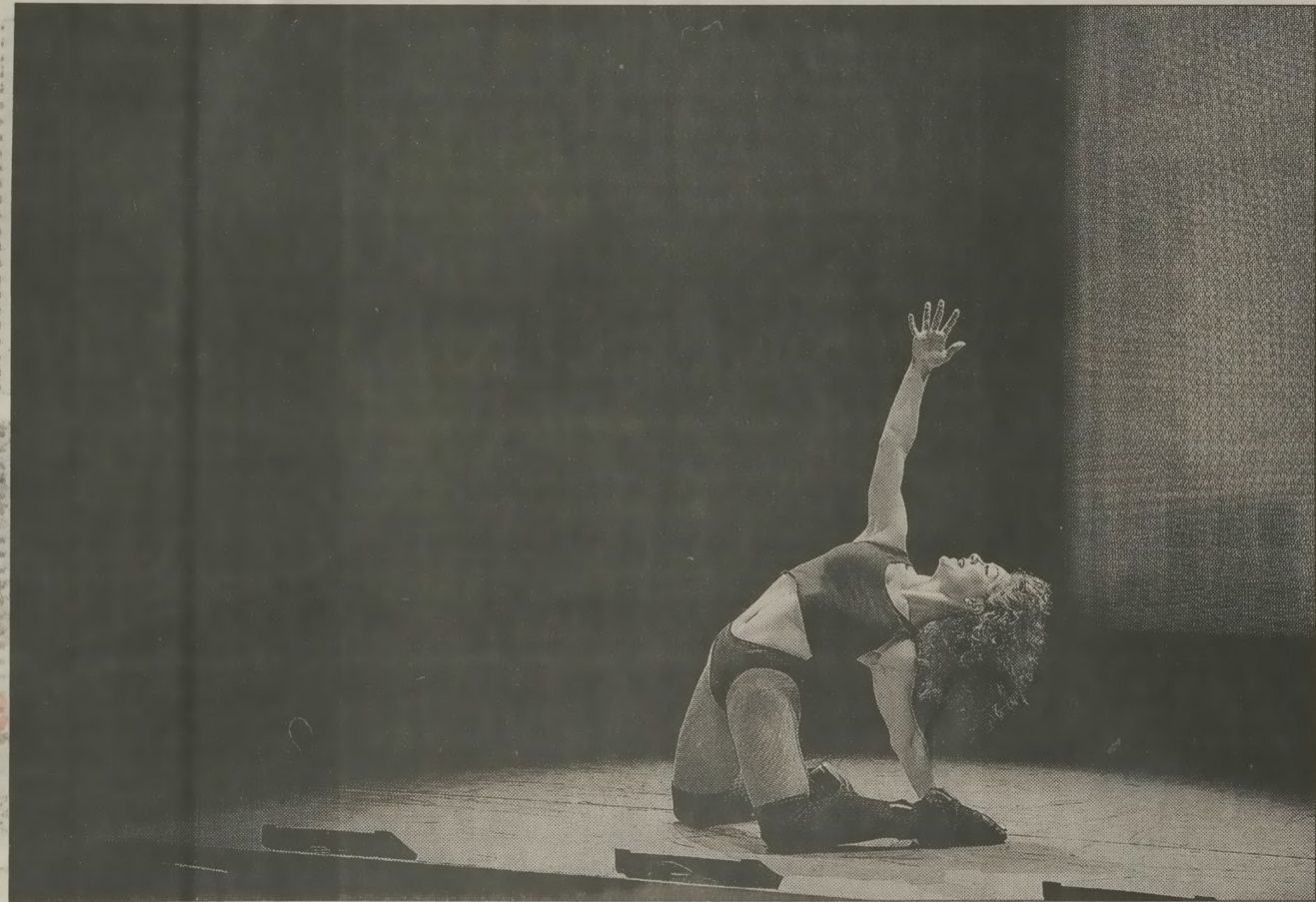


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# Flashdance Retro

The Turner Center for the Arts never misses a chance to promote its Presenter Series shows. On First Friday last week, Darby Boruff, Nancy Warren, Gabi Garrett, Rebecca Brosemer and Cathie Smith dressed in 1980s garb to publicize the season opener, 'Flashdance: The Musical,' showing 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Mathis Auditorium, 2300 N. Ashley St. Tickets are still available. More information: Call (229) 247-2787.





