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# Remembering Loyce Turner

Veterinarian. Public servant. State senator. Veteran. Banker. Philanthropist.

What reads like a table full of people were really some of the facets of one man.

Loyce Turner.

A man who brought a lot to the table for South Georgia for decades. He had a public career that lasted nearly 40 years.

In 1974, he was elected state senator and represented Lowndes County and surrounding counties for the next 24 years. An appointment to the state Natural Resources board followed and he served 13 years as a board member under three Georgia governors.

Turner led the board as chairman in 2005. As chairman, "Loyce guided the Board to adopt resolutions to approve the purchase of key conservation lands in the River Creek, Altamaha River/Clayhole Swamp, Dawson Forest and Crockford-Pigeon Mountain Wildlife Management Areas and Dukes Ponds Natural Areas," according to a statement from state officials in 2013.

At home, Turner may best be remembered as one of the legislators who forged what was known as the South Georgia legislative delegation of the state representatives and state senator working together; or as a founder of First State Bank & Trust; or as the man who donated the seed money and arranged the deal in honor of his first wife that turned the bank's one-time downtown headquarters into the Annette Howell Turner Center for the Arts; or as the veterinarian who checked on a farmer's livestock from before dawn to after dusk.

Loyce Turner passed away late last week. He was 93 years old.

He was an advocate for South Georgia for far more years and in many more ways than his nearly four decades as a political leader suggest. He was a friend to the region, and even in his passing, South Georgia still benefits from his achievements.



# Loyce W. Turner

Loyce W. Turner of Valdosta, age 93, died peacefully at home surrounded by family on April 16, 2021.

Loyce was many things to many people - veterinarian, farmer, banker, statesman and philanthropist but first and foremost he was a family man. Born December 2, 1927 in Turner county to George Warren Turner and Wille Mae Young Turner, he grew up in Sylvester deciding at age four to be a veterinarian. He attended Auburn University for undergraduate and veterinary school earning his degree in veterinary medicine in 1948. He was so young that he had to wait several months to turn 21 in order to receive his license to practice. He went on to serve as a captain in the U.S. Army Veterinary Corps from 1951-1953.

His marriage to Annette Howell in 1957 put a happy end to his tenure as dashing president of the local bachelor's club and they went on to raise three children. For 43 years Annette worked by his side at his veterinary clinic and at the fat cattle or feeder pig sales, often with the three kids in tow. She accompanied him on countless trips to Atlanta and stood beside him through every step of his life until her death in 2000.

Loyce was deeply committed to his community and instrumental in changes that have helped shape Valdosta. He was one of the founders of First State Bank and Trust and help shepherd the merger with CB&T which went on to become Synovus Financial Services. As Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce and active member of Rotary Club, Farm Bureau, and Christ Episcopal Church, Loyce was a clear choice when a Georgia State Senate seat opened in 1974. He ran and won and held that seat from 1975-1998 when he stepped down due to his wife Annette's illness and subsequent passing. In her memory, he and the Turner family established and provided the seed funds for the Annette Howell Turner Center for the Arts in downtown Valdosta.

many anti-crime bills and was recognized as an expert in tax and revenue issues.

Among the achievements he held most dear was introducing the legislation that elevated Valdosta State College to University status.

After stepping down from office, Loyce was appointed to the Georgia Department of Natural Resources where he served for 13 years. In 2005 as the Board's Chairman, he focused his attention on the purchase of key conservation lands throughout the state.

During this time, he met his second love, Ingrid Kiernan. They married in 2006 and this ushered in a chapter of travel and adventure. They enjoyed a summer home in Sky Valley, GA with time to golf and garden. Together they journeyed to South Africa on safari, walked the Great Wall of China, strolled the streets, and tasted the foods of Portugal, Germany and France.

At the end of the day, however, Loyce always loved to return to his own farm and home.

