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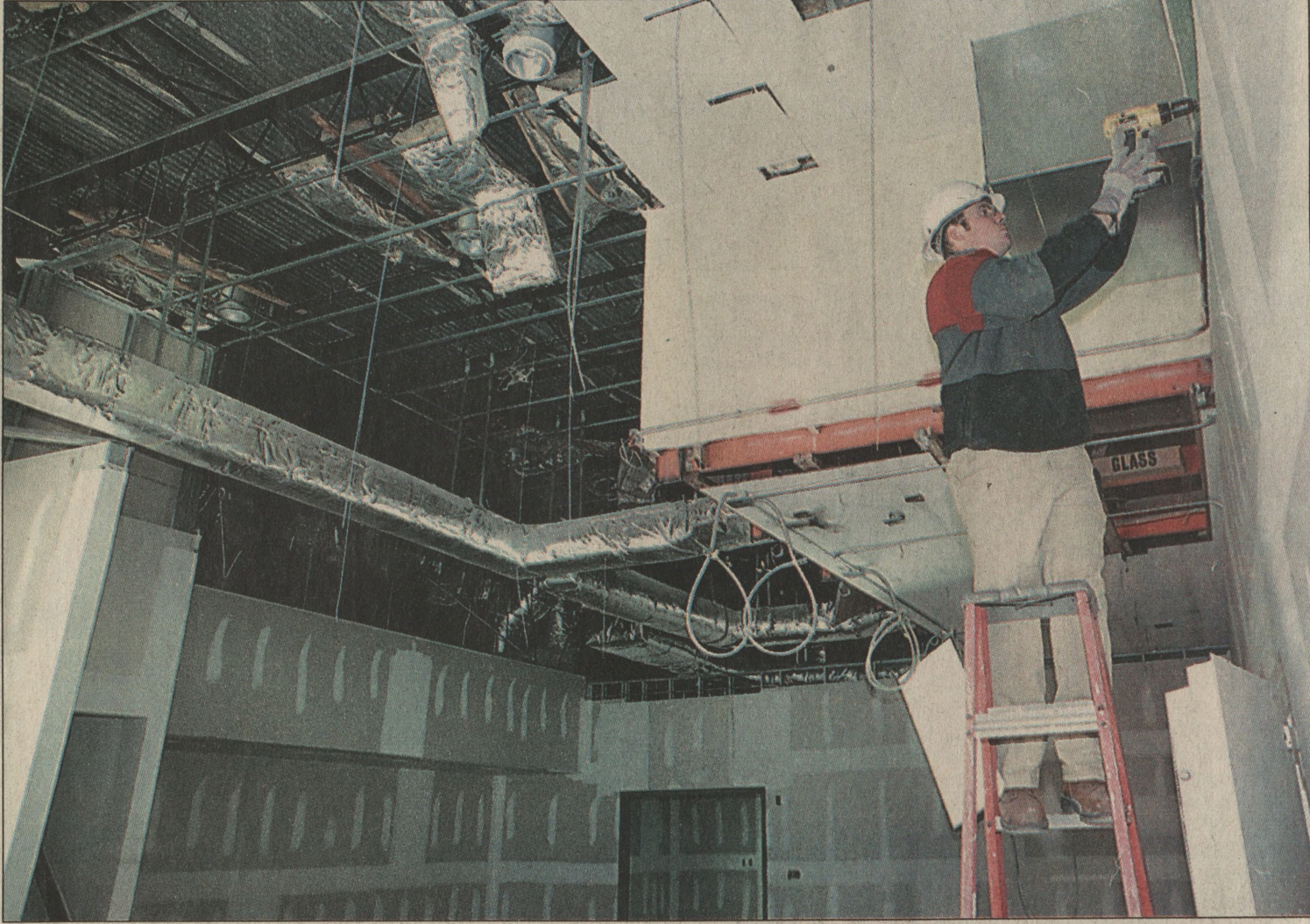
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Paul Leavy, *The Valdosta Daily Times*

Stone mason Fidel Oribe sports a unique sunshade while he applies mortar to the stone wall being built at the entrance to the Annette Howell Turner Center for the Arts on North Patterson Street Monday afternoon. The entrance is nearly complete, putting the finishing touch on the new center and home for the Lowndes/Valdosta Arts Commission.

