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The "Pearl Girls" prepare invitations for the Spring Into Art Gala which was held April 10. Susan Allison, Patsi Peacock, Carreen Shapiro, Sherrill Lahr and (standing) Mala Vallotton, Helen Tucker, Cathie Smith, Margaret Mittiga, Suzanne Taylor, Denise Dwozan, Jeani Synyard.



"How Can I Keep From Singing!"

Valdosta Choral Guild's Spring Concert

Every Monday, since the beginning of January, the Valdosta Choral Guild has been practicing in preparation for their Spring Concert – "How Can I Keep from Singing!" - which Adrienne Reissiger, the Choral Guild's Director, says, "...will be a fun and inspirational concert for all, no matter what your musical taste."

The guild will present a wonderful night of music to include: "Stand Together" by Jim Papoulis, "James Bond Theme" by Monty Norman, "You Raise Me Up" by Brendan Grahm and Rolf Lovland, and many others. They concert will include performances by soloists, ensembles, and the full Chorale.

IF YOU GO.....

Dates & Times: Sunday, May 7 (4:30 pm)
& Monday, May 8 (7:30 pm)

Venue: St. John Catholic Church - 800 Gornto Road

Tickets: \$5.00 – At the door or purchase in advance from a Choral Guild member

Peach State Summer Theatre



PSST!

Peach State Summer Theatre is Valdosta's premiere professional summer stock theatre. Each summer, a company of some 60 actor-singers, dancers, technicians, managers, and creators will reside in Valdosta for a nine-week season. During that time, they will rehearse, build and present three musicals in rotating repertory.

This summer PSST! will open with *Shrek: The Musical* on Friday, June 2. Based on the DreamWorks picture of the same name, Shrek and Donkey set out on a whirlwind adventure to retrieve Princess Fiona and save Shrek's swamp from being overrun by fairytale creatures.

Next to open will be *Forever Plaid* on Friday, June 16. A revue of those close-harmony groups of the 1950's is personified through four boys called "The Plaids."

The third and final show will be *My Fair Lady* opening on Friday, June 23. A Lerner & Loewe classic, *My Fair Lady* is the story of Eliza Doolittle, a Cockney flower girl, who takes speech lessons from Professor Henry Higgins, a phonetician, so that she may pass as a lady.

IF YOU GO...

Upcoming Performances:

Dates & Times:

June 2 – July 16 / Visit valdosta.edu/psst
for dates & times of musicals

Venue: Sawyer Theatre

Tickets: 229.259.7770 - Box Office



30TH ANNUAL SPRING INTO ART GALA

The opening reception of the annual Spring Into Art Gala is always an eagerly awaited event on the Valdosta social calendar. This year was no exception when hundreds of patrons turned out for a sneak preview and the catered buffet on April 10 at The Annett Howell Turner Center for the Arts. The review judges recognized 50 outstanding works from more than 400 entries in this year's Spring Into Art Exhibit. For more information on the exhibit see the "Arts & Culture" section.

Photography by Sarah Kathryn Garland Photography





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1. John Olson, Jeani Synyard and Mary & Tom Gooding
2. Dr. & Mrs. Joe Morgan
3. Beverly Langdale, Tina Folsom & Kristy Johnson
4. Nancy Warren, Jeani Synyard & Annette Crosby
5. Brenda Thrasher, Gladys McDonald & Dean Brooks
6. Sue Martin and Devan & Justin Martin
7. Bob & Mattia Goddard and Bill & Joanna Nijem
8. Chuck & Susan Steel
9. Brooke Moreno & Sherry Wetherington
10. John & Teresa Goodley and John & Peggy Gayle
11. Leah & Ricky Rowe, and Ansley & Christian Maurer
12. Turner Arts Center Staff: Christian Maurer, Meredith Nuckols, Debi Davis, Bill Shenton, Jordan Dunn, Roy Fricks, Cheryl Oliver and Darby Boruff
13. Water & Susie Altman and Katie Wilson
14. Sarah & Brad Soshnik



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Arts & Entertainment

MAY 2017



The Staff at The Annette Howell Turner Center for the Arts Photo by Sally Turner Querin

• The 30th Annual Spring Into Art

Annette Howell Turner Center for the Arts, 527 N. Patterson St. The largest and most inclusive art exhibit in the region. Show runs through June 7. Gallery hours: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesdays through Thursdays; 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays; closed Sundays and most Mondays. Admission: Free. More information: Call (229) 247-2787; or visit turnercenter.org.