He leaves behind his wife, Ingrid Turner of Valdosta; daughter, Sally Turner Querin and former son-in-law, Bill Querin of Valdosta; son and daughter-in-law, Warren & Kelly Turner of Valdosta; daughter, Susan Turner of New York, NY; stepdaughter, Michelle McGreevy of Miami, FL, and sister Lana Jean Norris of Ponte Vedra, FL. Also surviving are several grandchildren, Jessie (Mike) Bolster, Katie Querin, Holly Querin, Caroline Turner and Loyce Turner, III; step granddaughters, Kirsten McGreevy, Leah McGreevy and many nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his first wife, Annette Howell Turner and a sister Laverne Jeffords.

The family will have a private burial service. In lieu of flowers please consider a donation to The Annette Howell Center for the Arts at [www.turnercenter.org](http://www.turnercenter.org) or



# Former senator Loyce Turner passes

BY DEAN POLING

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VALDOSTA — Loyce W. Turner often told the story that he discovered he wanted to be a veterinarian as a child and learned how to be a politician in the process.

"I decided to be a veterinarian at 4 years old," Turner said in a 2013 interview, adding, "I learned horse and mule trading with my daddy, which would also be good practice for the state Senate."

In addition to being a state senator, a veterinarian and a veteran, Turner was a state official, a banker and a philanthropist who

gave the initial donation to create the Annette Howell Turner Center for the Arts named for his first wife.

He was also a lifelong advocate of South Georgia.

Turner passed away Friday, April 16.

He spent nearly 40 years in public service.

He served on the state Board of Natural Resources for 13 years, well into his 80s. Prior to being appointed to the Natural Resources board, Turner spent nearly 25 years representing South Georgia as a state senator.

Shortly after his election as

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state senator in 1974, Turner and area state representatives formed the South Georgia legislative delegation, which wielded influence not just for South Georgia but throughout the state.

"Legislation is the art of compromise, and if you can't do that, you can't get anything done," Turner said.

Accomplishment may be the art of balancing dedication and sacrifice.

He served in the Korean War, with the Army Veterinary Corps, entering as a lieutenant in 1951 and being discharged as a captain in 1953.

As a veterinarian, Turner visited area farms and helped with livestock from before the sun rose til past sunset most days.

He was instrumental in founding First State Bank & Trust in Valdosta. He became a chamber president as well as a leader in many other civic organizations.

He and wife Annette raised three children and had several

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FILE PHOTO: THE VALDOSTA DAILY TIMES

Loyce Turner, former Georgia state senator, at his Valdosta home in 2013. He passed away April 16 at the age of 93.



# Food and Wine Classic benefits arts programs

BY AMANDA M. USHER

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**VALDOSTA** – The world of culinary arts will benefit the visual arts at the Fourth Annual Food and Wine Classic held 6-8 p.m. Thursday, May 6, at the Annette Howell Turner Center for the Arts on North Patterson Street.

Twelve restaurants will come together in the center's Art Park to feature food samples, cocktails and 40 specialty wines. Georgia Beer Company will offer craft beer, according to a statement from the Turner Center.

Participating eateries are Mo's Mediterranean Table, DuMEALZ, Jessie's Restaurant and Catering, Steel Magnolias, Big Nick's on Baytree, 306 North, Covington's Dining and Catering, Friends Grille and Bar, Salty Snapper, Woodstack BBQ and Ella's Top Corral. Wiregrass Georgia Technical College's culinary arts program will also participate.

"Most of life's most special occasions take place with the great food, service and atmosphere of the restaurants featured in the Fourth Annual Food and Wine Classic," Semantha Mathews, center executive director, said. "These restaurants are also involved in so many aspects of community life, such

as the arts. The Turner Center is very fortunate to partner with these amazing culinary experts for a great night in the Art Park, celebrating and raising money for the arts in Valdosta, Lowndes County."

The event is a fundraiser organized by the Center for the Arts Guild on the Turner Center's behalf. Funding benefits programs at the arts center, Mathews said.

