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Burggraf Lyrical Light paintings March 25 - April 30, 1996 Cultural Arts Center Valdosta, Georgia



Cultural Arts Center

March-April 1996
Calendar of Events

Center Hours

10 am - 6 pm Mon.-Fri.
10 am - 4 pm Sat.
2 pm - 4 pm Sun.

MARCH - APRIL

March 25 5-7pm Ray Burggraf, 1996 -- Art Professor at Florida State University. Hand-brushed acrylic paintings on shaped wooden panels: a brilliant palette of color conveying space, time, weather, and terrain.

Walter Hobbes -- Pottery exhibit in the hall gallery.

April 6 8 pm Incredible Acrobats of China -- China's premier acrobatic dance troop. Phenomenal!

6:30pm Pre-concert Dinner -- Have another Evening to Remember. Call 247-2787 for tickets and reservations.

April 9 7-9pm First State Bank Candlelight & Champagne Exhibit & Benefit. An elegant evening of good food, good wine, and exquisite art at the First State Bank. Not to be missed. Call for reservations: \$25 per person.

New Adult & Children's Art Classes, Drama, Writing, Crochet, Furniture Painting, Calligraphy, Floral Design & Yoga Classes, starting in April.

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Reverberation of Summer

Karin G. Murray

The Inner Circle

August 26 - September 30, 1996 Cultural Arts Center

Reception 5 - 7 pm, August 26, 1996



Cultural Arts Center

August-September 1996
Calendar of Events

Center Hours

10 am - 6 pm Mon.-Fri.
10 am - 4 pm Sat.
2 pm - 4 pm Sun.

AUGUST - SEPTEMBER

Main Gallery

Aug. 26 5-7 pm

Monday

THE INNER CIRCLE

Karin Murray -- Gallery Director and Assistant Professor of Art at Valdosta State University is from Germany and brings a wide range of work to the Center. A combination of her mixed media: collage, charcoal, pastel, and handmade paper will be on exhibit until September 30.

Sept. 14

12 noon

Lunch with the Artist

Lunch with Karin Murray and hear a discussion of her methods, inspiration, and work in progress. For anyone interested in art or the artistic process. Catered by Guilio's, call for reservations.
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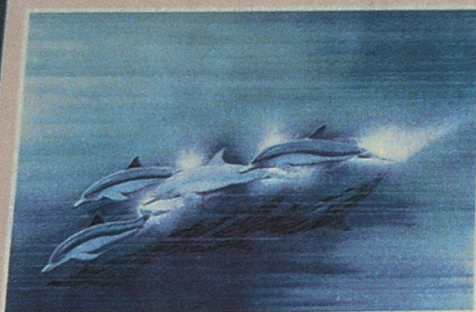
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6th Annual Colson Calendar
Reception 5 - 7 pm, July 29, 1996



Cultural Arts Center

July - August 1996
Calendar of Events

Center Hours

10 am - 6 pm Mon.-Fri.
10 am - 4 pm Sat.
2 pm - 4 pm Sun.

JULY - AUGUST

Main Gallery

JULY 29 5-7 pm

The Southern Artists' League holds its Sixth Annual Colson Calendar Competition on July 29th, reception from 5-7 pm. Colson Printing Company selects 13 pieces of art, one for each month and one for the cover, to be printed in the 1997 Art Calendar. This yearly event, which Colson Printing has sponsored for six years, gives Georgia and Florida artists an opportunity to show their work to the entire nation.

Hall Gallery

Retrospective III

Valdosta State University Photographic Exhibition

New Adults' & Children's Art Classes, Drama, Writing, Crochet, Furniture Painting, Calligraphy, Floral Design, Photography & Yoga Classes, starting in July and August.

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Bubba Stuff

October 7 - 31, 1996 Cultural Arts Center
Reception 5 - 7 pm, October 7, 1996



Cultural Arts Center

October 7-31, 1996
Calendar of Events

Center Hours

10 am - 6 pm Mon.-Fri.
10 am - 4 pm Sat.
2 pm - 4 pm Sun.

ARTOBERFEST

Main Gallery

Oct. 7, 5-7 pm

BUBBA STUFF

Monday

A fun theme show, all things relating to or around "Bubba." Area artists forget their "serious" work, stretch themselves, and try something new and different.

Barbecued chicken dinner by Publix, \$6, "Hubba-Bubba" music by the Compton Colemans, and good company--some of them "bubbas."

Hall Gallery April Best Glover, Jacksonville, Florida artist, has line figure drawings of exceptional insight and movement.

Reception Monday, 5-7 pm, October 7. Show will be up until October 31.

New Adults' & Children's Art Classes, Drama, Writing, Photography, Crochet, Calligraphy, & Yoga Classes, starting in October.

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Beth Appleton

The
CUT PAPER
Series

June 3 - July 18



1204 N. Patterson Street





Cultural Arts Center

June-July 1996
Calendar of Events

JUNE - JULY

BETH APPLETON

The **CUT PAPER** Series

June 3, 5-7pm

Beth Appleton, a contemporary artist born in Palo Alto, California, has her studio on St. George Island off the Florida panhandle. Her **CUT PAPER SERIES** is a joyous and often humorous celebration of her tropical surroundings. She has won numerous awards:

Award of Excellence, Artworks, Jacksonville
Best of Show, Pensacola College
Best of Show, Florida Art Center
Best of Show, Albany Museum of Art
Best of Category, LeMoyné Art Foundation

Her work is in the permanent collections of Walt Disney Corporation, the Tallahassee Regional Airport, SeaWorld of Florida, Taylor-Cruise International, and Citrus & Chemical Bank.

