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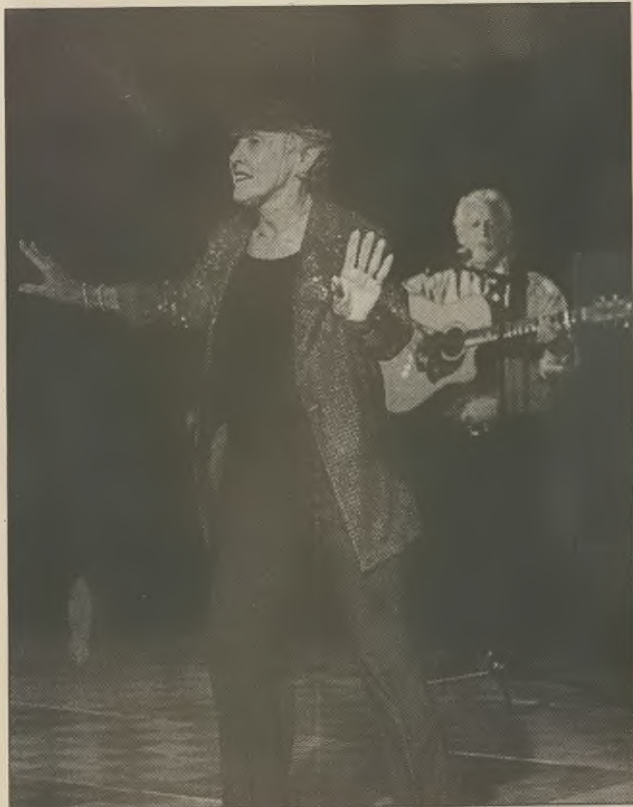
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Jeani Synyard dances while Joe Smothers strums in this photo from 'American Soundtrack V' in 2017. 'American Soundtrack VI' plays Saturday, Aug. 25.



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Arla Heath-Sands and Kenneth Trimmins perform in this photo from 'American Soundtrack V' in 2017. They are both scheduled to return for 'American Soundtrack VI' Saturday, Aug. 25.

American Soundtrack VI

Music revue
spotlights local
area talent

BY DEAN POLING
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VALDOSTA— Even with "American Soundtrack Volume VI" a week away,

organizers are already choosing songs for "American Soundtrack Volume VII" for next year.

"Cheryl Oliver and I sit down and talk about the different songs for the show," said Ed Barr, leader of the Ed Barr Orchestra. "There are so many great songs and so many we can do."

"American Soundtrack" is sponsored by the Annette

Howell Turner Center for the Arts as a fundraiser. The performance is located at the James H. Rainwater Conference Center.

The "American Soundtrack" series has become known for matching Valdosta-area talent with great songs ranging from classic standards to pop to rock to country, from past decades to now.

Barr and Sementha

Mathews, arts center executive director, said the featured talent includes Joe Smothers, Rob Evans, Jerry Newman, Wendy Colson, Cole Wildes, Heather Frederick and the band Wrong Turn, Kenji Bolton and more.

The headliner is Ronnie Johnson and his wife, Kim, a Lowndes High School

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Two art forms to blend at Turner

BY AMANDA M. USHER

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VALDOSTA — A culinary arts course that will profit the visual arts, Transitioning Your Table will take place 6 p.m., Sept. 20, at the Annette Howell Turner Center for the Arts.

Tickets are \$60, and the event is being hosted by the Center for the Arts Guild. CAG consistently works to aid Turner, said Jane Burgsteiner, CAG head of culinary classes.

During the three-hour event, Chef Jason Russell

will teach adult students how to prepare a seasonal hummus platter, cast-iron chicken roast with pistou sauce and sweet potato, pecan and pretzel crumbs.

Participants will watch as Russell creates the tasked dish on his culinary canvas; and then, they'll be able to indulge in the meal with beverages, organizers said.

"We're offering a service for the community to come and learn how to prepare different meals," Burgsteiner said.

Transitioning Your

MORE INFO

Seating is limited for Transitioning Your Table. To RSVP, visit turnercenter.org or call (229) 247-2787.

Table will act as a community builder for visiting guests, said Kaitlyn Redish, Turner Center public relations and marketing administrator.

"You're pulling in a chef who just recently moved back to the area," she said. "You're opening up to the public where they can come into the arts center and get a feel for everything that we offer."