According to a release from Turner, CAG works to support the center by elevating fine arts and creativity.

"The Food and Wine Classic highlights the part of life that never fails to build community. Eating is a universal experience, and dining out offers a first-class version of enjoying good eats. The Food and Wine Classic is sure to provide a high-quality experience alongside high-quality fare," according to the center statement.

Guests must be at least 21 years old to attend the event. Tickets are \$50 each and includes all food and drink samples available at the classic. Tickets are limited.

Masks are recommended. Call (229) 247-2787, or visit [turnercenter.org](http://turnercenter.org), to buy tickets.

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# Turner Center posts last call for Spring Into Art

VALDOSTA - The Annette Howell Turner Center for the Arts will host a "last call" event for anyone who would like to view the current Spring Into Art exhibition before the galleries transition into the next exhibition.

The center will host a forum for award winners to discuss their art with attendees. The event will take place 5-7 p.m. Monday, June 7, center representatives said in a statement.

The Spring Into Art exhibition provides visual artists of all skill level an open invitation to participate in an outstanding display of regional art. More than 320 pieces of original art created by 175 regional artists were entered into the 34th

annual event.

The "last call" will allow patrons to view the artwork and meet some of the artists behind the award-winning pieces. Each artist will speak about their art and engage with patrons who are interested in their artwork.

While the artwork will remain on display until Wednesday, June 9, this event is the last chance for patrons and artists to gather in celebration of Spring Into Art.

The galleries will be closed Thursday, June 10, until Monday, June 14, for installation of the new exhibition.

For more information, call (229) 247-2787 or visit [turnercenter.org](http://turnercenter.org).



AMANDA M. USHER | THE VALDOSTA DAILY TIMES

Artist Sherry Wetherington's 'Oh Happy Day' is chosen for the 2022 Colson Printing calendar. Wetherington was a participant in the 34th Annual Spring Into Art exhibition hosted Monday evening by the Annette Howell Turner Center for the Arts.

# Back to Basics

## Spring Into Art returns to arts center

BY AMANDA M. USHER

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VALDOSTA — The doors of the arts center opened Monday evening and people flooded into the 34th Annual Spring Into Art exhibition.

The event returned to the Annette Howell Turner Center for the Arts as an in-person event after being hosted virtually last year.

True to form, the yearly event attracted hundreds



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Katherine Landman, a second grader at Westside Elementary School, is the artist behind the cover art for the 34th Annual Spring Into Art exhibition Invitations. She was presented with a commemorative framed display of her artwork during the exhibition's opening night hosted Monday evening by the Annette Howell Turner Center for the Arts.



Monday as guests were met with 322 pieces of various artwork by 177 artists.

The cover art for the invitations was created by Katherine Landman, a second grader at Westside Elementary School, under the guidance of her teacher, Margaret Jackson.

Semantha Mathews, executive director, said it felt wonderful to be able to welcome visitors back to the arts center for the exhibition.

"We're really celebrating life and art tonight," she said. "It's just a wonderful, wonderful feeling."

Being held during a pandemic, Spring Into Art was hosted with a change. Unlike past exhibitions, an outdoor seating area in front of the center was included this year.

Tables were spread apart for guests who wanted to sit and talk outside as they listened to violinist Eddy Fabrizio Castellanos perform next to a bar – or they could listen to the streaming waterfall near the tables.

Bottles of hand sanitizer were at each food table.

"People have been very careful," Mathews said. "I think that we made some careful considerations to make sure that it's also a successful, as well as a fun event."

A mainstay of Spring Into Art opening night is the announcement of winners in the annual contest.

Barbara Balzer of Tallahassee, Fla., won Best In Show for the ceramic entry, "The Rhetorical Assassin, with Guardian."

Mary VanLandingham of Nashville won first place in painting for "Save Me the Red Chair." Alyse Keith of Valdosta took second place and Dean Little secured third place.