Reception Monday, 5-7 pm, June 3. Show will be up until July 18

New Adult & Children's Art Classes, Photography, Wood-Carving, Writing, Crochet, Calligraphy, & Yoga Classes, starting in June.

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Artist of the Month exhibits

The Artist for the Month of May was Nancy Herring, a native of Valdosta and a member of the Southern Artists' League.

Two years ago, Miss Herring returned to Valdosta after careers of public school teaching and postal employment. Her primary art interest is the watercolor medium, and three of her paintings, including the one above, were on display at *The Valdosta Times*.

Miss Herring has attended workshops and watercolor classes given by well-known teachers and painters, and she has exhibited in shows in

North Carolina and northeastern Florida during the past eight years. Miss Herring said watercolor painting, both in and out-of-doors, is extremely rewarding. The activity has given her many pleasure-filled hours with remarkable results on paper, she added.

Her current interests include the painting of animal pets and people, and her activities include the Sunday afternoon sessions of portrait sketching and painting hosted by the Southern Artists' League at the Lowndes/Valdosta Arts Center on Patterson Street.

Best of First State Bank Art Show winners awarded prizes

Valdosta is different. While other communities, towns and cities struggle to get an arts organization or even an arts show going, Valdosta shines with arts groups and events too numerous to mention.

Witness L/VAC's ninth annual First State Bank Show, which is a yearly gala reunion of artists and art patrons. "The enthusiasm of the community for this project is spectacular," said Roberta George, L/VAC Arts Center director. "Not only does the First State Bank sponsor and house this show in its beautiful mod-design building on Patterson Street, but also Miller's Hardware, Nations Bank, Citizens Community Bank, Park Avenue Bank, Sidney and Dorothy Pearlman, That Finishing Touch (Marilyn Henderson), Southern Stationery and Printing and Partnership Rehabilitation (June R. Davis) band together and donate the \$2,500 in prize money."

This year's winners include:
 Best in Show (\$500) — Anthony A. Brown of Warner Robins for "C."
 First place for 2-Dimensional (\$400) — Jeffery Smart Baisden of Live Oak, Fla., for "She's Gone on to Better Things."
 First place for 3-Dimensional (\$400) — H. Marshall Norris of Greenville, Fla., for "Old Man and His Memories."
 Second place for 2-Dimensional (\$300) —

Annie Green of La Grange for "Friday Night Fish Fry."
 Second place for 3-Dimensional (\$300) — Jim "Bear Who Walks" Strange of Lake Park for "Cheyenne Bear Dance Mask."
 Third place for 2-Dimensional (\$200) — Marion W. Hylton of Gainesville, Fla., for "Two in the Afternoon."

Third place for 3-Dimensional (\$200) — Wilby Coleman of Valdosta for a metal sculpture, "Judges I Have Known."
 Fourth place for 2-Dimensional (\$100) — Donalee Pond-Koenig of Tallahassee, Fla., for "Extended Plight."
 Fourth place for 3-Dimensional (\$100) — Lawrence Tobe of Quitman for "Alligator."

The different towns of the winners are just a slight hint of how far The First State Bank Show reaches. In this year's show, artists from North Carolina and Miami, Fla., were represented. Mrs. George said the comments continually heard from all the artists are: "We wish we had this in our city. How do you get this overwhelming cooperation from this community? We look forward to coming here every year!"

The exhibit will last until the end of May. The Lowndes/Valdosta Arts Center, 1204 N. Patterson St., is showcasing the work from all over the Southeast.



Best in Show, 'C,' by Anthony A. Brown of Warner Robins



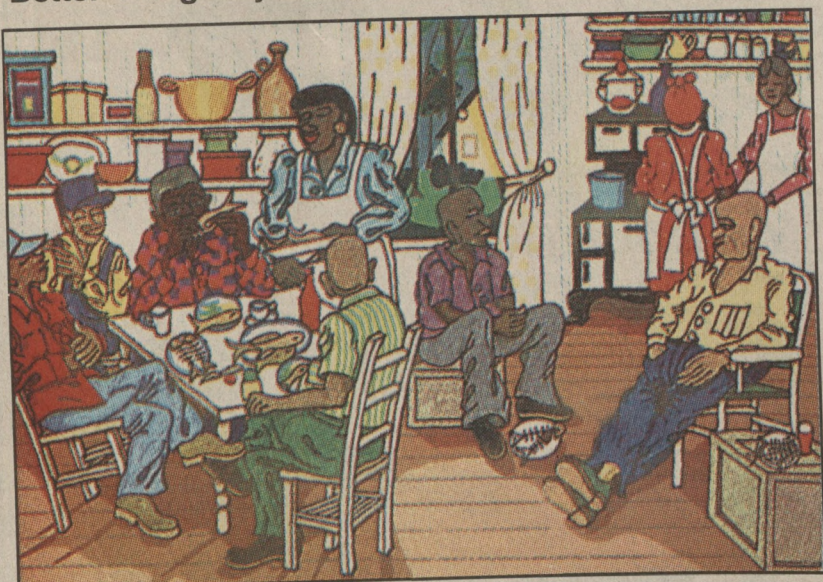
First place, two-dimensional, 'She's Gone On To Better Things' by Jeffery Smart Baisden