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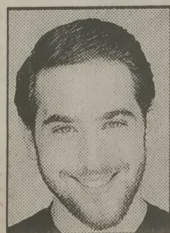
An iconic scene from the movie 'Flashdance' recreated for the stage in 'Flashdance: The Musical,' playing this week at Mathis City Auditorium.

# 'Flashdance': Cast knows all about 'What a Feeling'

BY DEAN POLING

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VALDOSTA — The performers can't help compare their experiences being cast in the nationally touring production of "Flashdance" with the dreams of the musical's main character.



NIC CASAULA

"Each person in the audition process went through the same things that Alex goes through in

the show," said Nic Casaula, who plays Jimmy in "Flashdance: The Musical."

The show plays this week at Mathis City Auditorium as the opening performance in the Annette Howell Turner Center for the Arts Presenter Series 2015-16 season.

The live show is based on the 1983 movie which critics described as a dance version of "Rocky" at the time.

The story revolves around Alex Owens. She welds Pittsburgh steel by day and dances in a club by night. She dreams of one day becoming a professional dancer. She finds love

along the way.

The musical features the chart-topping hits from the movie: "Maniac," "Gloria," "Manhunt," "I Love Rock & Roll," and the Oscar-winning title song "Flashdance — What a Feeling."

The show includes new songs to tell Alex's story.

Casaula plays a character who dreams of becoming a stand-up comedian and loves Gloria, Alex's best friend.

Casaula graduated New York University Steinhardt a couple of years ago. He has performed in "A Chorus Line," "Shrek" and "Beauty and the Beast." "Flashdance" is his first

national tour.

He said he watched the movie prior to the audition process. The director did not mind the cast recalling the movie but he did not want impersonations of the screen characters, Casaula said. "The director told us, Take what you like from the movie then build on it. Draw on things from your lives," Casaula said.

The show has spent about a month on the road. At the time of this phone interview last week, the cast was leaving Colorado for weekend shows in California then back East this week, stopping Thursday night in Valdosta.

# Snake Nation Press hosts open mic night

**BY DEAN POLING**

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VALDOSTA — Snake Nation Press hosts its second Take the Stage Tuesday event, offering an open-mic to area folks.

The event welcomes comedians, writers, singers,

poets, etc., who want to share their talents, according to the Annette Howell Turner Center for the Arts.

For several years, Snake Nation Press has developed the reputation for giving South Georgia writers a chance.

Snake Nation publishes

books of poetry collections, story collections, novels, history books, memoirs, self-help books, and art books.

Snake Nation offers prizes to poets and authors from the region as well as contributors from across the United States and be-