Turner regularly hosts culinary classes for children ages 8-12 and adults ages 21 and older, Burgsteiner said. The center has a culinary kitchen furnished by CAG.

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Round of Applause

Here's another round of applause for individuals and organizations doing great things in the community.

Valdosta State University police department hosted the Second Annual National Night Out Tuesday evening with more attendees, vendors and hamburgers on the grill. The event brought the community and first responders — law-enforcement officers, firefighters and EMS — together in hopes of forming relationships. A sense of community is why VSU Sgt. Heidi Browning planned the event for the first time last year. It's also why she joined law enforcement. "I want kids to leave this event instead of being scared of officers, I want them to go up and talk to them," Browning said. "That's my whole goal with this thing." Many families with small children as well as the VSU community attended, talking with local law enforcement, such as the VSU, Hahira and Remerton police departments.

The Annette Howell Turner Center for the Arts held its first Instructor of the Year reception recently. Julie Smith was named the 2018 Art Instructor of the Year. The center employs more than 20 art instructors throughout the year. Smith, a ceramics instructor, has been an instructor at the center since 2014, teaching four to five classes weekly including throwing and hand-building pottery classes, Empty Bowls program and ceramics on the road, as well as other specialty classes and workshops throughout the year, according to center representatives.

CONTEST: Winners will be announced July 16

in the Turner Center's Tillman Gallery. Voting is open to anyone who visits the center and winners will be announced July 16.

For the next four weeks, the public is invited to view the framed, displayed photos and vote on their favorites. The Turner Center is open Tuesday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

This year's contest winners will be awarded a cash prize thanks to sponsorship from the Coleman Talley law firm.

A \$300 cash prize will be awarded for first place, \$200 cash prize for second place and a \$100 cash prize for third place from among the adult-submitted entries. Five honorable mentions will also be selected.

The public will also have the opportunity to vote on the first place youth photo, ages 16 and under and one honorable mention. The youth first place winner will receive a \$100 cash award.

All award winners and honorable mentions will have their works professionally framed with an engraved nameplate, according to the City of Valdosta.

The photographs will remain on display in the Tillman Gallery through Wednesday, July 25, at which time they will become part of a traveling display that can be viewed from August-December 2018 in various communities.

Sementha Mathews, Turner Center's executive director, said the cash prizes got more people to participate in this year's event than in some past years.

She also said they are considering expanding the contest from anywhere inside the city limits to anywhere inside South Georgia.

"Having the contest inside the city limits can be challenging," Mathews said. "We will be talking about making it within South Georgia."

Chamber hosts business expo

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BY JASON A. SMITH

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VALDOSTA — About 100 businesses and 300 residents gathered at the James H. Rainwater Conference Center for the Primetime Business Expo.

The expo is an annual event hosted by the Valdosta-Lowndes County Chamber of Commerce that gathers businesses together under one roof. The expo is designed to give businesses exposure to other businesses and community members.

Jeanette Stensgaard, membership director for the chamber, helped organize the event. She said the event is about average in size compared to recent years.

"We typically have around 100 (businesses); we have about that much every year, which really shows that vendors have this in their marketing plan and that it is important to the community," she said.

As a twist to the expo, the chamber added a fair-



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Sementha Mathews, Jeani Synyard and Kaitlyn Redish with the Annette Howell Turner Center for the Arts at the Primetime Business Expo.

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The Annette Howell Turner Center for the Arts

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PRESENTER SERIES

THE CHOIR OF MAN

Thursday
October 11, 2018

NEW Shanghai CIRCUS

Thursday
January 31, 2019

WITH LOVE FROM BROADWAY

Thursday
February 14, 2019

Early Season Package Deal (ends 09/17) - \$100

Regular Season Package (begins 09/18) - \$135

Individual Show Ticket Price \$50 each

*An optional pre-show dinner will be offered at 6 p.m.
before each show, RSVP required.*

All performances are held at 7:30 p.m. at
Mathis City Auditorium, Valdosta, Georgia

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ZACCARI: The exhibition will be at Turner until Oct. 31

said. "Hopefully, it'll make a little more sense about where you're headed."

The process to host this large display began during Cheryl Oliver's time as executive director of Turner. Zaccari is a former board member for Turner.

"The opportunity to pull together a retrospective of his works, encompassing many decades of his artistry, was just too good to pass up," Oliver said.