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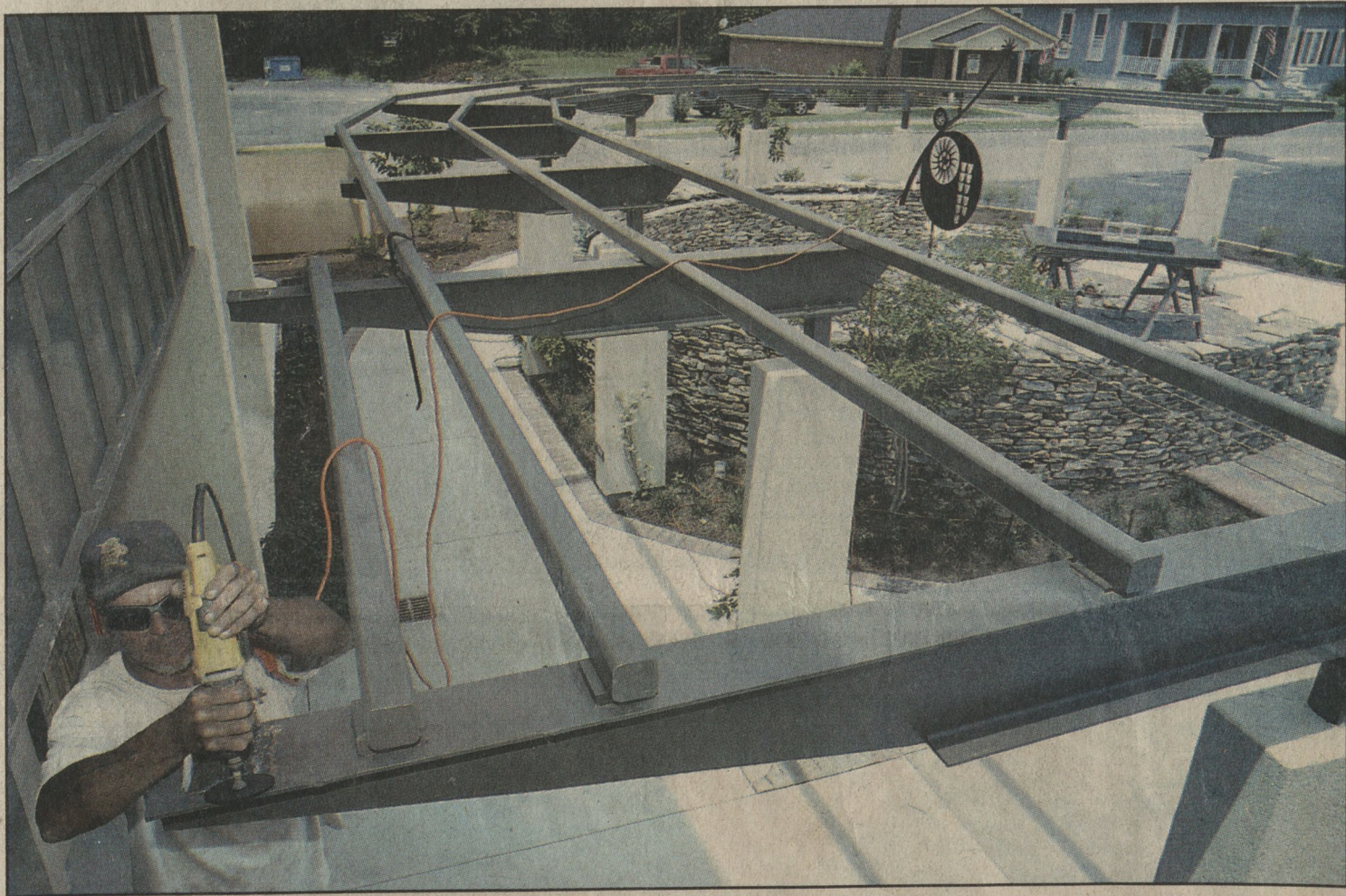
FROM BANK TO ARTS CENTER

Paul Leavy/The Valdosta Daily Times

ABOVE: Eddie Coppage, systems technician with Ace Electric, hangs brackets for running computer cable Monday afternoon in one of the rooms under renovations for the Annette Howell Turner Center for the Arts, formerly home of the First State Bank and Trust Co. on North Patterson Street. The 17,000-square-foot building is undergoing a transformation from a bank to an arts center, and is on schedule to open to the public in early April. **LEFT:** Albany Elevator Service technicians, from left, foreman Ted Holcombe, Bob Butler, and Barry Butler, look up to the second floor as they perform a test ride Monday afternoon on the new elevator they are installing in the Annette Howell Turner Center for the Arts. The new elevator is one of the many renovations and upgrades being done to the former First State Bank and Trust Co. building on North Patterson Street as it is transformed into an arts center.