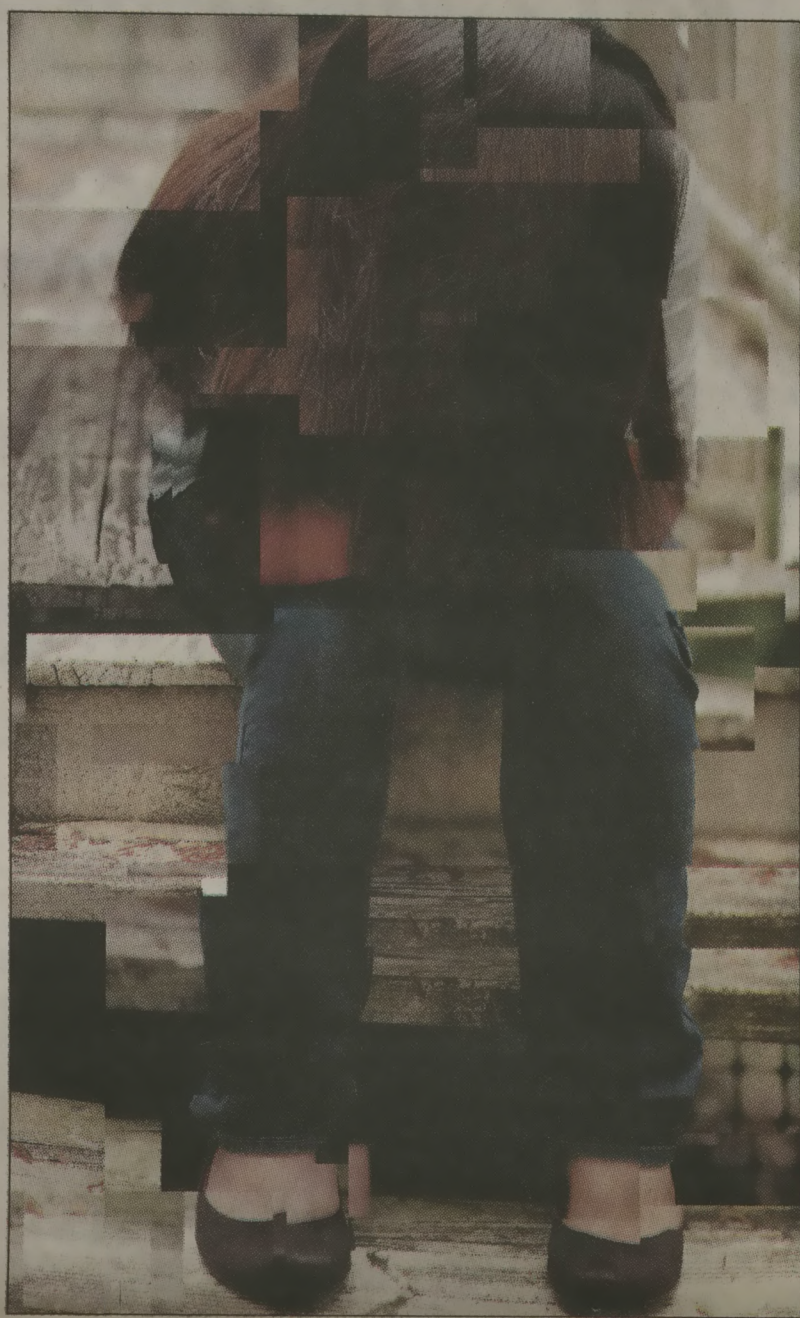
yond. More information: Visit [snakenationpress.org](http://snakenationpress.org).

Snake Nation Press' Take the Stage Tuesday is scheduled for 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Annette Howell Turner Center for the Arts 527 N. Patterson St. More information: Call (229) 247-2787.

## Things Made By People



'Hidden,' artist Renee Parham.



'Fragmented,' artist Sasha Kermin.



'Meyers Lemon Color,' artist Sally Querin.



'Putting Things Together,' artist Logann Pearce.

VSU presents  
fall senior art  
show

*Angel Tree Remembrance  
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BY DEAN POLING  
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annually — one to end the fall semester, and one to conclude the spring semester. The shows are usually dynamic presentations of the seniors' best work from their time with VSU Art. The shows share both the students' work and talents as well as the nature of VSU's art department.

Graduating artists for the fall senior show are Carolyn Brady, Joel Dion, Kaylyn Eanes, Courtney Gatch, Breyana Jackson, Sasha Kermin, Renee Parham, Logann Pearce, Nigel Pittman, Sally Querin, Lucas Rocheleau, Holly Roddenbery, Alan Sifuentes, Emily Smith, Zakk White.

VALDOSTA — Fifteen artists present "Things Made By People," the fall senior art exhibit, opening Sunday.