Once Zaccari agreed to the proposal for the exhibition, Oliver and Center curator Bill Shenton received unanimous approval from the visual arts committee.

"It's hard to say in a few words in how much esteem we hold Dr. Ron Zaccari, both as an artist and as a person, certainly as a board member ... He was

amazing during his six-year term on the board," Oliver said.

She said the community response is gratifying and the center looks forward to hosting the collection for the next six weeks. She compared the reception to a miniature Spring Into Art gala.

"If we had to list our heroes, he'd be way up there at the top of the list for sure," Oliver said.

Dr. Beverley Blake was present Monday to support Zaccari, who is also former president of Valdosta State University. Blake worked at VSU during Zaccari's term.

Blake said she couldn't see him any other way than as an artist because he was creative as a university president. She said his artwork does not sur-

prise her.

"You kind of wonder where some of the creativity comes from because there are a lot of things that look like he has to reach way down, but it always comes out beautiful," she said.

Jim Halter is a long-time Zaccari fan and was on the university alumni board while Zaccari was president.

"His work is so diverse, and the colors in it just grab you," he said. "(His art) makes you think, and good art is supposed to make you think."

Now that his collection is placed at Turner, Zaccari said he is going to rest and focus on presenting two sculpture designs for the new Coleman Talley Law Firm building downtown.

He will host a free gallery talk, 6-7:30 p.m., Oct. 2, at Turner to explore his lifetime of creating art. It is open to the public, and there will be light refreshments.

Zaccari pulled prizes for Turner's Viking River Cruise fundraiser, as well as other prizes, during the reception.

The exhibition will be at Turner until Oct. 31, and most of it is for sale. Admission to view the artwork is free, and Turner is located at 527 N. Patterson St.

"I want everyone to come in and every piece they look at, I want them to understand that it all came from what I would say one of the greatest gifts of human nature, the power of creativity," he said.

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The Annette Howell Turner Center for the Arts Presents

SUMMER ART Classes 2018

Pottery Drawing Painting Mixed Media Culinary

Mixed Media Mania Class

July 9-13, from 10am-12pm

Instructor: Alicia Bergeron / Ages: 8-12 / Cost: \$60

Me and My World Digital Art Class

July 9-13, from 1-3pm

Instructor: Rebecca Waterman / Ages: 8-12 / Cost: \$60

Culinary & Etiquette Class

July 9-13, from 10am-12pm

Instructor: Center for the Arts Guild Members
Ages 8-12 / Cost: \$100 / Lunch will be provided

A World of Clay Pottery Class

July 10, 12, 13, 17 & 18, from 10am - 12pm

Instructor: Julie Barnes Smith / Ages: 5-12 / Cost: \$60

Exploring Color Painting Class

July 16 - 20, from 10am-12pm or 1-3pm

Morning Session for ages 4-8

Afternoon Session for ages 9-12

Instructor: Cheryl Jowers / Cost: \$60

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Cruise benefits Turner youth art programs

VALDOSTA — The Annette Howell Turner Center for the Arts sponsors fundraiser for a Viking River Cruise for two.

The fundraiser should expand Annette Howell Turner Center for the Arts youth art programs, according to organizers.

One person will win a vacation for two on an eight-day Viking River Cruise, valued at \$7,298, with a choice of either an eight-day Rhine Getaway Cruise or Danube Waltz Cruise to be enjoyed by the end of year 2019, according to organizers.

Sponsored by Viking River Cruises and South Georgia Travel, the Cruising for the Arts fundraiser will kick off at a reception, 5-7 p.m. Monday, July 23, from 5-7, at the arts center, 527 N. Patterson St. The event will feature information about the Viking brand vacation getaways and special vacation discounts, as well as food, beer

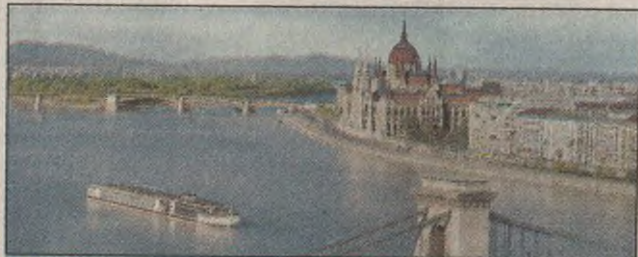
and wine, according to organizers.