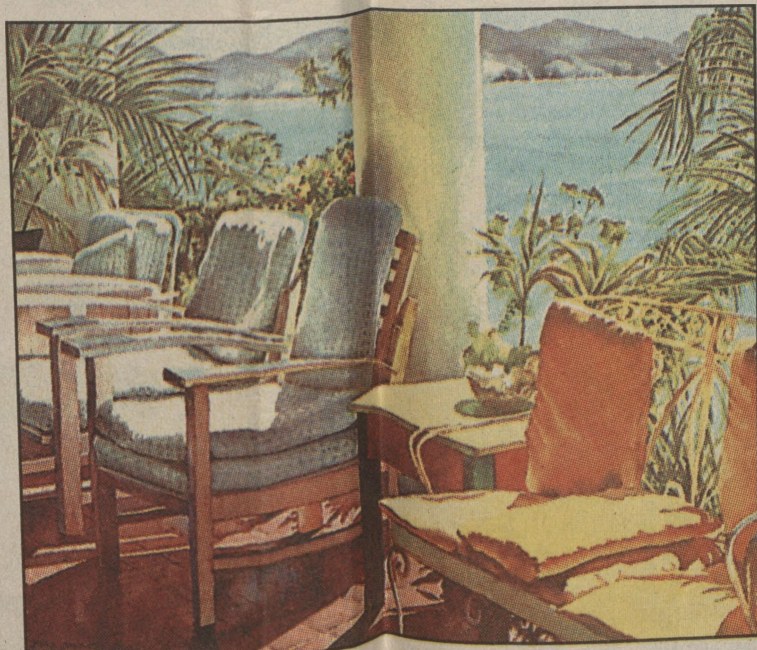
First place, three-dimensional, 'Old Man and His Memories' by H. Marshall Norris of Greenville, Fla.



Second place, three-dimensional, 'Cheyenne Bear Dance Mask' by Jim 'Bear Who Walks' Strange of Lake Park



Second place, two-dimensional, 'Friday Night Fish Fry' by Annie Green of La Grange

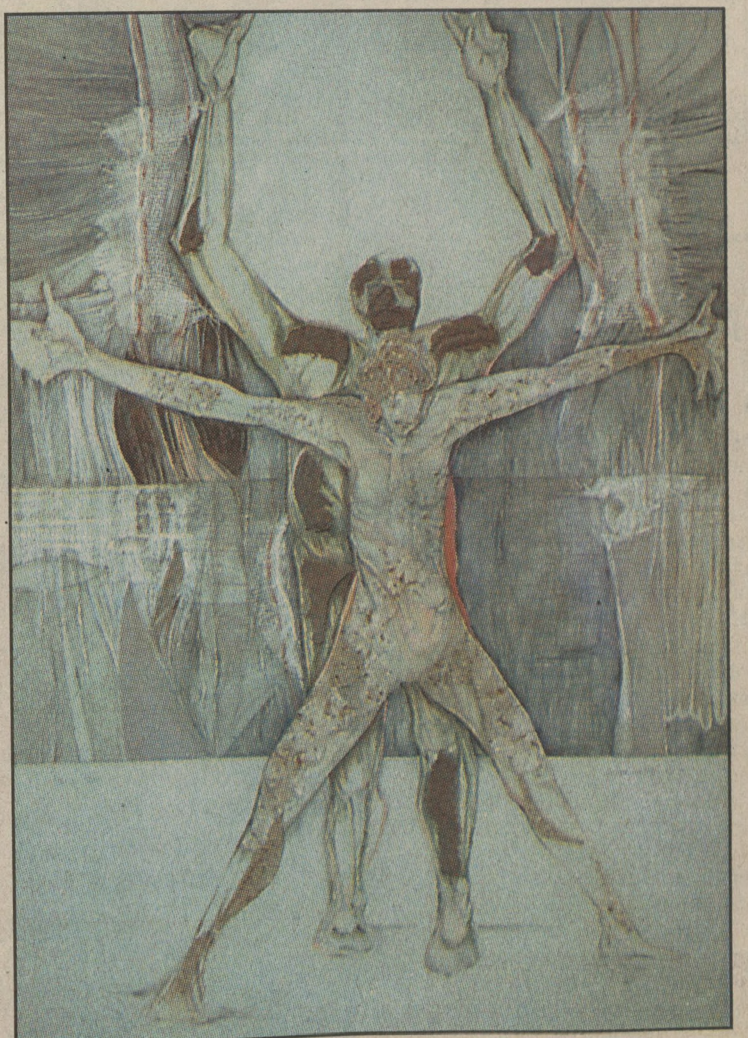
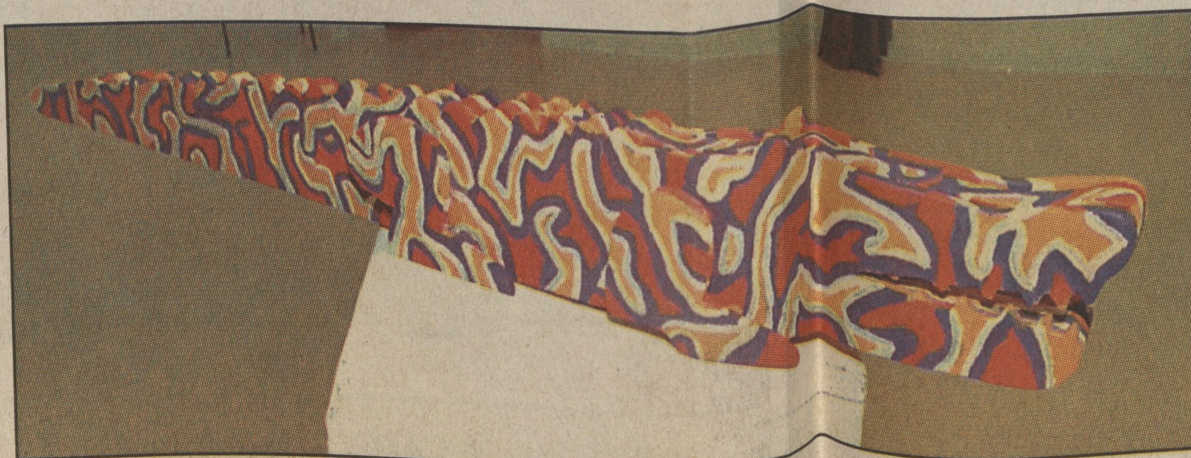