Travis D. Simmons of Valdosta was the first-place winner in the drawing/mixed media/printmaking category for his mixed media entry, "Kids in Cages." In second place was Adam Calvin of Lake Park while Ali Holcomb of Valdosta came in third place.

David Retterbush of Valdosta won first place in the digital arts/photography category with his photo, "Water Walk." L. Stephanie Smith of Quitman won second place and David Belcher of Menlo was the third-place winner.

Thara Lingefelt of Valdosta won first place in the sculpture/ceramics/jewelry/crafts category with her clay entry, "Moroccan Lights." Dan Wells of Valdosta took second place while Jeff Byers of Perry, Fla., came in third place.

Honorable mentions were Dave Richards of Valdosta, Amanda Yates of Thomasville, Brandon Blane McMillan of Hahira, Anda Chance of McAlpin, Fla., Christine Flanagan of Live Oak, Fla., Coby Browning Rice of Ray City, Anthony Bareham of Tallahassee, Fla., Steven S. Walker of Hahira, Kay Cromartie of Thomasville and Thomas M. Thomson of Havana, Fla.

During each Spring Into Art opening night, Wendy Colson of Colson Printing Company announces his selections for the Colson Printing calendar.

For the 2022 calendar, the selections are Minnie G. Brown of Sycamore, Tina Corbett of High Springs, Fla., Nancy S. Crombie of Valdosta, Hannah Gandy of Valdosta, Craig Hawkins of Hahira, Dean Little of Thomasville, Earle McKey of Valdosta, Pat Otto of Val-

dosta, David Retterbush of Valdosta, Ann Schutt of Valdosta, Thomas M. Thomson of Havana, Fla., Todd Wessel of Valdosta and Sherry Wetherington of Valdosta.

Wetherington has participated in Spring Into Art for several years and has been juried in the past.

She said she is proud to be chosen for the Colson calendar for the second time with her mixed-media submission, "Oh Happy Day."

"It's just a different edgier piece, high design," Wetherington said.

She said the inspiration behind the work was happiness.

"Artists paint the world," Wetherington said. "They paint God's world. ... It's like we need some happiness in our lives and some color in our lives."

Platinum sponsors for Spring Into Art were the Price-Campbell Foundation, Synovus Bank and the Loyce and Annette Turner Foundation.

Gold sponsors were Randy and Susan Allison, Stifel, Dr. Susan A. Turner, Warren and Kelly Turner, Kay and Jerry Jennett, Altman + Barrett Architects, Center for the Arts Guild, Byron and Katharine Courson, John and Susan Dukes, Thacker Dermatology, Sally Turner Querin, Packaging Corporation of America, Wild Adventures Theme Park and The Valdosta Daily Times.

The show will remain on display at the arts center through June 9.

Gallery hours are 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

More information: [turnercenter.org](http://turnercenter.org), (229) 247-2787 and 527 N. Patterson St.

# Center hosts 'Paw-some' dog portraits

**BY HEATHER ROBERTS**

The Valdosta Daily Times

VALDOSTA — Smile and say “Treats” with your pooch for a portrait in the Annetter Howell Turner Center Art Park, 5-7 p.m. Saturday, June 12.

Sponsored by the Southern Hound Club, the event will include live music and crafts for kids in addition to taking family photos with furry friends, arts center representatives said.

Photographer June Collins will capture a “fetching” photo of owners and pups. There is a \$10 fee for the photo session, or a donation of pet food, which will

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benefit the Lowndes-Valdosta Humane Society.

Live entertainment will be provided by local musician Kenji Bolden and kids can participate in “paw-some” crafts. The family event is sure to be a dog-gone good time, arts center representatives said.

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*Heather Roberts is a Valdosta State University intern assigned to the arts center.*



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# Turner Center hosts Bluegrass & BBQ

VALDOSTA – The Annette Howell Turner Center for the Arts hosts bluegrass band Lost Dogs Found for a Music in the Art Park summer concert.