Raffle tickets will be sold from July 23 through Sept. 17 for \$20 each or six tickets for \$100. Tickets may be purchased at the July 23 reception, from any center staff member or from any Lowndes-Valdosta Art Commission board member.

All proceeds will support the Turner Center's youth art programs and the renovation of the center annex, 601 N. Patterson St. Once renovated, the annex will supplement the Turner Center by providing the necessary space for additional youth art education classes and other youth activities.

The fundraiser is part of the Viking Cultural Exchange Program, an initiative to support the arts and make a difference in communities nationwide.

"The Turner Center is extremely grateful to



SUBMITTED PHOTO

The Annette Howell Turner Center for the Arts is sponsoring a fundraiser for a Viking River Cruise.

Viking River Cruises and South Georgia Travel for this generous support for the arts in our area," said Sementha Mathews, arts center executive director. "The much-needed renovation of the annex will provide youth art education opportunities for years to come and will support the welcomed and growing interest in the arts. We invite everyone to 'Cruise for the Arts' with us and positively impact our local arts community."

The Cruising for the Arts drawing will be held on Sept. 17 at the gallery

opening reception featuring the artistic works of Ronald Zaccari. In addition to the cruise tickets, several other tickets for prizes such as Presenter Series season tickets, class vouchers, and art gift certificates, etc., will be drawn at the event, according to organizers.

Complete details, rules and regulations are available at <http://turnercenter.org/news/cruising-for-the-arts> and at www.sgatravel.com. For more information about Cruising for the Arts, call the Turner Center for the Arts, (229) 247-2787.

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Center names art instructor of the year

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Hundreds of students across the city and region

MORE INFO

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have benefited from her passion and talent, center officials said.

"The Turner Center gave me the opportunity to resume pottery in an environment that I would have never thought I could," Smith said. "I started doing this for high school credit and now here I am doing it for a living. Had it not been for the center, I'd still be wondering how to fire my pottery; instead, I'm sharing that knowledge with fellow artists every day."

Smith completed a degree in art in 1980 and completed her master's in her minor study, archaeol-

ogy. After nearly 33 years, Smith decided to give pottery another try and purchased a used potter's wheel that she says is still in her den, according to center representatives.

She sat down to the wheel with a lump of clay from Hobby Lobby and in her own words: "Here I am. It's like riding a bike, it doesn't go away, thank goodness!"

At the reception, Sementha Mathews, center executive director, thanked the teachers and instructors for their time and dedication to the Turner Center.



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Arts Education Administrator Debi Davis, 2018 Art Instructor of the Year Julie Smith and Annette Howell Turner Center for the Arts Executive Director Sementha Mathews after the art instructor reception.

Deadline nears for photo contest votes

BY DEAN POLING
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VALDOSTA — The deadline to vote in the annual Valdosta People's Choice Photo Contest is fast approaching.

Voting ends 6 p.m. Wednesday, July 11, at the Annette Howell Turner Center for the Arts, 527 N. Patterson St., according to organizers.

Winners will be announced in a public ceremony, 5-7 p.m. Monday, July 16, at the arts center.

The show features photographs shot within the city limits of Valdosta. Through votes, the public decides who has the best photograph in the show.

The show bridges a gap for Sementha Mathews.

As the city public information officer, Mathews conceived and developed the annual Valdosta People's Choice Photo Contest.

She saw it grow from 40 entries the first year with no sponsors to the city partnering with the Annette Howell Turner Center for the Arts the second year when 128 images were entered in the show.

The show has grown ever since.

Mathews left her position as city public information officer earlier in the year to take the executive director post of the Annette Howell Turner Center for the Arts.

More information: Call the Annette Howell Turner Center for the Arts, (229) 247-2787.

All photographs will remain on display through July 25 in the center's Tillman Gallery. Then, "they will become part of a traveling display that can be viewed from August until December in various community locations," according to organizers.

July 10, 2018

June 10, 2018

Former Valdosta mayor returns for book signing

BY DEAN POLING

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VALDOSTA — Many Valdosta residents will remember Gill Autrey as a one-time mayor of the city, but for nearly two decades he's lived in Apalachicola where he's become a boat captain and has published two books.

Autrey returns this week to Valdosta for a book signing for his recently published second book, "No Greater Love and Other Southern Stories." The book signing is scheduled 5 p.m. Tuesday, June 12, at Covington's, 310 N. Patterson St.