Third place, two-dimensional, 'Two in the Afternoon' by Marion W. Hylton of Gainesville, Fla.



At left, third place, three-dimensional, 'Judges I Have Known' by Wilby Coleman of Valdosta

Times photos by
 Mike Tanner



Above, fourth place, two-dimensional, 'Extended Plight' by Donalee Pond-Koenig

At left, fourth place, three-dimensional, 'Alligator' by Lawrence Tobe of Quitman

Art Talk

Spring 1996

Life is short, Art is long.

A publication of the Lowndes/Valdosta Arts Commission

First State Bank Champagne & Candlelight Art Exhibit Gala Event of April



The Incredible Acrobats of China

For the grandest of grand finales of the 1995/96 Presenters Series programs, you do not want to miss the enthralling performances of The Incredible Acrobats of China on Saturday, April 6th, 8pm at Mathis Auditorium. With their roots in centuries-old traditions and culture dating back more than 2500 years, acrobats are regarded with high esteem in China and earn the same respect bestowed upon ballerinas and opera singers in the United States.

"It is absolutely incredible!" (Johnny Carson.) "Show-stopping varieties of daunting difficulty." (Los Angeles Times). "A combination of graceful balletic gestures, balancing power, and incredible calisthenics." (Dallas Morning News).

Don't miss the Candlelight benefit and buffet (catered by Covington's) for the Ninth Annual Invitational Art Show and Sale, sponsored by the First State Bank & Trust Co., on April 9, 7-9 pm, 527 N. Patterson St. "It's what's happening in art! It's an artists' reunion! It's a dress-up party!" Approximately 200 pieces of art from all over Georgia and Florida will be displayed through March 28th. Plan to attend this most elegant and memorable show! Tickets \$25 each. Call 247-2787 for more information.

The juried pieces will then be shown at the May exhibit, **Best of The First State Bank Show**, at the cultural Arts Center. \$2,500 in prizes, plus awards will be given to the winners of that show at the reception on May 6th 5-7pm. The exhibit lasts until May 29th.

"Painting the Compelling Force of Nature" Ray Burggraf is L/VAC's current exhibitor.

Until April 28, the L/VAC Gallery will be exhibiting the hand-brushed acrylic paintings of Ray Burggraf, who is currently an Associate Professor at Florida State University. With a long line of credits to his name and a recent four-city tour of his work in North Dakota from August, 1995 to January, 1995 and at Georgia Southern University in February, 1996, Burggraf's work is receiving quite a bit of recognition. He is currently represented by the Art With an Attitude Gallery in Atlanta and the Leon Lord Gallery in Montgomery and Birmingham, Alabama. His abstract paintings of brilliant color gradations convey an illusion of space with light coming from afar and make viewers feel they are in the presence of beauty and serenity.

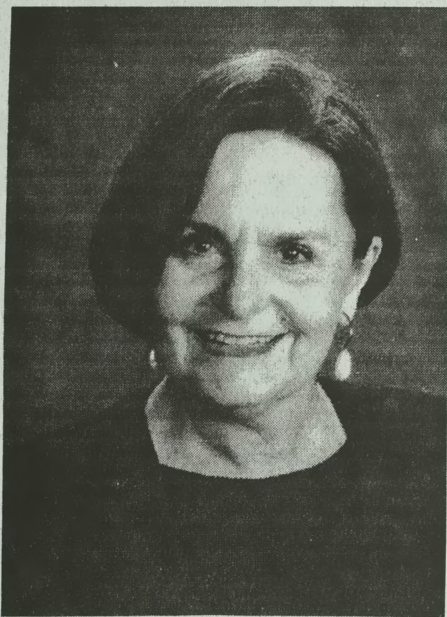


Now In Hall Gallery - Walter Hobbs' Pottery

The elegant magic of Walter's pottery well reflects his love of creating with clay. Wheel thrown or hand formed...each piece is individually designed, handcrafted, hand decorated with multiple layers of "LEAD-FREE" glaze and submitted to a fire of 2400 degrees F. You've never seen anything

The Children's Touring Programs are a great success with another presentation: *Twelfth Night*. Over 12,000 children have already attended one or more performances this year. Thank you for your support!!

