

Turner Arts Center's Youth Art Month Exhibit Opened Sunday: 10 LCHS Students Are Showing

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LANIER COUNTY, Georgia - The Turner Center for the Arts opened its newest art exhibit honoring our area's Youth Art Month. The exhibition is a 2024 Valdosta State University Invitational held annually. It is the largest exhibit for Youth Art Month and includes entries from a larger regional area, since the annual exhibition began.

The regional entries included:

- Berrien High School, Nashville, instructor Coby Rice
- Brooks County High School, Quitman, Instructor Jessica Akins
- Coffee High School, Douglas, Instructors Shana Harper and Amanda Youngblood
- Community Christian Academy, Adel, Instructor Guthrie Groh
- Cook High School, Adel, Instructor Harlee Bell
- Delta Innovative School, Quitman, Instructor Julie Bowland
- Jeff Davis High School, Hazelhurst, Instructor Jessica Lawson
- Lanier County High School, Lakeland, Instructor Jennifer Dunn
- Lowndes High School, Valdosta, Instructors Taylor Gray, Daisy Taylor, Becky Yancey

- Peach County High School, Fort Valley, Instructor Cathy Heller
- Sail High School, Tallahassee, Instructors Sheri Nilles, Jana Miller, Rosa Cefalu
- Scintilla Charter Academy, Valdosta, Instructor Hether North
- Suwannee High School, Live Oak, Instructors Pamela Williams, Chelsey Chaney
- Thomas County Central High School, Thomasville, Instructor Maria Pittman
- Tift County High School, Tifton, Instructor Meredith Osmus
- Tiftarea Academy, Tifton, Instructor Marlee Cox
- Valdosta High School, Valdosta, Instructors Adam Calvin, Elisha Craig
- Valwood School, Valdosta, Instructor Lynn Vallotton

Turner Center for the Arts Youth Month Exhibit presented both Primary and Secondary Art Student's artwork.

Lanier County High School has ten (10) students at high school level which are showing. They include:

- Trysta Goode, "Disco Graveyard"
- Jackson Jones, "Light Show"
- Rylee Schwenn, "Got UR Back"
- Jackson Jones, "777"
- Elizabeth Smith, "CTAPBIN ACTOHOM"
- Brittany Gutierrez-Murillo, "Koi Fish"
- Jordan Madrid, "Isolation"
- Kenli Stewart, "Queen Duckabelle the 4th"
- Jonathan Moore, "Finding My Valentine"
- Chasey Chadwick, "Dusk"

This exhibition opened Sunday, February 25th and continues through March 20th at Turner Center for the Arts. The show is curated by Sementha Mathews, Executive Director. The galleries are open free of charge to the public to view this excellent art show.

The Youth Art Month exhibition employs the use of a wide variety of media and subjects.

The mission of the Turner Center for the Arts is to promote and celebrate the arts as the regional center for cultural enrichment, art education, and entertainment.

Visit the Turner Center for the Arts at 527 North Patterson Street, Valdosta, or follow it at turnercenter.org/ for events, programs and more. The Center may be reached at 229-247-ARTS (2787).

Gallery Hours: Monday-Closed, Tuesday-Thursday - 10am-6m, Friday and Saturday 10am-4pm.



LCHS art teacher Jennifer Dunn with student Jon Moore.



LCHS art student Jonathan Moore with his work "Finding My Valentine" featuring his comic character Jon the Scout regularly featured in the Lanier County News.

Shopping carts dotting Lakeland's curbs may be a thing of the past



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LAKELAND, Georgia - February's City of Lakeland Council Meeting brought the introduction of a proposed ordinance to amend the Chapter 34 of the Code of The City of Lakeland by adding an article IV to define and provide for the Regulation of Shopping Carts which the public is removing from area stores' premises. While tabled for additional study and thought, the Lakeland City Council is moving toward solving the problem of more carts found around town along curbs and property lines than are left at the stores for which they serve.

Previously, the City of Lakeland as a courtesy has picked up shopping carts and

returned them to their store owners. The City of Lakeland charged the nominal fee of \$1.50 for each cart picked up and returned. Unfortunately, the removal of shopping carts for personal use of a store's shopping carts has increased significantly over time. They are becoming an unsightly nuisance and costly to the store because of the frequency with which customers take and use the carts for their own personal use.

One key change of the proposed ordinance is that each store will be required to create a policy and/or plan to deal with the problem. It is this writer's guess that when the store makes a plan, they also have to declare the removal of a shopping cart by a customer is either a courtesy they extend to the customer and the store plans to bear the cost or the store declares the removal as a theft and should not be done. By declaring removal as a theft, citizens found by LPD to be in possession of a cart off of a store's property could be ticketed. This would likely result in encouraging citizens to be more responsible in their use of a store's provision of a courtesy shopping cart.

Citizens may not realize it, but those large wire shopping carts may cost in excess of \$1,000.00 each. The costs of specialized shopping carts are even higher. So, a common shopping cart that customers may take for granted, because they are used almost daily in any store the customer enters, are a costly investment by the store to aid a customer as they make purchases. A store cannot provide this courtesy when shopping carts are taken off their property without being returned. Someone's choice to remove them leaves a store's customer without a cart to be used.

The Lanier County News (LCN) is including a copy of the proposed ordinance for citizens to read. The LCN encourages citizens to contact a council member after reading the proposed ordinance and give the councilman feedback.



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