He was originally scheduled to sign books Monday, June 11, at the Annette Howell Turner Center for the Arts but he said he had to cancel it.

His first book is titled "Gone with the Tides and Other Southern Stories."

He writes the stories and his wife, Lane, takes the photos in the books. The stories originally appeared as newspaper columns published weekly in The Apalachicola Times, Autrey said.

Autrey has led a life that seems too busy for reflection but one that would give much to reflect upon.

Autrey served in Vietnam where he was a Marine, flying CH-53 Sikorsky helicopters, rising to the rank of captain.

He has worked in banking, securities and tomato farming. From 1986-88, Autrey served as Valdosta mayor. He was instrumental in saving Moody Air Force Base in the early 1990s, when the base faced possible closure.

Yet, by the late 1990s, he was ready for a dramatic change in his life.

"My days in Valdosta are very special to me, but after some health problems and personal reversals, I decided a different lifestyle might be in order for my long term well being," Autrey said in a past interview.

"I have been coming to the Apalachicola area since 1973 and always loved the water, so my Mother and I decided to pack up and move down here in August of 1998."

Arriving in 1998, Autrey worked in real estate. As the market went south, he looked for another way to make a living, he said in a past article. Used to living a versatile life, he set his eye upon the sea.

"I've been on the water most of my life and have always wanted to get my captain's license so it was a natural for me," Autrey said. "'Lily' is a 28-foot Adventure Craft houseboat with a sun deck on top. I do river cruises on the Apalachicola River and into the back waters, a 246,000-acre estuarine preserve that protects the Apalachicola Bay, the most productive estuary in the Northern Hemisphere. I take families, children, pets, etc., and we just go exploring."

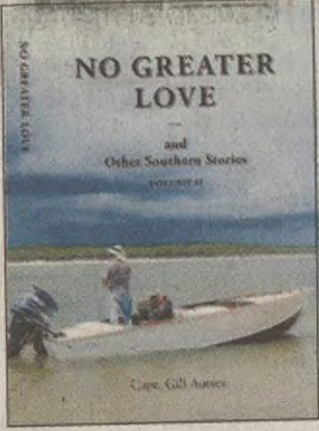
He has been a U.S. Coast Guard licensed captain for about a decade.

His adventures and his political life prepared him to write a book.

"When I was in public life, I was often asked to speak. I more often told stories rather than making a typical political speech," Autrey said in a past interview.

In terms of life, Gill Autrey believes in living it to the fullest, and offers some advice for those seeking something different or something more.

"First decide what it is they would rather be doing and if it's their passion they have to figure out how to give up what is now giving them security and weigh everything out," Autrey says. "It's not for everyone. I've just always thought life was an adventure and I can't wait to turn the next page. I don't look back."



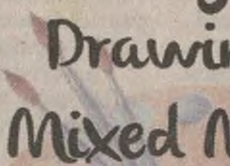
No Greater Love is former Valdosta mayor Gill Autrey's second book.

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The graphic features the words "SUMMER ART" in large, stylized letters. Each letter is formed by a red crayon for "SUMMER" and a blue crayon for "ART". Below this, the word "Classes" is written in a green, rounded font. Vertical lines connect the bottom of the "SUMMER ART" letters to the top of the "Classes" letters, suggesting the crayons are hanging from the top word.

SUMMER ART Classes

at the Turner Center for the Arts
527 North Patterson Street, Valdosta
for enrollment, call or visit
229-247-2787 / turnercenter.org

A faint illustration of an artist's palette with several paintbrushes resting on it, located in the lower-left quadrant of the advertisement.

Pottery Culinary
Drawing Painting
Mixed Media & More

The logo for the Turner Center for the Arts, featuring a stylized red figure with arms raised in a 'V' shape, with the word "Art" written in a red, cursive font below it.

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Recent Conclusions

Don Penny is back with bold exhibit

BY DEAN POLING

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VALDOSTA - Don Penny is back with a bold new exhibit at the Annette Howell Turner Center for the Arts.

"Recent Conclusions" features Penny's ceramics - the bold shapes and subtle gradations of color and texture.

Penny has long worked with massive slabs of clay. He forges his work - "hot, man, hot," as Penny has said in past interviews, firing his rustic Lowndes

County studio's kiln to upward of 2,000 degrees Fahrenheit, blast furnace heat he has endured even on the hottest of South Georgia days.