Art Talk



From Our Chairman

Things are happening at your Art Center just about around the clock! And it is not by accident, but by design. Thanks to the efforts of Board Members, Docents, Cultural Arts Guild, and especially the Center staff.

Each and every involved person plays an important role in the success of the Commission. Board membership is not just an honorary position. It represents committee opportunities and responsibilities. Regular attendance is an obligation

not to be taken lightly. Three unexcused absences are an automatic dismissal from the Board. Please select one or more committees on which to serve. Inform Roberta, Elaine or myself of your choice.

We are coming to the end of our 1995/96 Presenters Series with "Incredible Acrobats of China." We are looking at a financially successful season in that we should break even overall. Please remember that your support of this very visible effort is critical and necessary. The 1996/97 season is being addressed after the performance of "Annie", at which time a survey was taken.

Please remember to appreciate and compliment our very dedicated staff. Roberta, Elaine, Adann, Y'vette and Lenwood go beyond clock-watching by putting in long hours and productive efforts.

Thank you all for your wonderful support of the arts in our community!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Lena Bosch".

Lena Bosch, Chairman

Fifth Annual Youth Art Month Exhibit Draws Record Number of Visitors

L/VAC was very pleased to host the fifth annual Youth Art Month Celebration brought together by the Coastal Plains District of the Georgia Art Education Association and its President Melody Milbrandt. Over one thousand people attended the reception for the exhibit containing the art of 17 area elementary and middle schools on Sunday, March 3rd, which hosted guest speaker, Mayor James Rainwater. The L/VAC Board Members and staff express their heartfelt thanks to all the teachers and students (too numerous to mention) for their participation in one of the Center's most memorable exhibits!

Choral Guild

Will Feature Traveling Music.....

The Valdosta Choral Guild will perform on April 21st and 22nd with Director, Dr. David Faber. Harriet Crum, president, said the program will feature Broadway show tunes from "Westside Story", "Oklahoma", as well as an arrangement of Alice Parker hymns. Dancers from VSU's Music Department will accompany the singers on some numbers.

Audiences "expect the unexpected." In their Christmas concert, instrumentalists from VSU accompanied the singers, and Steve Hankla's Valdosta High School Band Students excited listeners with a pre-concert serenade in the lobby.

Members meet Monday nights at 7:30 at Westminster Presbyterian Church.

For information, (912) 794-2155.

The Snake has all the Lines!

Snake Nation Review once again has been named one of the "50 Best Small Lit Magazines" by The Writers Digest. Also **One Man's Junk** by O. Victor Miller, published by Snake Nation Press, has been nominated for Outstanding Short-Story Collection in Georgia. It's been a good year for the Snake. Order your subscription: Call 249-8334.

Art Talk

L/VAC Wish List

Boy!!! Do we wish we had...

Folding Chairs, Table Cloths, Nice Serving Utensils, Computer Printer, Memory Typewriter, New Copier, Signs For Parking Lot, Art Supplies, Storage Shelves, Narrow Guest Book Desk, Podium, New Carpet for Offices

L/VAC Salutes and Spotlights Exemplary Board Member

Julianna Howard, board member for L/VAC and Chairman of the Children's Touring Program Committee, acquired her love for the arts at a very early age from having grown up in the rural area of Madison, Georgia where she saw an old turn-of-the-century building with its own auditorium be transformed into an art gallery. The community there also brought in a performing series very much like the Presenters Series Programs that are brought in by L/VAC. She said, "I saw first hand how those programs lifted the quality of life in our little community to a richer, higher plane; it gave us a sense of sophistication. Since then, I've wanted that for all children (not just my own). I think it's so important to have the arts associated in school curriculums. It's an interesting, hands-on way to teach that leaves a lasting impression. Art ignites the imagination, elicits emotion, and brings a new dimension to the classroom. With the feeling of achievement, the need for physical aggression is diminished because the student feels important and pleased with himself. My purpose is to raise my own children and everybody else's children as best I can." She also serves on the Education Advisory Council for Lowndes County which reviews books and video tapes before they are submitted to schools, and works with the PTO and serves on the Parent Advisory Board.

Julianna, who is married to Dr. Rick Howard, a local dermatologist, holds a B.S. Degree in nursing from the Medical College of Georgia in Augusta. She and Dr. Howard are proud parents of four sons ages 11-22 of which two are students at Duke University, and two are in the 5th and 8th grades. She works part time in her husband's medical practice and says she thinks it's important to have "outlets." She says, "Our family thing is soccer. Rick is the president of the Valdosta/Lowndes Soccer Club." Together they have worked with parents to get soccer into Valdosta/Lowndes high schools. She says it provides a setting which promotes self-esteem by developing physical conditioning, self-confidence and courage.

Mrs. Howard says she is glad that so many people have found the Arts Center but doesn't think L/VAC has to be the only entity for arts programs. Mrs. Howard has served on the L/VAC board for three years and began service as a docent when the Center originated as a small group working around a kitchen table to bring in productions. She became acquainted with L/VAC's first director, Burton Bright, through the mutual friendship of their kids. She has also served as a docent for the gallery at VSU. She says that since a building has been purchased for L/VAC, there is a solid sense of permanency and security for the arts in our community. Her projection for the future is that L/VAC will develop a plan beyond the year 2000 to be the hub of the Arts for the surrounding counties.