The event is scheduled for 7-9 p.m. Friday, June 11, the Art Park 605 N. Patterson St. The live concert is free to the public, center representatives said in a statement.

People are “invited to bring their blankets or lawn chairs to this family-friendly and pet-friendly event, and relax in the park and enjoy the music,” center representatives said.

Woodstack BBQ Tavern will be the food and beverage vendor on site.

The Music in the Art Park concerts take place 7-9 p.m., the second Fri-

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day of each month, March through November, and feature favorite local musicians and are always free to the public, center representatives said.

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# Turner Center hosts PAAC meeting

VALDOSTA - The Valdosta Public Art Advisory Committee holds its next monthly meeting, 11:30 a.m. Thursday, May 20.

The public meeting will be held in the Price-Campbell Gallery of the Annette Howell Turner Center for the Arts, 527 N. Patterson St., organizers said in a statement.

"The purpose of PAAC is to further the purchase, creation and appreciation

of public art for its aesthetic value to the community," organizers said. "The PAAC also encourages the preservation and protection of works of public art which play a vital role in the economic development of the community."

PAAC meets the third Thursday of each month, and meetings are open to the public. For more information about the PAAC, call (229) 247-2787.

# Artistic talent focus of annual Spring Into Art

Walking through the Annette Howell Turner Center for the Arts during Spring Into Art is always an amazing experience.

Hundreds of paintings, drawings, photographs meet with sculpture and ceramics and other art forms to create a kaleidoscope of creativity.

Spring Into Art is the most democratic of art shows because whatever is entered, as long as it meets the show's criteria, is displayed.

Side by side on walls and atop pedestals, the marriage of various styles, themes and media staggers.

The most professional, trained and experienced artists' works are neighbors to the amateur, the beginner, the untrained.

Housed in all of the center's galleries, Spring Into Art can be overwhelming.

There's too much to see in one visit.

It's even more difficult to see all of the works during the busy opening reception that occurred last week.

Still, even during the restrictions caused by the pandemic, you come to better understand an impressive facet of the show during the opening reception.

This perspective can be appreciated during the next several weeks as Spring Into Art dominates the center.

While some artists in Spring Into Art are from around the state, throughout the Southeast, and often from across the nation, the vast majority of the show's artists are from Valdosta-Lowndes County and the more immediate South Georgia area.

That has been an overriding dimension of Spring Into Art for more than 30 years.

The exhibit is a textured overview of area talents.

You can't help but walk through Spring Into Art and realize that South Georgia's talents are legion.

The area is blessed with talent and that is apparent in a highly concentrated format at the arts center during the next few weeks.

We encourage residents to safely visit and see what area artists have to offer with Spring Into Art.



KILIE HUCKLEBY | THE VALDOSTA DAILY TIMES

Baker's BBQ came to the Turner Center Art Park for the first Friday of June for the Lunch of the Art Park series.

# Arts center opens lunch series

**BY KILIE HUCKLEBY**

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VALDOSTA – Every Friday in June, Annette Howell Turner Center for the Arts will have Lunch at the Art Park.

From 11 a.m.-2 p.m. each Friday, a food truck visits the park for anyone who wants to come and eat lunch.

The Turner Center on North Patterson Street hosts various events that include movies at the Art Park, new exhibits in the

gallery and other events.

The lunch events are a spot for people to come together outside and stay socially distanced from COVID-19.

“We are fortunate to have outside space for COVID,” Jessica Ganas, office manager, said.

On June 4, the art center had Baker’s BBQ for the first day of the event series.

On June 11, Smoothies by Vhee will have smoothies and vegetarian option food.

The food truck for the

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third day of the series on June 18 will be announced. On the last day of the event series, June 25, King of R&B will have soul food.

Along with the Lunch at the Art Park, the Turner Center hosts other events such as Movie in the Art Park on the third Saturday

of the month and Music in the Art Park on the second Friday of the month.

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