Even sturdy pieces crack in such heat. They can shatter.

Yet, the idea endures for another day, for another try. If the artist endures, his work will endure. If the art endures, the artist can reach some level of immortality.

And Penny and his work always seems to endure and that's no recent conclusion.



Work by Don Penny.

Arts & Entertainment

JUNE 2018

• Spring Into Art

Annette Howell Turner Center for the Arts, 527 N. Patterson St. All galleries. The region's largest, most inclusive art exhibit with hundreds of works on display from hundreds of artists representing South Georgia and other states. The show runs through June 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. Most opening receptions, however, are 5-7 p.m. Mondays on designated dates. **Admission:** Free. **More information:** Call (229) 247-2787 or visit www.turnercenter.org.

• Lamar Dodd

Annette Howell Turner Center for the Arts, 527 N. Patterson St. Works by the legendary artist behind the University of Georgia art program. Show opens with a free, public reception, 5-7 p.m., June 11. Show runs through July 25. **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.



• Don Penny

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31ST ANNUAL SPRING INTO ART OPENING RECEPTION GALA

Always a highlight of the Valdosta social calendar, the 31st Annual Spring Into Art Opening Reception Gala was another rousing success. Hundreds of patrons and guests attended the preview event for the Spring Into Art Exhibit that will run through June 6 at the Annett Howell Turner Center for the Arts.

Photography by Meredith Nuckols





CITIZENS COMMUNITY BANK CELEBRATES 90 YEARS!

Citizens Community Bank celebrated its 90th Anniversary in 2017. To celebrate throughout the year, the bank employees participated in multiple festivals and parades, hosted social media scavenger hunts, had \$90 giveaways and in October, celebrated in the best way possible! Citizens Community Bank invited their customers to join them at the Tobacco Warehouse in Hahira, GA for the CCB 90th Anniversary Roaring Twenties Dance! Attendees took it back to their roots and partied like they

would back in 1927, when the bank was founded. Over 300 people gathered to fellowship, dance, and enjoy food from Covington's. David Peterson was the emcee for the night, while Gwen Hughes & The Retro Kats traveled from Atlanta to play themed music. Photographer Wes Sewell documented the night and attendees remembered the night by taking home pictures from his photo booth. The bank had a wonderful time celebrating the 90th anniversary and looks forward to the next 90 years!



1. Current & Previous Employees who attended the celebration!
2. Alan & Tracy Taylor
3. Heather Hightower, Logan Newton, Kasey Stalvey, Shelby Miller & Connie Davis
4. Evan Hanna, Chad Smith & Fleming Hunt
5. Carl & Laura Fulp
6. Tim Jones, David Hollis III, Glenn Copeland, Millie Hollis, Star Waldron & DK Hollis, Jr
7. Planning committee, Vicki Lindsey, Nancy Fields, Jennie McLeod, Kari Sangster, Star Waldron & Donna Bramlett with emcee of the dance, David Peterson
8. Holly & Tim Radney posing beside one of the older cars on display.



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1. Darby Boruff, Sherrill Lahr, Dan Coleman, Carolyn Eager, Nancy Warren, Gloria Boyette
2. Clay & Mindi Griner with guests.
3. Pat Cordova, Pam Scruggs, Annette Crosby
4. Brad & Sarah Soshnik, Devan & Justin Martin
5. Peter & Happy Ingeman
6. Andy & Janice Smith
7. Hannah Erb-Summers, Grayson Garcia, Stephen Lahr
8. Sherry Wetherington and Bert Tucker
9. Mikki Hudson, Susie Ellington, Maggie Vallotton, Roni Strickland, Quinn Vallotton
10. Mary Ann & Steven Heddon, Wendy Colson
11. Carreen Shapiro, Susie & Walt Altman
12. Jeani Synyard, Tammy & Ron Borders
13. Betsy & Wright Turner, Gloria Boyette, Frank Corker, Elizabeth Jones, Earle McKey



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VALDOSTA FOOD & WINE CLASSIC

Foodies and wine lovers alike gathered at the Turner Center for the Arts in February for the Valdosta Food & Wine Classic to enjoy signature dishes and wine from some of Valdosta's revered, local dining establishments. Event partners included Salty Snapper, Friends Grille & Bar, Woodstack BBQ Tavern, Covington's, 306 North Restaurant, Daily Dinners, Brenda Anderson, a+b etc., Thrasher Brewing, Birdie's Market, The Warehouse and The Draw Arts & Eats.