ARTS CENTER GETS FINISHING TOUCHES

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Paul Leavy/The Valdosta Daily Times

Jay McClain with Osborne Construction works Wednesday afternoon on the roof for the breezeway under construction at the Annette Turner Powell Center for the Arts. McClain and other workers with Osborne are putting the finishing touches on the building and should be finished in a few weeks.



ARTS CENTER GIFT SHOP OPENS

Mike Tanner/The Valdosta Daily Times
Adann-Kennn Alexandar, left, curator for the Annette Howell Turner Center for the Arts, joins art center board member Ann Schutt in the gift shop of the art center. The gift shop will remain open through Christmas with 25 percent of proceeds going to center.

GIVING TO THE ARTS



Paul Leavy/The Valdosta Daily Times
Lowndes/Valdosta Arts Commission chairman Mary Gooding accepts a check for \$250,000 from Valdosta Mayor James Rainwater for the building of the Annette Howell Turner Center for the Arts during a presentation during LVAC's board meeting Monday afternoon. The money will be used to put the final touches on the center, scheduled to open in early April.

Wednesday, May 21, 2003

Mack Memories

Downtown park hosts event Thursday evening

By Dean Poling

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VALDOSTA

An unusual event is scheduled for this week, which invites the public to participate in an evening of music, food, socializing and drawing on a blank canvas to commemorate the life of a buoyant Downtown Valdosta personality.

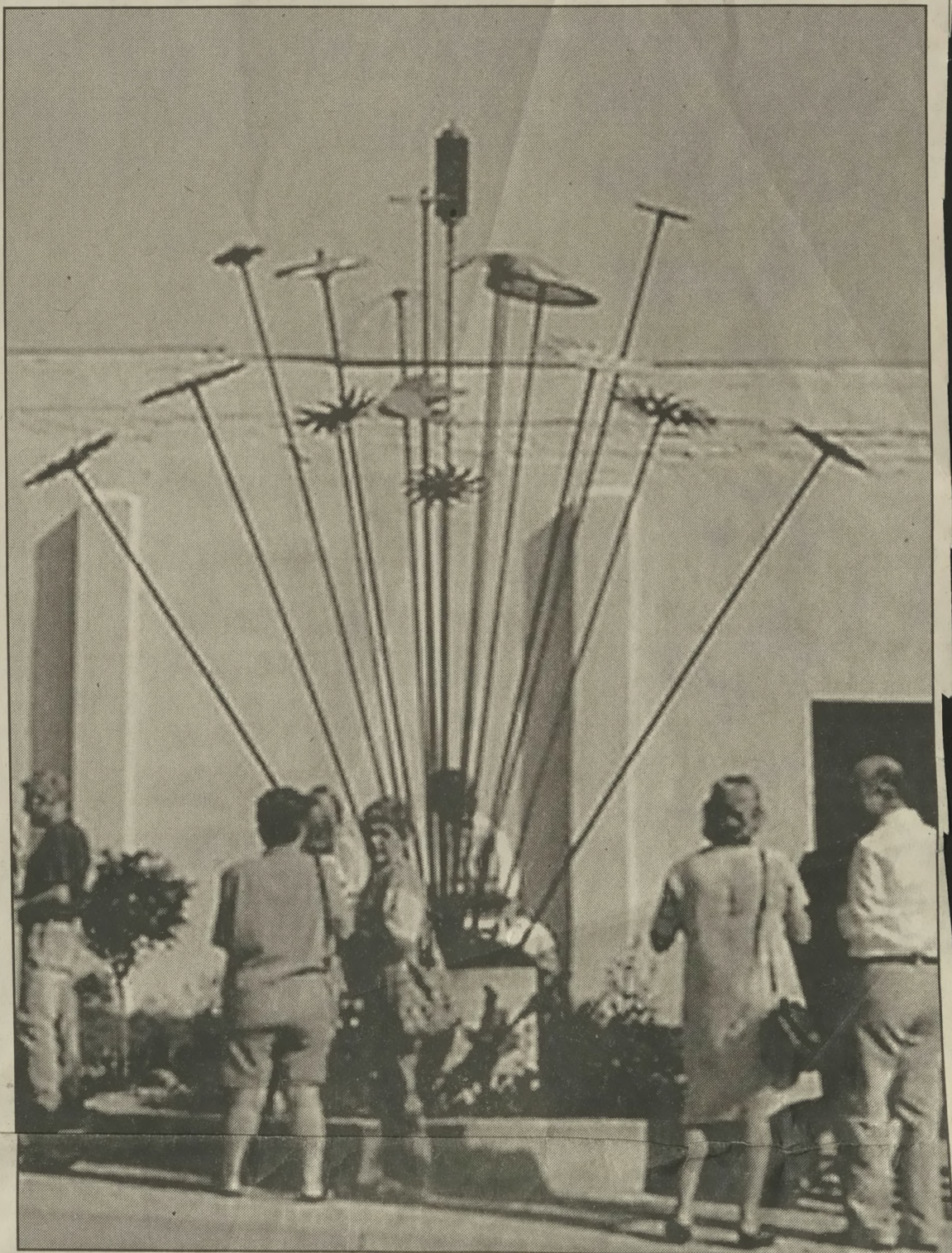
Sponsored by the Valdosta Main Street Program, "Springtime in Mack's Park" is scheduled for Thursday evening at the downtown park. The event, like the park, is dedicated to Mack Freeman, who as a floral designer was a part of Downtown Valdosta's business community for more than 20 years. Freeman died in March 2000.