The graduating Valdosta State University art seniors "have either earned a bachelor of fine arts or a bachelor of arts in art," according to show information. "The artists will present works in various media including drawing, painting, photography, ceramics, sculpture, mixed media, and graphic design."

VSU Art regularly presents two senior art shows



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## Artist masters 'Mixed Media'

BY DEAN POLING  
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VALDOSTA — Derek Schaper explores a multitude of worlds via various media and styles in his "Mixed Media" exhibit at the Annette Howell Turner Center for the Arts.

Viewers discover the

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### GALLERY

**What:** Artist Derek Schaper's "Mixed Media" is on exhibit in Josette's Gallery; along with Robert Coon's sculptures, Price-Campbell Gallery; Kelly Williams' paintings, Sallie & Harmon Boyette Gallery; the annual snow village display, Roberta George Children's Gallery.

**Where:** Annette Howell Turner Center for the Arts, 527 N. Patterson St.

**Run dates:** The exhibits continue through Jan. 6.

**Gallery hours:** 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesdays through Thursdays; 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays; closed Sundays and Mondays.

**Admission:** Free.

**More information:** Call (229) 247-2787; or visit [www.turnercenter.org](http://www.turnercenter.org).



One of artist Derek Schaper's 'Scourge' pieces.

## ARTIST MASTERS 'MIXED MEDIA'



One of artist Derek Schaper's 'Scourge' pieces.

trollish Scourges, mounted three-dimensional heads that serve as stylistic cousins of the two-dimensional Scourges, pencilled ships and wood creations.

"The exhibit is a reflection of

my varied interests and pursuits in art over recent years," Schaper said in an artistic statement. "I have been working toward developing my skill and techniques in hopes of arriving at a personal

style that is recognizable no matter the subject, format or materials used. This body of work was done without a real unifying theme in mind — just creating whatever I feel inspired to work

on at any given time — often animals, monsters and imaginary creatures."

Schaper creates a magnificent world filled with mythical beasts that are familiar archetypes but

are unique in the artist's presentation.

Schaper has been pursuing art throughout his life. He is a graphic designer and pagination with The Valdosta Daily Times.

# Art Walk

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December 4th

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# Alan Thicke coming to Valdosta for Christmas musical

BY DEAN POLING

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VALDOSTA — Alan Thicke has known Kenny Rogers for years. They have appeared on television shows together and developed a friendship.

When Rogers decided not to tour again with his live Christmas musical, "The Toy Shoppe," he asked Thicke to star.

Thicke and "The Toy Shoppe" play Valdosta, Dec. 8, as part of the Annette Howell Turner Center for the Arts Presenter Series.

In a phone interview last week, Thicke said he



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Alan Thicke stars in 'The Toy Shoppe' coming Dec. 8 to Valdosta as part of the Annette Howell Turner Center for the Arts Presenter Series.

had already rehearsed a few days with the children in the show.

"They are a talented group of young kids," Thicke said of the young

cast that began rehearsals at an earlier date. "The kids are superb. They are precocious. I'll have to be at the top of my game to catch up with them."

Thicke is best known for starring in the sitcom "Growing Pains." He is also father to pop star Robin Thicke. He remains involved in several ventures. He called from Boca Raton, Fla., where he was scheduled to play tennis against Martina Navratilova in the annual Chris Evert charity event.

While Rogers will not reprise the role that he debuted in New York, the show remains his at heart.

Rogers co-wrote the show's songs, including the hit "Heroes."

The arts center's synopsis of "The Toy Shoppe": "This enchanting family musical focuses on Longley's Toy Shoppe, a place filled with magic, wonders and miracles for nearly 100 years. Here, toys come to life and children gather to hear stories by owner Hank Longley (Thicke). Longley's Toy Shoppe is threatened by big business, progress and a fast-paced changing world. But Hank hangs on with his group of kids and a bit of magic in a place

See Thicke on 8A

## THICKE: Christmas production continues through Dec. 20

where the little things are important."