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1. Meredith C. Nuckols and Hannah Erb-Summers
2. Randy DeCoudres, Justin Stephens, Juli Powell, Danielle LaChance, Erik Mackie, Hunter Bailey, Kevin Welch, Rylan Dahl, Nikki Headrick
3. Walter and Susie Altman with Executive Chef Nick Ekblaw
4. Justin Stephens, Darby Boruff and Randy DeCoudres
5. Helen and Bill Tucker
6. Tilda Stubbs and Jeanette Strickland
7. Jane Burgsteiner, Darby Boruff and Dana Boruff
8. Fania Braaf

Turner Center hosts 'A Hitchhiker's Guide to Classical Music'

VALDOSTA — The Annette Howell Turner Center for the Arts will host Mark and Jennifer McQuade for A Hitchhiker's Guide to Classical Music, on Friday, June 15, at 8 p.m., at 527 N. Patterson Street.

The couple will be accompanied by pianist Andy Lagrimas.

The "Hitchhiker's Guide" takes attendees on a trip across the classical music landscapes of Italy, Austria, France, England and the United States. The entire second half of the show will be performed in English.

The performance is part of the center's SCORE concert series designed to increase appreciation for classical music and provide local public opportunities for the cultural experience.

"The idea for this performance is to give the audience a taste of classical music from a wide variety of sources that is also fun and entertaining," Mark McQuade said. "What better way than to hitchhike through history?"

MORE INFO

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Mark is the assistant professor of voice and vocal pedagogy at Valdosta State University, and Jennifer is the founding director of the Valdosta Academy of Performing Arts.

Friday's performance will take place in the center's Sallie & Harmon Boyette Gallery, which currently houses a collection of artwork by Lamar Dodd.

Tickets may be purchased in advance at the Turner Center for the Arts or by calling (229)247-2787. Remaining tickets will also be sold at the door on the night of the event.

Beer and wine will be available for purchase at the event as well as complimentary refreshments.

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Mark and Jennifer McQuade

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Empty Bowls to fill hungry stomachs

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VALDOSTA — The Annette Howell Turner Center for the Arts is working to draft awareness of hunger.

To assist with its mission, the center is searching for ceramicists and potters who would like to donate food-safe bowls for an Empty Bowls exhibit, 5 p.m., July 30. The deadline to submit is July 23, according to center staff.

The bowls will be sold for \$15 during the exhibit,

and all funding will benefit Second Harvest of South Georgia, said Bill Shenton, artistic director.

"The real point of Empty Bowls is to bring awareness to hunger in our community and the fight against hunger by supporting Second Harvest of South Georgia," he said.

Anyone purchasing a bowl will be served soup and bread during a dinner reception to be held Sept. 10, Shenton said. The bowls will stay on exhibit until then, and the exhibit will

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close Sept. 12.

Turner will also welcome guests into its pottery studio, 10 a.m., July 14, for anyone looking to enter bowls into the fundraiser, Shenton said.

He asks that people RSVP for the free workshop and said a tentative afternoon workshop will become available once the morning workshop fills to

capacity.

The concept of Empty Bowls began at a university and is now a nonprofit organization, Shenton said.

"They allow people like us ... they let people use the concept and the name and the branding willingly and freely," he said. "All the money raised in an Empty Bowls event has to go to some nonprofit."

The Turner Center has raised \$2,500 for Second Harvest in the past, making way for 10,000 pounds of food to be distributed by the regional food bank, Shenton said. Almost 200 bowls were created for the past event.

Eliza McCall, Second Harvest chief marketing officer, said the conception of Empty Bowls was a group effort and originally included a photography display that highlighted hunger.

"It was a far bigger success than I anticipated,

and it was great," she said. "It was a really wonderful event, so we're hoping for the same sort of response this time."

Past Empty Bowls events in Valdosta included cooking demonstrations from Food Network stars and the sons of Paula Deen.

During the July reception, an exhibit from nonprofit We Are the Music Makers will be displayed along with paintings by Katie Cundiff. Call (229) 247-2787, or visit turnercenter.org, for more information.