L/VAC Who's Who

Executive Members:

Lena Bosch: Chairman

Margaret Mittiga: Vice Chairman

Robert Harrison: Secretary

Bill Sineath: Treasurer

Hollis Barnett	Cherry Horne
Dr. Bobby Blake	Julianna Howard
Lena Bosch	Jerry J. Jennett
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Larry Hanson	Sally Woods
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Art Talk

South Georgia Writers' Guild

Finds New Home

The South Georgia Writers Guild now meets at the recently enlarged and remodeled South Georgia Regional Library every 2nd and 3rd Saturday of the month at 2:30pm, and visitors are welcome to just drop in. Guests are sometimes invited to speak on 2nd Saturdays; 3rd Saturdays are usually reserved for workshops where members read and critique each other's work.

For further information, contact Matt Flumerfelt at 247-5933.

Theatre Guild Valdosta Is Shining Example for "Mainstreet"

Now in their seventh season, the Theatre Guild has progressed from "gypsy" players to performing in their own building, The Dosta Playhouse (formerly the old Dosta Theatre), in the historical district of downtown Valdosta. After purchasing the building in 1992, their first performance downtown was in 1993, according to Joanne Griner who was the first president in 1989-91 and who is now membership/publicity chairman.

Because of generous contributions from members - one in particular, LaForrest Smith Eberhardt, a recently deceased benefactor who contributed \$300,000 - and with the help of matching grants, major renovations to their building have been made possible. Progressing from passing out blankets in winter and funeral parlor fans in summer, patrons now enjoy central heat and air. It also has enabled them to purchase the two buildings next door, restore the exterior of the building and the lobby to near its original design, and add exterior neon lighting. Other downtown projects include new apartments, restaurants and coffee shops, along with the restoration of other historic storefronts. There is ample parking with firemen and police presence - a feeling of neighborhood and community is returning to mainstreet.

Following their gala season opening in September with "A Funny Thing Happened On the Way to the Forum", they presented the suspenseful "Uninvited", the comedy "Odd Couple", and will close their regular season with another comedy, "Finishing Touches" in May. Interspersed with those programs have been two children's programs in conjunction with other downtown events. In addition, they have just successfully presented "An Evening of One-Act Plays" - five different plays with five different casts and directors.

Working towards having a dinner theatre, the Guild consists of a very diverse group and welcomes newcomers to perform or work behind the scenes in their community theatre, and they are formulating lease agreements for public use of the building. For tickets or information, call 24-STAGE.

Eddie Norris

Launches Teaching Career

Our "Patron Saint of L/VAC", noted artist, Eddie Norris, has just completed teaching his first series of watercolor classes at the Center. Although he's been painting for years, he thought he couldn't teach. He said, "I'll just give them all a glass of wine so they won't notice I can't teach...but then they'll all paint abstracts!"

Eager to learn about his unique style, numerous students had to be turned away because of lack of space in the class. In keeping with his generous nature and love for the arts, Eddie donated his teaching fees back to the Center. His contribution, along with a \$100 donation from the Southern Artists League, made it possible for the Arts Center to purchase five new tables and plexi-glass covers for painting labels for the walls. He'll be back by popular demand in April.

Sign Up For New Classes Coming Soon!

Children and Adult Art Classes,
Writing Classes,
Yoga Classes for Health,
Calligraphy Classes,
Floral Design Classes.
For more information, call the Center,
247-2787

Art Talk

Lowndes/Valdosta Arts Commission Calendar March-May

March 21, 7PM--*Twelfth Night*
Mathis \$5

**March 25--5-7PM--Ray
Burggraf Exhibit in Main Gallery;**
Walter Hobbs, Pottery in Hall
Gallery

March 30--11AM & 2 & 4 PM
The House at Pooh Corner
Valdosta Theatre Guild

**April 6--8PM, *Incredible
Acrobats of China*** at Mathis.

April 9--7-9PM First State
Bank Show. Candlelight &
Champagne Benefit.

**April 21&22--Choral Guild
Concert** at Mathis

**April 23-- 8PM--VSU Reading
Series**

**May 6--5-7PM--Best of the First
State Bank Show**

**May 9-18--8PM--*Finishing
Touches*** Valdosta Theatre Guild

**May 7 & 16--Valdosta State
University Symphony**

**May 22-5PM--*High Tea at the
Savoy*** at the Arts Center Cultural
Arts Guild

**June 1--Chinese Art Treasures on
their way to the Olympics**

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Marti Michelle, nationally-known quilter from Atlanta who writes articles each month for "American Patchwork Quilting Magazine", was guest speaker for a special two-day quilting seminar March 1-2 at Christ Episcopal Church in Valdosta. Henrietta Traynor, member of the Guild, said, "An outsider may have thought it a social meeting because Ms. Michelle injected so much humor as she demonstrated her simplified techniques, but members were both intrigued and inspired by her.

Dorothy Cobb, representative for L/VAC meetings, said the Guild will be donating a quilt to be part of a permanent collection at the Welcome Center on Norman Drive. Others have already been placed in the Welcome Center at Lake Park, the Valdosta Chamber of Commerce, and the Regional Library in Valdosta - to mention just a few of the local quilters' group projects.

The Georgia Quilters Guild have collectively made 397 quilts that have been donated for the different countries at the Olympic Games in Atlanta - two for each country - one to the Flag Bearer and one to the National Olympic Committee. Those quilts are now in a stunning display until May 12th at the Atlanta History Center at the Historical Museum on West Paces Ferry Road.