Last year, a park was dedicated to Freeman. Located at the end of Bennie's Alley adjacent to Mckey Street, the park is dominated by a metal sculpture of flowers created by Valdosta artist Wilby Coleman. Unveiled during last May's event, the sculpture is entitled "Unarranged Flowers: Where Is Mack Now That We Need Him?"

The timing of "Springtime in Mack's Park" is scheduled to commemorate Freeman's birthday. Prior to Thursday's events, a large blank canvas and easel will be placed in the park. Artist Dick Bjornseth, a Southern Artists' League member and a member of Valdosta State University's art faculty, is scheduled to start the canvas with an underpainting outlining Coleman's "Unarranged Flowers" sculpture. Once to paint their own flowers, write comments, signatures, etc., on the canvas.

"It is hoped this community painting event will become an annual affair," according to Main Street. "Over time, the canvases from the preceding years will be displayed at future events. A temporary outdoor gallery to Mack Freeman will grow from this event, commemorating not simply the commitment of Mack to beauty and flowers, but to the artistic talent of all Valdosta."

"Springtime in Mack's Park" is one of many events



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'UNARRANGED FLOWERS' is the landmark of downtown's Mack's Park. Thursday evening an event is scheduled for the park.

that has been scheduled during the past several months that, along with the resurgence of business, restaurants, theater, and a new arts center, has contributed to a renaissance of activity in Downtown Valdosta. With Main Street providing direction, Downtown Valdosta

has hosted a successful antique car show, powerhouse Christmas and Easter events, the recent week of lunchtime concerts and several other events during the past six to seven months.

"Springtime in Mack's Park"

is scheduled for 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Mack's Park, Downtown Valdosta. Live music, refreshments from downtown restaurants, "community canvas," etc., planned. Admission: Free. More information: Valdosta Main Street Program, 259-3577.