• Senior Spring Exhibition

Dedo Maranville Fine Arts Gallery, Valdosta State University Fine Arts Building, corner of Oak and Brookwood. VSU Art presents show featuring graduating art students exhibiting their best works. Show concludes in early May. More information: Call (229) 333-5835; or visit www.valdosta.edu/art.

• Senior Showcase

Lowndes High School, off Norman Drive. LHS Off-Broadway presents a show featuring graduating seniors. Run date: 7 p.m., May 12.

• Peach State Summer Theatre

Sawyer Theatre, Valdosta State University Fine Arts Building, corner of Oak and Brookwood. The first show opens in early June, then the subsequent two shows open later in June, all three shows play in rotating repertory through mid-July. More information: Visit www.valdosta.edu/psst.



• "Shrek"

is a live, musical version of the beloved animated DreamsWorks movie. The show should be suitable for all audiences. It features a song or two from the movie soundtrack but mostly incorporates songs written and composed specifically for the stage version.

Forever PLAID

• “Forever Plaid”

is playwright Stuart Ross' love letter to the harmony groups, such as the Four Aces, etc., of the late 1950s and early 1960s. The conceit here is the Plaids, a fictional singing group, die in a car wreck on the way to see the Beatles' American debut on "The Ed Sullivan Show." The group gets the chance for one last show in the afterlife. Performers sing memorable hits from the late 1950s and early 1960s.

• “My Fair Lady”

is the successful combination of George Bernard Shaw's "Pygmalion" wrapped in a Lerner-Loewe Broadway musical. Professor Henry Higgins believes he can transform anyone into a lady. His social experiment introduces him to Eliza Doolittle, a Cockney flower girl, who ends up stealing Higgins' heart.

• Sine Nomine Players in concert

First Baptist Church, Downtown Valdosta. Valdosta-based singing group features selected performers. Run date: 4 p.m., May 14.

• “How Can I Keep From Singing”

St. John Catholic Church, 800 Gornto Road. Valdosta Choral Guild presents its annual spring concert, with music to include: “Stand

Together” by Jim Papoulis; “James Bond Theme” by Monty Norman; “You Raise Me Up” by Brendan Grahm and Rolf Lovland, etc. Run dates: 4:30 p.m. Sunday, May 7; 7:30 p.m. Monday, May 8.

• Spring Developing Artist Recital

Valdosta High School Performing Arts Center, 3101 N. Forrest St. VHS Theatre showcases student talents. Run date: 7 p.m., May 12. **VS**



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30th Annual

Spring Into Art

Opening Reception • April 10, 2017

Show open through June 7

photos by **Derrek Vaughn**

Valdosta and area artists shined in capturing prizes during the opening of the 30th Annual Spring Into Art exhibition at the Annette Howell Turner Center for the Arts. Over 200 artists entered more than 400 pieces of art in this years exhibit.



TOP RIGHT: Kay Cromartie of Thomasville won Best in Show for her watercolor 'Disconnected.'

RIGHT: Anastacia Mills of Valdosta one first place in the photography/digital arts category for her work 'Memory Serves.'

BELOW: Travis D. Simmons of Valdosta won first place in painting for his work titled 'Malleus Maleficarum.'





Over 400 works of art are on display at the Annette Howell Turner Center for the Arts.



Jayden Williams, a first grader at Highland Christian Academy, was the invitation design contest winner and was presented with a framed portrait of his art.



Casey Cole Corbin of Nashville won first place in the sculpture/ceramics/jewelry/crafts category for the work titled 'Despair.'



Kalina Winska of Valdosta won first place in drawing/printmaking/mixed media category for her work 'Atmospheric Gaze #2.'



Catching the fever!

photos by Derrek Vaughn

Hundreds of South Georgia residents caught the "Fever" when the Annette Howell Turner Center for the Arts Presenter Series hosted "Saturday Night Fever." The professional, nationally touring show is based on the 1977 film of the same name starring John Travolta as a young man seeking escape as a disco dancer. The live stage performance was the final show for the 2016-17 Presenter Series season. The Valdosta Daily Times is a Presenter Series sponsor.





Matt Alfano and Tess Alves make iconic moves in the nationally touring production of 'Saturday Night Fever.'



Rodeo Lake Park

photos by Derrek Vaughn

Rodeo Lake Park hosted professional and local cowboys and cowgirls in March. The rodeo was at Raisin' Cane and featured calf roping, bull riding, cowgirl barrel racing, bareback bronc riding, steer wrestling, breakaway roping and team roping.



For the saddle bronc riding, riders try staying on the horse for eight seconds without touching the bucking horse with their free hand.

