

CREATIVE EXPRESSIONS NEWSLETTER

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CREATIVE EXPRESSIONS STUDIO AND GALLERY GRAND OPENING!

Creative Expressions Studio and Gallery will be holding its grand opening on July 29th. The Ribbon Cutting ceremony with the Chamber of Commerce will begin at 4:30, followed by an open house from 5:30-7:00.

The gallery will be exhibiting the resident Creative Expressions Artists' works, as well as other local artists in the Milledgeville area.

A variety of media will be exhibited including paintings, pottery, jewelry, photography, sculpture and arts and crafts. Most items will be available for purchase.

This event is free and open to the public. Creative Expressions Studio and Gallery is located at 1045 N. Jefferson St., Milledgeville, GA. Business hours are from 9:00-3:00 Monday thru Friday.

For more information email CreativeExpressionsArt@gmail.com or call Katie Whipple at 478-445-2270

LEARNING HOW TO PIT FIRE POTTERY

Some of our Creative Expressions artists had a chance to learn how to fire their handcrafted pottery in an old fashioned way. Mrs. Pat Black showed Walter Norman, Kimberly Casper, Gabe Elder, Latrice Cooper, Mamie Wells and Shannon Carter the steps to creating a pit firing.

Many "ingredients" make up a pit firing, including wood chips, pine straw, bark, and saw dust. First you layer the materials with layers of the pottery inside a large metal barrel. After the barrel is full, it is lit on fire! The most important part is using a barrel with tiny holes poked through all the way around it. This allows for the heat to escape from the barrel.

Among many of the items that were fired were clay pots and bowls, as well as handmade pendants and beads that will be used later to create our earthy necklaces.

The pit firing can last 2-3 days, continuously smoking.

*Featured on the right side
Kimberly Casper,
Walter Norman,
Gabe Elder and
Latrice Cooper
adding pottery to
the barrel.*



On the left Pat Black is being handed pottery to place in the barrel.

After the firing is done and the barrel has cooled, the pottery is taken out and hosed down. The finished product is a smoky earthen look, and each piece is marked differently by the heat.

Our pottery is for sale at the new studio location at 1045 N. Jefferson St., Milledgeville GA.

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MOTOWN IN THE MORNING

Creative Expressions performed favorite motown hits on the front campus of Georgia College & State University on April 17th, 2008. The Harmonettes Handbell Choir, Good Vibrations Drumming, Music in Motion, the Harmonettes Chorus, and the show group all performed that morning, while educating the audience about the meaning of the "Motown sound".

The musical program was a cooperative effort between the Baldwin Service Center and the Music Therapy Department of Georgia College & State University. Groups rehearsed weekly to prepare for the show. Among some of the hits that were performed were My Girl, Sugar Pie Honey Bunch, War, Easy, I'll Be There and much more.

The event was free and open to the public. The turn out was nice, as well as the weather, and all the performers enjoyed grilled hotdogs afterwards! After the performance, the Show Group members were invited to perform "My Girl" as part of Central State Hospital's Motown production later in the month.

A big thank you to all the staff that helped make the show possible including Gloria Chapple, Lawrence Brisco, Martha Calloway, Sheryl Cheely, Pat Black, Barbara Coleman, Marcilla McCormick, Terry Russell (for the yummy hotdogs!), Renee Lasseter & Erica Hartman for the food supplies.

Also a big thank you to Music Therapy Department Dr. Chesley Mercado, Vicky Robinson & Phillis Brown and the music therapy volunteers including Bethany Clayton, Caitlin Wilkerson, Chandler Moore, Corey Jones, Emily Stagnaro, Gwen Davis, Jessica Bean, Kenya Mitchell,




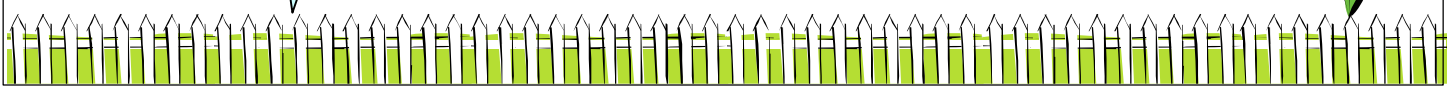
Top picture: Walter Norman, Lawrence Brisco, & Jason Parker
Middle picture: Tomika Waller & Gloria Chapple
Bottom picture: Chris Duncan, Katie Whipple, & Gertrude Hurt

WELCOME music therapy intern Mrs. Rasheda Root who will be with July - December! We're glad to have you with us!

Mary Ann MacAllister, Neal Clark, Rasheda Jones, Robyn Eckenroth, Stanisha Blackburn, and Yu-Chuan Chen.

We are so proud of all our star performers for all their hard work and practice including Amanda Norton, Dee Weimer, Kimberly Casper, Latrice Cooper, Mamie Wells, Mark McCook, Steve Dotson, Suzy Kaufman, Walter Norman, Brenda Stewart, Cedric Renfro, Gabe Elder, Jason Parham, Jason Parker, Jeffrey Carter, Michael Creti, Njock Tabe, Roland Buscha, Willie Robinson, Brad Williams, Gabe Elder, Georgina Babb, Karl Eakins, Shadrack Marshall, Tomika Waller, Tracy Townsend, Anthony Davis, Chris Duncan, Joe Riddle, Kathy Andrews, Louise Curry, Nicole Blizzard, Rena Johnson, and Sam Pankey. Way to Go Folks!