The 2015 production opened the day after Thanksgiving, Thicke said. The tour continues through Dec. 20.

"There will be a lot of days spent on a bus," Thicke said. "We will be hitting a lot of towns for a lot of one-nighters."

Thicke has toured in recent years. He

hosted the road version of "Dancing with the Stars" last year.

As for traveling with a show that's mostly kids, Thicke said there are two buses. One for the kids and one for himself and the older members of the cast.

There's no need for new "Growing Pains" on the road.





'Intersection,' artist Robert Coon.

## The Return of Robert Coon

BY DEAN POLING

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VALDOSTA — Several years ago, a series of sky-pointing sculptures were installed on the grounds of the Annette Howell Turner Center for the Arts.

Some are back.

Artist Robert Coon, a Vero Beach, Fla., sculptor, has works exhibited at the arts center.

In 2008, Coon loaned some of his sculptures to the center for display.

Coon deals with large, graphic shapes of metal for his massive sculptures, creating otherworldly abstract forms that pierce perceptions while several seem to reach to pierce the sky.

Coon has said he enjoys working from his imagination.

"Part of what was important to me was the negative space inside the geometry — the empty part, not the metal that was there," he is quoted as saying in the Vero Beach Magazine.

Coon's work has an impact, as noted by the

### GALLERY

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many comments his sculptures received when first installed outside the arts center. Now, viewers can feel that impact again at the arts center as well.

**'Part of what was important to me was the negative space inside the geometry — the empty part, not the metal that was there'**

**Robert Coon**

Artist

# Gayle lights Valdosta Christmas tree

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VALDOSTA — With the push of a button by Mayor John Gayle, Valdosta's Christmas tree came alive.

The lighting of the tree was the highlight of a Friday evening ceremony featuring the St. John's Catholic Church Youth Choir singing a number of Christmas favorites.

City officials said they were excited to host the youth choir that has been invited to perform for Pope Francis at his New Year's Day Mass in Rome, Italy.

In addition to the tree lighting, attendees could sign cards for members of the military who are deployed this Christmas season, courtesy of the Valdosta Youth Council.

"Right now, we're working around trying to help with the tree lighting, getting everyone happy and into the spirit so they can



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**Valdosta Mayor John Gayle speaks to the crowd Friday evening at the Valdosta Christmas tree lighting.**

enjoy it," said Amelia Barnett, Valdosta youth councilperson. "We're really just here to help and make it a fun time to be here."

The Youth Council also

accepted donations from those on hand for the Mayor's Holiday Gift Drive.

Gayle, Valdosta Fire Chief Freddie Broome, and Valdosta firefighters

will deliver gifts donated Friday evening and to Valdosta fire stations to the 120 patients of the Parkwood Development Center 9 a.m. Tuesday.

## 'The Toy Shoppe' strikes playful tone



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'The Toy Shoppe' featured many child performers. The nationally traveling holiday show stopped Tuesday night in Valdosta as part of the Annette Howell Turner Center for the Arts Presenter Series.



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The Valdosta Daily Times Lifestyles Editor Desiree Carver played the part of a reporter in 'The Toy Shoppe.' The nationally traveling holiday show stopped Tuesday night in Valdosta as part of the Annette Howell Turner Center for the Arts Presenter Series.



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# Arts & Entertainment

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## • Artist Derek Schaper

Annette Howell Turner Center for the Arts, 527 N. Ashley St. Mixed-media works. Run dates: Nov. 2 through Jan. 6. Gallery hours: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesdays through Thursdays; 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays; closed Sundays and Monday, except for opening show receptions. Admission: Free. More information: Visit [www.turnercenter.org](http://www.turnercenter.org); or call (229) 247-2787.

## • Artist Kelly Williams

Annette Howell Turner Center for the Arts, 527 N. Ashley St. Paintings. Run dates: Nov. 2 through Jan. 6. Gallery hours: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesdays through Thursdays; 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays; closed Sundays and Monday, except for opening show receptions. Admission: Free. More information: Visit [www.turnercenter.org](http://www.turnercenter.org); or call (229) 247-2787.