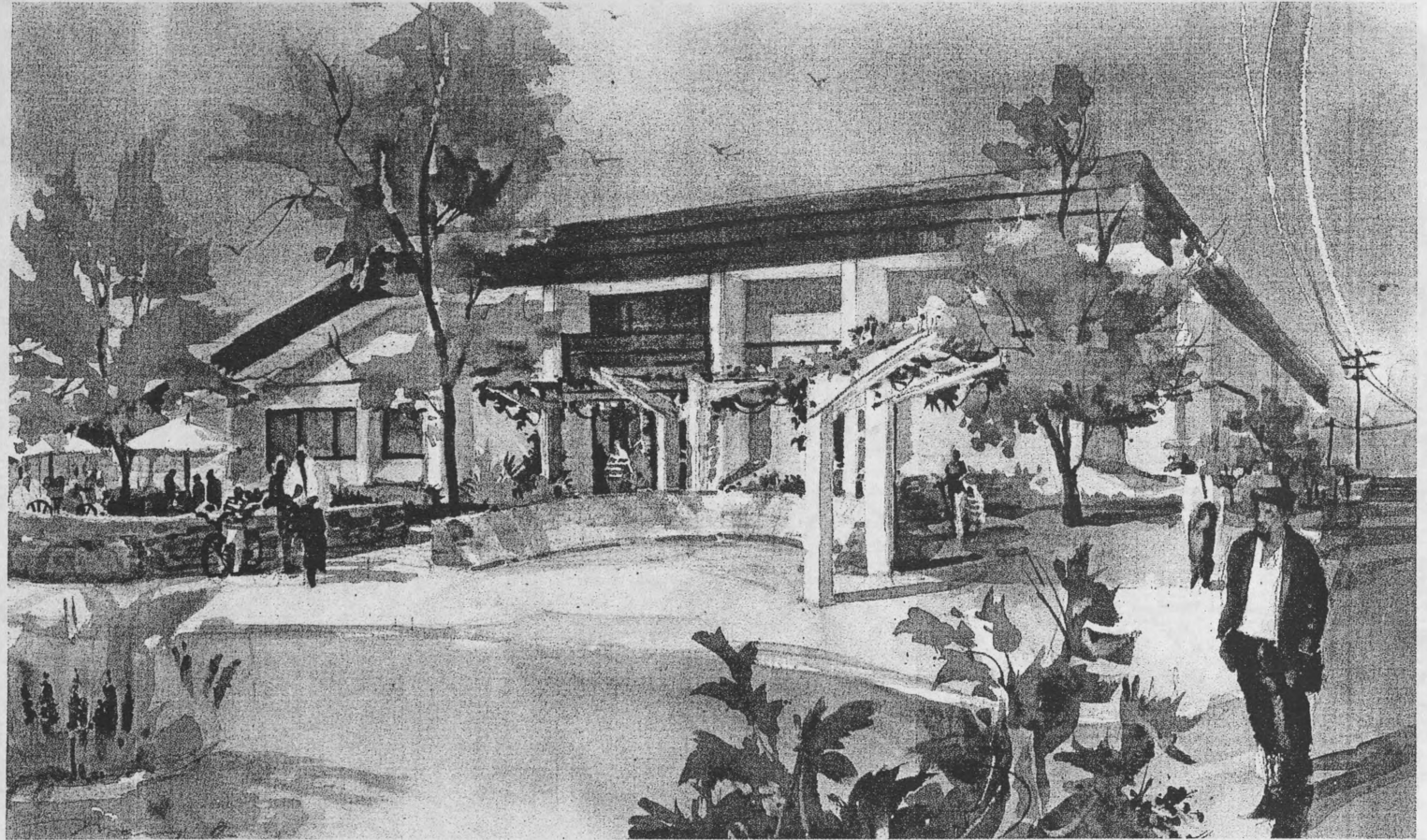


ANNETTE HOWELL TURNER
Center For The Arts
CELEBRATING THE ART IN LIFE

The dream of a new home for L/VAC is no longer just a "pipe dream". **The Annette Howell Turner Center for The Arts** is now a reality, and we couldn't have done it without the very generous support of our Art Center Members! The First State Bank vacated the building at 527 N. Patterson Street the latter part of June and renovations have begun. L/VAC will be moving in sometime in the year 2003.

This new home will contain two main galleries along with a children's gallery downstairs. There will be two additional galleries upstairs. Plans include a commercial type kitchen, perfect for catered events and culinary classes. The elevator and bathrooms will be refurbished to make them accessible for people with disabilities. The main entrance will be totally redone with a large water fountain and additional landscaping to include outdoor seating for classes or for just relaxing to the sound of the waterfall. All offices will remain downstairs, easily accessible for our friends to visit. After all, **The Annette Howell Turner Center For The Arts** will be your home. You've made it possible.

In the meantime, it's business as usual at L/VAC. The children's touring shows and classes are ongoing. We're still offering meeting rooms for 30 civic organizations, and we still have our hands in every artistic and cultural activity where L/VAC can be of assistance. Our commitment to community and the Arts is stronger than ever before.



The Annette Howell Turner Center For The Arts
The New Home of the Lowndes County Valdosta Arts Commission

Here is a preview of the many wonderful things to come. Your kind support of our new Center For The Arts will help improve facilities and give opportunities for many to Celebrate The Arts...

In Your Life...

- Wander through 4 times the gallery space of our previous Center featuring touring and permanent art exhibits
- Stroll through our outdoor Sculpture Garden
- Explore your own capabilities in Adult

Art Classrooms

- Purchase the perfect items in our Museum-quality Gift Shop
- Rent meeting or entertainment spaces

In The Lives Of Kids...

- Activities for children in dedicated classrooms
- Adjacent Children's Gallery
- Expanded after-school programs
- Performing Stage for Children's Entertainment Programs

In Our Community...

- Premier locale for Art & Cultural Events
- An impressive community asset to attract new residents & businesses
- Convenient location
- A cultural hub from which funding and support is distributed to other community art programs
- Plans for meeting & entertainment facilities including a full catering kitchen

Rendering by Mary O. Smith