

CREATIVE EXPRESSIONS NEWSLETTER

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ART HOUSE EXHIBIT OPENING

By: Megan Bowen

Art House by Creative Expressions was a huge success! During the month of June, seventeen of our artists displayed their artwork in this group exhibition located in the Art Fix Gallery at GCSU. Our artwork was received very well by the community, several comments in our sign in book read "Beautiful Work," "Very Original," and "I like your art." I believe this art exhibit sparked some new interests into the work of Creative Expressions Studio & Gallery.

Our opening reception on June 4th was a great kick off to the show. Many of our featured artists attended, bringing along friends and family to view their artwork. We had a wonderful spread of snacks to share with our guests, which were



*CE Artist Walter Norman explaining his artwork to visitors of the Art House Exhibit opening night.
(Photo by Katie Whipple)*

brought to us by our wonderful board members, CE staff, and Barbara Coleman.

Art House could not have been possible without the collaboration with the GCSU Art Department, especially the help of Carlos Herrera, Museum Studies Professor, and Bill Fisher, Art Department Chair. We are very appreciative of their help and their willingness to share their gallery space with us.

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*Left: Opening reception
(Photo by Megan Bowen)*



Above: Featuring exhibit flier created by Steve Dotson, Megan Bowen and Bill Fisher.

Left: Steve Dotson with his 3' x 4' acrylic painting, "Basketball".

(Photos by Megan Bowen)



MILLEDGEVILLE MARKETPLACE

By: Megan T. Bowen

Creative Expressions had a presence at the new, local farmer's market called *Milledgeville Marketplace* on July 7th. This weekly event in downtown is a great community gathering spot, which allows local farmers, bakers, and crafts people to share their goods. The atmosphere at the market was buzzing with excitement as shoppers stopped by the different booths. We did well at our booth - selling pottery, handmade paper, and other artwork. We also had the help of two of our artists Steve Dotson and Gabe Elder!

We plan on attending the farmer's market once a month until the market ends in October. The farmer's market is every Tuesday from 4-7 in the parking lot next to the Golden Pantry. Creative Expressions will be back out there on August 4th and September 1st. Come by and see us!

ART TRIPS

By: Megan T. Bowen

The summer heat has not slowed us down, CE's art trippers have been out and about viewing artwork and looking for inspiration.

On May 20th, we headed to Louisville to visit the Firehouse Gallery. We saw *20/20 Vision, Second Edition*, a collection of prints by University printmakers. Our artists were very excited to see the different printmaking techniques in finished prints, since many of our artists are familiar with printmaking. We were also impressed by the size and color of the prints we saw. Although the art exhibit was impressive, I think the best part of the trip was our stop at the Dairy Queen for lunch and ice cream!

On June 12th, we visited the Marlor House to view the artwork of local artists in Allied Arts yearly competition. We saw many wonderful paintings, drawings, and photographs. After our stop at the Marlor House we headed to Lockerly Arboretum to see what was in bloom. The heat did keep us in the car, but we had a great time driving around!

Left: Walter Norman, Joe Green, Pat Black and Anthony Davis adding pottery to the pit fire.

Right: Francenia Gibson smiling as she adds a layer of saw dust to the pit fire.

(photos by Megan T. Bowen)



*From left to right: Dee Weimer, Francenia Gibson, Pat Black, Joe Green, Shannon Carter, Anthony Davis & Walter Norman.
(photo by Megan Bowen)*

HOW TO PIT FIRE POTTERY

By: Pat Black

Our Creative Expressions artists learned how to fire their handcrafted pottery in an old fashioned way! Mrs. Pat Black showed Walter Norman, Shannon Carter, Anthony Davis, Dee Weimer, Brad Williams and Kimberly Casper the steps to creating a pit firing.

Many ingredients make up a pit firing including a metal barrel with holes the size of a dime all over, wood chips, pine straw, bark and saw dust. First you layer the materials with layers of the pottery inside the 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, tiles and beads. The pit firing can last 2-3 days, continuously smoking. The gases from the burning materials make their own unique designs.



WELCOME TO OUR NEW MUSIC THERAPY INTERN

By: Katie Whipple

A big welcome to Andrea Johnson! She is our new music therapy intern from Georgia College & State University. She joined us as a full time intern this July and will be with us until December 2009. She has been working with Creative Expressions since 2006 by participating in our community performing groups including *Music in Motion*, *Harmonettes Vocal Choir* and the *Harmonettes Handbell Choir*. She has been studying the cello for 10 years, but she also plays the piano and guitar. Andrea has volunteered her musical talents and skills with Pre-K special needs classes including the Center for the Visually Impaired, at-risk high school students, and assisted living facilities. She has also volunteered with Habitat for Humanity and at a local crisis pregnancy center. Andrea states "I have always known that I wanted to share my passion for music with others". You can reach Andrea by phone at 478-445-2270 or by email Andrea@CreativeExpressionsStudio.org.

LONG ROAD HOME

By: Sheryl Cheely-Folsom

The Long Road Home was a program held at CSH in celebration of the release of those individuals leaving the facility to become community residents. Included were speeches from certain individuals who had fought long and hard to be accepted in various community organizations or against other obstacles and had won. Also, State Representative, Mike Jackson along with Marvin Bailey, CEO of Central State Hospital spoke on the importance of acceptance in the community.