The Quilters Guild meets every third Monday of the month at 7:30pm at the Regional Library in Valdosta.

From the New President of Southern Artists' League

Betty Smith, the new President of the Southern Artists' League, has launched a campaign to boost the membership with artists now traveling from as far as Moultrie. She would like potential members to know that the *Valdosta Daily Times* features regularly an "Artist of the Month" which is always selected from the SAL membership. Selected artists have a feature article in the paper and their work is displayed in the *Times* lobby for a whole month. Meetings are every third Monday at 7PM in the L/VAC Center with guest speakers, instructional classes and video lessons. Betty said, "Our meeting in March will focus on the First State Bank Show which is to be in April." She urges all artists to turn in applications right away as it's on a "first come" basis.

A group of artists now meets every Sunday afternoon, 2-4PM at L/VAC. She said, "Anyone who wishes to model for us may do so by appointment and will receive a free pastel portrait." For further information about Southern Artists' League or an appointment to model, call Betty Smith at 242-4820.

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*Ask those who went on the tour to the Cummer Museum in Jacksonville what Eleanor Howard is keeping secret about that day. **BOY, DID WE HAVE FUN!***

Spring 1996

Marshall Norris

Becoming Regionally Known.....

Lowndes County Historical Society Museum, 305 W. Central Avenue in downtown Valdosta, is now the home (at least temporarily) of "Oil Pan Harry", a huge, breathtaking metal sculpture of a dinosaur, whose head is, indeed, an oil pan. The sculpture, first on display at the Cultural Arts Center's 1995 Artoberfest Art Exhibit, graces the lawn of the museum casting a mesmerizing shadow amidst the evening lights bringing pre-history to reality. The artist, Marshall Norris, an active member of the Southern Artists League and native of Greenville, Florida, is fast becoming regionally known, although he's been interested in art since he was a child.

Warm hearted and outgoing, Norris' artistic style on canvas is termed primitive, reminiscent of that of Grandma Moses-beautifully earthy and original. Since being temporarily blinded in an accident in 1976 and undergoing a cornea transplant in 1990, his art has taken on new meaning and passion.

Mr. Norris is a graduate of Greenville High School and North Florida Junior College in Madison, Florida, and has a degree in electronics and drafting. In 1973, he graduated from NFJC as an emergency medical technician. While pursuing a degree as nurse practitioner, he is employed as an EMT with Lafayette County Rescue.



Above, facial impressions of the Hahira Middle School students of Walter Hobbs are fired in the kiln. At right are the finished products.

A Local Wizard: Walter Hobbs

VALDOSTA — Yes, there are wizards in Lowndes County — talented people doing exceptional things. One of these wizards is award-winning potter Walter Hobbs who teaches art at Hahira Middle School and is part of the Youth Art Month at the Lowndes/Valdosta Arts Center, 1204 N. Patterson St.

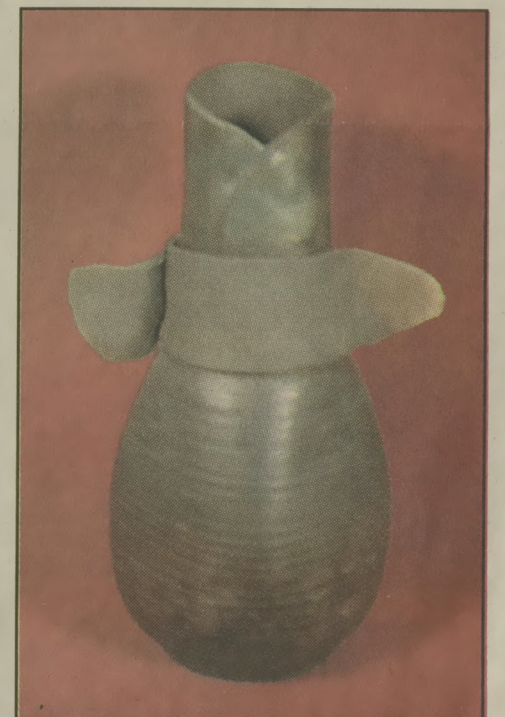
His impressive display of pottery is in the Hall Gallery at the Center with children's faces peeking out of pots, joke faces in platters and shiny raku giving a rainbow shimmer to a variety of pieces, according to Roberta George, center director. Facial impressions of HMS stu-

dents' faces were fired in the kiln.

Hobbs was born and reared in Cordele, but he's spent the last 25 plus years in Lowndes County, teaching and throwing pots, platters and wizardly things. Hobbs' educational background includes a bachelor of fine arts in art from Valdosta State University and further studies at Arrowmont School of Crafts at the University of Tennessee as an assistant instructor, with an emphasis on pottery. Hobbs says he has worked with some great artists and teachers, such as Donald Penny at VSU and Ann Van Aken at Arrowmont.



The pottery exhibit of Walter Hobbs, Hahira Middle School teacher, will be on display at the Lowndes/Valdosta Arts Center, 1204 N. Patterson St., until March 22.





Return to my Roots

Earle McKey

**Eighth Annual First State Bank Show
Candlelight Reception April 10, 1995**



Cultural Arts Center

April-May 1995
Calendar of Events

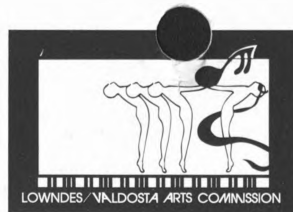
New Center Hours:
10 am - 6 pm Mon.-Fri.
10 am - 4 pm Sat.
2 pm - 4 pm Sun.