-Katie Whipple 





Handcrafted pottery shown here as part of the booth at the Daylily Festival

NEW FACES AROUND THE STUDIO

Everyone will be seeing two new faces around the Creative Expressions Studio and The Life Enrichment Center. While many of you may have met them already let us tell you a little bit more about them.

Rasheda Root will be interning with us for 6 months as part of a requirement for her music therapy degree. Rasheda has been volunteering with us for four years leading the drumming group and performing with us. She will be here Monday through Friday from 8:00 -4:00 starting July 1st until the end of December. We welcome you Rasheda!

Megan Tiedeman is an artist here in the Milledgeville community, and has taught art to children and adults. You may have seen some of Megan’s artwork at the Sweetwater Festival. She is volunteering with our studio classes and really enjoying it.

JOB OPENING: We are now accepting applications for a Creative Arts Instructor position. Deadline for applications July 8, 2008. Anyone may apply. Please call the Baldwin Service Center for qualifications.

DAYLILY FESTIVAL

Creative Expressions Studio and Gallery participated in the Daylily Festival for the second year in a row. The Daylily festival is held in Gray, GA at the elementary school pecan orchard. The festival had entertainment throughout the day and a wide variety of arts and crafts booths. Boy, the weather sure was hot, but at least it wasn’t raining on us like last year!

Our booth exhibited a wide variety of the gallery’s artwork from paintings, photography, pottery, jewelry and watercolor cards. The biggest selling art was the handcrafted pottery taught by Pat Black and original watercolor cards. Many of the clay pots sold as well as the “earthy necklaces”.

We look forward to participating again next year!

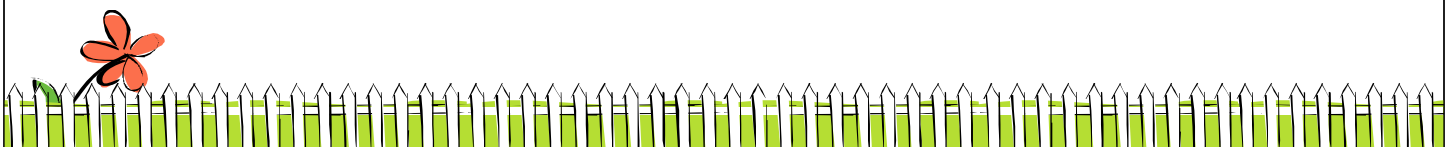
BRAG BOX!

- * Walter Norman was asked to be a judge at Central State’s Flower and Art Show!
- * Brad Williams and Walter Norman received a certificate for completing a Dance Therapy class at Georgia College!
- * “Earth Necklaces” made from hand-rolled clay beads by our CE artists were given to volunteers as thank you gifts, as well as some of the original watercolor cards.

GREEN ACRES IS SHAKIN’ AND SINGIN’

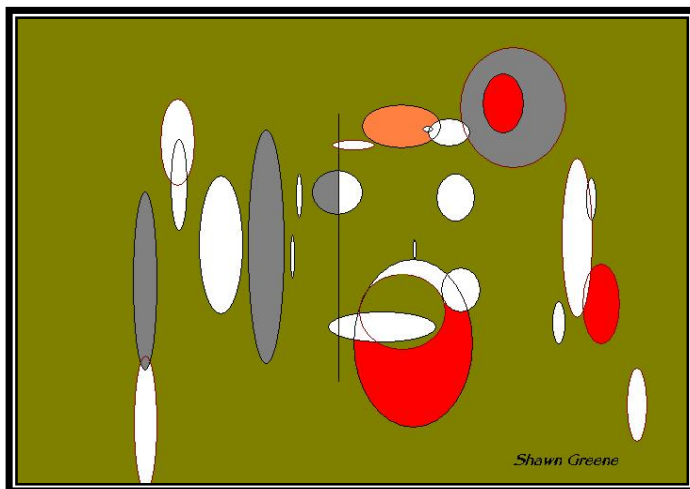
Creative Expressions performers have been shaking things up a bit at Green Acres nursing home once a month. Like true sing along style Katie Whipple and Walter Norman have been leading the residents through some of their favorite songs. Gabe Elder, Chris Duncan, Kimberly Casper, Brad Williams and Jeffrey Carter have all been to Green Acres to perform some tunes as well.

The sing along is just one part of the fellowship that First Baptist Church’s Faith Sunday school class leads. The class is led by Pat Black, and they have been going out to Green Acres for a year and a half to bring the residents goodies and make them smile!





Mr. Shawn Greene is this quarter's spotlight artist. Shawn enjoys using his computer for many different things including listening to music, searching for yummy recipes for Rhunette's healthy living class, emailing friends, and last but not least CREATING ART! Shawn uses a software program called Paint Pad to create pictures. Below is a recent work that Shawn created on his computer.



Shawn Greene

Special Upcoming Events & News

*Creative Expressions Studio & Gallery
Grand Opening
July 29th*

*Music Therapy Intern Rasheda Jones
July 1st- Dec. 31*

*Drama Therapy Workshop
September 12th & 13th*

*Creative Arts Conference in Thomasville
October 9th & 10th*



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