A rider attempts to hang on in the saddle bronc riding competition at Rodeo Lake Park.



People's Choice

Photo contest deadline nears

BY DEAN POLING

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VALDOSTA — The deadline approaches to enter the Valdosta People's Choice Photo Contest.

The popular contest features images of the city, taken by area folks, with favorite photos chosen by visitors to the Annette Howell Turner Center for the Arts.

The deadline for entries is May 31.

The contest started nine years ago when the city needed photos for brochures, websites and other promotional campaigns.

Sementha Mathews, the City of Valdosta public information officer, had the idea of a city photo contest. People could take photos of locations within the Valdosta city limits and the city would have a portfolio of images for use.

The idea was successful and became an annual event.

The Ninth Annual Valdosta People's Choice Photo Contest is seeking entries, Mathews said. More than a hundred entries are expected.

The first year of the contest attracted about 40 entries, Mathews said in past interviews. There were no sponsors.

By the second year, the city partnered with the Annette Howell Turner

Center for the Arts to exhibit the works.

One-hundred-twenty-eight images were entered the second year.

The show-contest has grown ever since.

Following the arts center exhibit, the public voting for favorites, the reception to announce winners, the winning photos traditionally travel to be exhibited at various locations throughout Valdosta. Valdosta Regional Airport, for example, always exhibits the contest during the holidays which is the peak travel season.

Winners receive cash prizes.

The 2017 categories are:

– It's a Generational Thing (People living life). Sponsored by Jack Oliver Real Estate.

– For Weather or Worse (seasons and weather). Sponsored by Georgia Power.

– BeClaws, I Love You (for animal lovers). Sponsored by Lowndes County Animal Services.

– Standing the Test of Time (Local Architecture). Sponsored by BFB Gladwin Architects.

– Stomping Grounds (Favorite Places). Sponsored by Valdosta Main Street.

The top photo in each category will garner the winning photographer



Untitled image by Joshua C. Lynch. A past first-place winner in the Valdosta People's Choice Photo Contest.

\$100, according to contest rules.

The contest also awards a \$200 cash prize for Best of Show. Mathews seeks a sponsor for the Best of Show award.

One thing that has not changed since the contest began is the target areas

of the photographs.

All photos must be taken within the Valdosta city limits, according to contest rules. Participating photographers do not have to live in Valdosta but the photos must be within Valdosta, she said.

Voting will occur June

12 through July 12 at the exhibit at the Annette Howell Turner Center for the Arts. Winners will be announced during a public reception, 5-7 p.m., July 17. Photos will remain on exhibit through July 26 at the arts center's Tillman Gallery.

A complete list of contest rules is available at www.valdostacity.com/valdosta-peoples-choice-photo-contest.

More information: Call the arts center, (229) 247-2787; or the city public information office, (229) 259-3548.



'Southern Silhouette' by H. Aaron Strickland. A past honorable mention in the Valdosta People's Choice Photo Contest.



'Purple Passion' by Leo Soilea. A first-place winner in the Valdosta People's Choice Photo Contest.

Turner Center opens new exhibits

BY DEAN POLING
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VALDOSTA — Several new art exhibits open this week at the Annette Howell Turner Center for the Arts.

The shows follow the recent closing of the 2017 Spring Into Art show at the center.

The new round of shows features three solo exhibitions and the annual city photography competition, said Bill Shenton, artistic administrator at the center.

The solo exhibits each feature painters.

Brandon McMillan,

a Valdosta artist, will be featured in the Boyette and Mittiga galleries.

Anda Chance, a McAlpin, Fla., artist, will be featured in the Price-Campbell Foundation and Mittiga galleries.

Ron Thomson, a Thomsville artist, will present his "Vessels of Light" exhibit in Josette's Gallery.

The annual City of Valdosta People's Choice Photography Contest will be exhibited in the Tillman Gallery.

Art Explorations students will exhibit their works in the Roberta George Children's Gallery.

The permanent fine European porcelain collection will be on display in the Howard Gallery.

The new exhibits open with a free, public reception, 5-7 p.m. Monday, June 12, at the Annette Howell Turner Center for the Arts, 527 N. Patterson St. The shows run through July 26.

Gallery hours: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday; 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday and Saturday; closed Sunday and Monday (with exception of opening receptions). Admission: Free. More information: Visit www.turnercenter.org, or call (229) 247-2787.



'Chop Shop,' by Anda Chance.



'Sparklers,' art by Brandon McMillan.



Art by Ron Thomson.