APRIL - MAY

- Apr. 3 5-7 pm WITHLACOCHEE QUILTERS GUILD**
Local quilters display their quilts. Reception 5-7 pm, Monday, April 3. Show will be up until April 27.
- Apr. 10 7-9 pm EIGHTH ANNUAL FIRST STATE BANK SHOW**
Ninety area artists. Gala Candlelight Reception, 7-9 pm. Donation \$25. Exhibit will be at First State Bank until April 27.
- Apr. 28-29 THE 16TH ANNUAL GREAT HAHIRA PICK-IN**
Picking 'n Grinning Performance. Starting times: 7pm on Friday and noon on Saturday. Advance tickets for both days \$16 at Sandy Campbell's Music-434 Northside Dr., Lowndes/Valdosta Arts Center-1204 N. Patterson St., and First American Drugs-Main St., Hahira.
Ticket Prices at the gate: Fri.-\$8, Sat.-\$11.
- May 1 5-7 pm BEST OF THE FIRST STATE BANK SHOW**
\$2,500 in prizes awarded. Reception 5-7 pm, Monday, May 1. Exhibit will be up until May 31.

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Sherer becomes Woman of the Year



Woman of the Year

Valori Sherer is congratulated after being named 1996 Woman of the Year Saturday by The Valdosta Junior Woman's Club at the Valdosta Country Club. Sherer is director of The Haven. See story, Page 9-A. — Times Photo by Mike Tanner

By ELIZABETH BUTLER
Times Lifestyles Editor

VALDOSTA — The director of a shelter for battered women and their children was named Valdosta Woman of the Year Saturday in the annual competition sponsored by Valdosta Junior Woman's Club.

Valori Sherer of The Haven was presented with a silver wine cooler with red roses after she was announced as the winner at a luncheon at the Valdosta Country Club. The contest, begun 39 years ago, recognizes women for their volunteer work in the community, the impact they have and their overall character. She was nominated for the award by the Valdosta Chapter of the American Association of University Women.

A humble Mrs. Sherer credited the other five nominees for their help in winning the award because they do volunteer work with her at The Haven. They were Donna J. Brzezienski of Quota International, Kathy Dallas of the Valdosta Chapter of the American Red Cross, Cleta Colson Daugherty of Business and Professional Women's Organization, Roberta

Haas George of the Lowndes/Valdosta Arts Commission and Deborah K. Hart of Wymodausis Woman's Club.

"All of these people at the (head) table do something for the Haven and help me," she said.

"Along with the excitement of the moment, it is so gratifying to be honored by people I respect. Jeanette Coody (Woman of the Year in 1985) is one of my heroes because of the way she conducts her life. She is devoted to her church, to her community and to her family. And now they are counting me among the number with Jeanette; it's so overwhelming."

Mrs. Sherer also credited the loving support from her family — husband Steve and their three children — and from her church, Christ Episcopal, in helping her to win the award.

At Christ Episcopal, Mrs. Sherer is Sunday School superintendent and also serves as a victim advocate for the Diocese of Georgia under Bishop Henry I. Louttit Jr.

Mrs. Sherer is a member of the Georgia Coalition on Family Violence, the South Georgia

Homelessness Task Force and last Thursday night was elected co-chair of the Southern Judicial Circuit Task Force on Domestic Violence. In addition to AAUW, she is a new member of the Quota Club.

In her job as director of The Haven, she began an outreach program which served 158 clients in 1995 in addition to the 181 clients served in the shelter. She has worked to generate an integrated community response to domestic violence and has provided assistance and training to a new shelter program in Thomasville.

The Haven is in the process of being relocated which will double its emergency shelter program from 12 to 24 beds. In addition, the outreach program will expand to include five new counties.

"My work and church involvement enable me to accumulate accomplishments that others judge as important," Mrs. Sherer wrote in her resume. "I feel privileged to have been given the opportunity to serve my God and my community by doing work I love and work that promotes healing within families.

"Although I am driven from within, I do not work alone. I work with my staff, my board of directors, my church and the local community to achieve these accomplishments. Without these I could achieve nothing at all.

"My goal is to serve. If my service qualifies me for this award, then I would accept on behalf of all whom I have mentioned."



The boys play a game of poker, from left clockwise, Charles Green, as Vinnie, Mike Fretti, as Roy, Jeff Fulp, as Oscar, Rick Patrick, as Murray, and Jerry Ellis as Speed.



Tracy Harrington in character as Felix, cleans up after the poker party.

'The Odd Couple'

Theatre Guild Valdosta will present 'The Odd Couple' at 8 p.m. tonight through Saturday, 2:30 p.m. Sunday and 8 p.m. Feb. 1-3 at Valdosta Playhouse, 122 N. Ashley St. The cast includes Tracy Harrington as Felix, Jeff Fulp as Oscar, Mike Fretti as Roy, Jerry Ellis as Speed, Rick Patrick as Murray, Charles Green as Vinnie, Kristine Rieger as Gwendolyn and Tess Hill as Cecily. The play is the hilarious story of two male friends — one a slob and the other extremely neat — and their rocky relationship.



Felix, right, during an argument with Oscar.

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