The star performance of the program was our signing group *Music in Motion* with songs fitting to the occasion including "Oh Happy Day", "Reach Out and Touch" and "Reach Out I'll Be There". Performers included Georgina Babb, Brad Williams, Shad Marshall, Brenda Stewart, Gabe Elder, Anthony Davis, Sheryl Cheely-Folsom and Barbara Coleman.

CE PERFORMERS SHOWCASED IN CSH GREASE PRODUCTION

By: Katie Whipple

CE performers kicked it up a notch dancing the jitterbug and doing the handjive at CSH's production of *GREASE*. Gabe Elder, Kimberly Casper, Steve Dotson, Shannon Carter, Mike Hall, Mamie Wells, Walter Norman, Selena Wiggins, Brad Williams and Georgina Babb practiced daily for almost the whole month of June at the CSH auditorium in preparation for the production.

Many LEC staff kicked it up a notch as well including Martha Callaway, Carolyn Kelsey, Loretta Simmons, Megan Bowen, Barbara Coleman and Sheryl Cheely-Folsom. When asked about the experience Martha said, "I just loved it! I don't even know where to start".

Some of the numbers that our dancers performed were "Beauty School Drop Out", "Hound Dog" and the "Hand Jive". Our performers played a variety of characters including football players, cheerleaders, angels and prom goers.

Besides the dancing, the costumes added so much to the production! Martha Callaway handmade four poodle skirts for some of the ladies! Much love to Martha as they were gorgeous! Many of the beautiful prom dresses were loaned from the GIVE Center at GC&U. Georgia Military College also loaned the football players some uniforms for the guys to sport.

All the hard work paid off as everyone did a great job! Way to go ladies and gentlemen!

BRAG BOX!

* Walter Norman served as a judge for the second year in a row in Central State Hospital's *Flower and Art Show*. Go Walter!!!

* You can now become a supporter of Creative Expressions! Donate online by visiting our website at www.CreativeExpressionsStudio.org

* A BIG CONGRATS to Megan Bowen and her hubby John on the wonderful news that they are expecting a winter baby!

* A big thank you to Judith Keim, Barbara Coleman, Pat Black, Katie Whipple, Kendall Stiles, Cindy Nunn, Sandy Baxter, Kathleen Scarborough, Ed Weimer, Megan Bowen & Renee Fontenot for the lovely refreshments at our *Art House* opening reception.

* DVD's for sale for only \$10 featuring "Behind the Scenes" of our Creative Expressions performance groups! Profits go towards future performances!

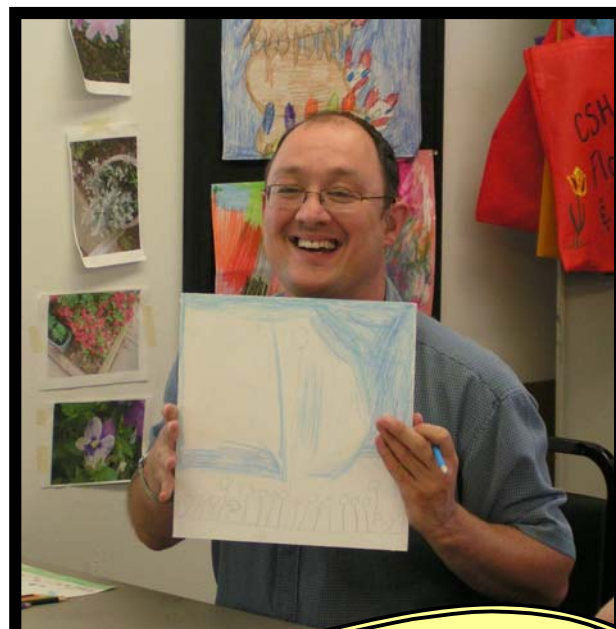
* A big thank you to the GC&SU Art Department for hosting our exhibit *ART HOUSE* in the Art Fix Gal.





Steve Dotson is a long time CE Artist and performer and he is talented in both! He is member of the Harmonettes Handbell Choir and Vocal Choir and has performed locally as well as in Atlanta, GA. In the visual arts Steve enjoys both two dimensional design as well as working in ceramics. Megan Bowen, his jewelry instructor, said, "Steve works fast! He makes his own patterns and designs". Steve has exhibited and sold his artwork at GC&SU, arts festivals, and in our gallery exhibits. He will be exhibiting artwork in the Eduardo Mercado Arts Competition on Aug. 2, in the music therapy department at GG&SU. Steve is what you could call a Renaissance Man, and that is why he is our spotlight artist of the quarter. Keep up the good work Steve!

A big congrats to artists Sheronica Jackson, Anthony Davis, Francenia Gibson, Gabe Elder, Selena Wiggins, Mike Hall, Dee Weimer, Steve Dotson, Brad Williams, Rena Johnson, Latrice Cooper and Walter Norman as their artwork has been chosen to exhibit in the Eduardo Mercado Arts Competition on August 2, 2009 at GC&SU. They will have the opportunity to share their artwork with others as well as win prizes and wards!



Steve Dotson

Special Upcoming Events

CE Booth @ Milledgeville Marketplace
Downtown Milledgeville
4:00 - 7:00pm
July 7th, August 4th & September 1st

Green Acres Music Performances
3:00pm - 4:00pm
July 2nd, August 6th, September 1st

EMAC Reception
4:00pm @ GCSU, August 2nd

CE Booth and Harmonettes Choir Performance
@ The Lockerly Heritage Festival
October 17th, 10:00am - 5:00pm

CE Booth @ the Deep Roots Festival
Downtown Milledgeville
October 24th, 10:00am - 6:00pm



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