## • Artist Bob Coon

Annette Howell Turner Center for the Arts, 527 N. Ashley St. Sculpture. Run dates: Nov. 2 through Jan. 6. Gallery hours: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesdays through Thursdays; 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays; closed Sundays and Monday, except for opening show receptions. Admission: Free. More information: Visit [www.turnercenter.org](http://www.turnercenter.org); or call (229) 247-2787.

## • Fall Senior Exhibition

Dedo Maranville Fine Arts Gallery, Valdosta State University Fine Arts Building, corner of Oak and Brookwood. Graduating arts seniors exhibit their works. Run dates: Nov. 15 through Dec. 7. Gallery open Mondays through Fridays. Admission: Free and open to the public. More information: Call (229) 333-5835; or visit [www.valdosta.edu/art](http://www.valdosta.edu/art).

## • Valdosta State University Music recitals and concerts

Unless otherwise noted, each performance is scheduled for Whitehead Auditorium, VSU Fine Arts Building, corner of Oak and Brookwood. Admission: Free and open to the public. More information: Visit [www.valdosta.edu/music/](http://www.valdosta.edu/music/)

- Jazz Ensemble, 7:30 p.m., Dec. 1.
- Student Recital: Brennan Short, saxophone, 7:30 p.m., Dec. 2.
- VSU Spotlighters Rotunda Concert, 7:30 p.m., Dec. 4; 1 p.m., 7:30 p.m., Dec. 5, VSU's West Hall Rotunda. (Ticket needed.)
- South Georgia String Project Concert, 6 p.m., Dec. 7.

## • Christmas plays: Little Actors Theatre headquarters

1108 S. Patterson St. Three Christmas plays. Run dates: 7 p.m., Dec. 4; 10:30 a.m., Dec. 5; 2 p.m., Dec. 6. More information: Contact director Diane Tovar, (229) 292-4742; or visit [www.littleactorstheatrevaldosta.com](http://www.littleactorstheatrevaldosta.com).

## • "Shakespeare's Seven Deadly"

The Dosta Playhouse, 122 N. Ashley St. The Theatre Guild Valdosta Stage 2 show features selections by William Shakespeare. Synopsis: "If there's one thing in Western Culture that is more enduring than the words of William Shakespeare, it's sin. Amongst the sins, there are seven which are qualified as the most deadly. Come see what happens when the best in the west meets the worst of the cursed." Run dates Dec. 18-20.

## • "A Seussified Christmas Carol"

The Dosta Playhouse, 122 N. Ashley St. Gingerbread Players of Theatre Guild Valdosta presents a children's show by playwright Peter Bloedel. Synopsis: "A whimsical reinvention

of Dickens' most beloved Christmas story in wacky rhymed couplets. With zoot fruited juices and binka bird geese, from Bed-Headed Fred to Timmy Loo Hoo, this tale of glorious holiday cheer is similar to something Dr. Seuss might have come up with — if he ever had his way with the story." Run dates: Dec. 4-6, 11-13.

## • "The Nutcracker"

Mathis City Auditorium, 2300 N. Ashley St. Linda Chase and her Dance Arts Inc.'s long-running performance of Tchaikovsky's Christmas classic partners again with the Valdosta Symphony Orchestra. Run dates: 7:30 p.m., Dec. 4; 1 p.m., 7:30 p.m., Dec. 5; 2:30 p.m., Dec. 6.



Emily Kate Reagin, Christopher Gibbs, Abigail Walker perform in Dance Arts' annual production of 'The Nutcracker.'

## • "The Many Moods of Christmas"

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, 800 Gornto Road. Valdosta Choral Guild presents its annual Christmas concert. Run dates: 4:30 p.m., Dec. 13; 7:30 p.m., Dec. 14. Tickets: \$5, adult; \$3, student.