



The Nature of Kinship & Its Artful Connections

Featuring Mifflin Hollyday, Alexa Kleinbard, Mark Messersmith, and Lilian Garcia Roig

Thursday, April 9 - Saturday, May 9

The Nature of Kinship features the work of Mifflin Hollyday, whose large-scale mixed-media paintings celebrate the strength and beauty of trees and their role in connecting us to each other and our environment. The exhibition also includes work by regional artists, creating a collective exploration of nature, community, and interconnectedness across a variety of media.

Thank you to the many who kindly contributed to support this exhibit.

Opening Reception

Thursday, April 9 | 5:00pm - 7:30pm | Tree Dedication Ceremony at 6:00pm

Muffins & Mimosas with Panel Discussion

Saturday, April 11 | 11:00am - 12:30pm



Funkadelic Visions

Featuring George Clinton

Thursday, May 14 - Saturday, June 27

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LeMoyne Arts presents Funkadelic Visions, featuring the vibrant and imaginative paintings of music legend George Clinton. Known for his groundbreaking work in funk music, Clinton brings the same bold creativity and energy to his visual art, offering viewers a colorful, immersive experience that blurs the lines between music, culture, and imagination.

Opening Reception

Thursday, May 14 | 5:00pm - 7:30pm



Through the Fire

Featuring Mary Ellen Free

Thursday, July 9 - Saturday, August 15

Through the Fire showcases ceramic works by Mary Ellen Free and supporting local ceramicists. This exhibition highlights the skill, creativity, and transformative process of working with clay, celebrating the artistry and innovation of our regional ceramic community.

Opening Reception

Thursday, July 9 | 5:00pm - 7:30pm

Letter from our President

Dear Friends of LeMoyne,

As we move into another vibrant season, I'm continually inspired by the creativity and connection that define our LeMoyne community. Each exhibition, class, and gathering reminds me that art is not only something we create—it's something we share, something that brings us closer together.

This year, we've seen remarkable energy in our galleries and programs. From emerging artists finding their voice to longtime members pushing their work in exciting new directions, LeMoyne remains a place where creativity flourishes. Our educational offerings continue to grow, welcoming individuals of all ages and experience levels to explore, learn, and be inspired.

We are also deeply grateful for the support that makes all of this possible. Whether you attend an event, volunteer your time, or invest in the arts through membership or giving, you play an essential role in sustaining this creative hub. Your support ensures that LeMoyne remains accessible, inclusive, and forward-looking.

As we look ahead, we are excited to expand opportunities for engagement and to continue fostering meaningful connections through art. I encourage you to visit often, bring a friend, and immerse yourself in all that LeMoyne has to offer.

Thank you for being part of this extraordinary community.

With gratitude,

Dan Taylor, Board President



Letter from our Executive Director

Dear Friends,

As we welcome spring to LeMoyne Arts, I'm reminded of how deeply creativity thrives when our community comes together. This season invites renewal, and we are embracing that spirit with fresh exhibitions, expanded classes, and new opportunities to engage with the arts.

In the weeks ahead, we look forward to celebrating the 26th Annual Chain of Parks Art Festival, the success of our youth and adult programs, and the continued growth of our creative community. Thank you for being part of this journey. Wishing you a bright, art-filled spring!

— Arielle Raff, Executive Director



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Campus-Wide Renovations Wrap Up Thanks to WestScott Construction

As LeMoyne's acclaimed campus-wide beautification project, Art for Always, approached a successful conclusion in 2025, a few of the Gallery's spaces received much-needed updates!

The administrative offices, kitchen, and the Nancy Jefferson Pottery Studio all look clean and inviting thanks to an extension on LeMoyne's FY24 Cultural Facilities grant from the Florida Division of Arts and Culture matched by our Art for Always Donors, and the amazing team at WestScott Construction. The grant allowed us to remove the peeling paint, mismatched carpet, and outdated furnishings, and replace them with modern colors, brand new carpet and new cabinets & sink in the kitchen. To make room for the work during September and October, the gallery administrative team temporarily relocated to the upstairs Artist Studios of LeMoyne at 417 East Call Street, and the beautiful XOJ Salon became the conference room. The gallery stayed open to the public, and was rented for private evening events during the renovations. By early November, the dust had settled, and gallery staff settled back into beautifully renovated spaces in the upstairs of the Meginnis-Munroe House. The heroes of the story were Scott McLuckie, and his WestScott Construction team lead by Bo Schmitz. They went above and beyond to attend to every detail of the project. LeMoyne will never be able to thank them enough.



Nancy Jefferson Ceramics Lab before renovation



Nancy Jefferson Ceramics Lab after renovation



Conference room during renovation



Conference room after renovation



Kitchen before renovation



Kitchen after renovation



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GARDEN GUARDIANS UPCYCLED SCULPTURE EXHIBIT
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FSU'S OPENING NIGHTS PRESENTING ARTIST SERIES WITH NOAH VERRIER
THURSDAY, APRIL 16 (6:30-8PM)

PUPPET & MUSICAL PROCESSION THROUGH THE PARKS BY LINDA HALL AND FRIENDS
SATURDAY, APRIL 18 (2:30-3PM)

RICKARDS HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING RAIDER BAND
PROCESSION THROUGH THE PARKS
SUNDAY, APRIL 19 (2:30-3PM)

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Following a record-breaking 25th year, LeMoyné Arts is proud to announce the **26th Annual Chain of Parks Art Festival**, taking place **Saturday and Sunday, April 18-19, 2026**, presented by **Mad Dog Construction**. This beloved, Tallahassee tradition transforms the downtown "Chain of Parks" into a premier outdoor gallery under the city's majestic live oaks. The Festival attracts an average of 42,000 attendees over the weekend and generates an estimated \$2.37 million in tourism-related economic impact for Tallahassee's local economy.

With free admission we welcome thousands of visitors to view and purchase unique works of fine art from over 180 national juried artists, while enjoying a weekend filled with live 3-D street art, folk and heritage art, live local entertainment, musical processions, children's art activities, local cultural re-enactments, community connections, delicious local food, craft beer, and more.



Photo by Visit Tallahassee



Photo by Bob O'Lary

The Festival has been recognized by Sunshine Artist Magazine as one of the Top 100 Fine Art Festivals in the country for the past decade and has been ranked as Florida's #1 Fine Art and Design Festival multiple times. We're especially proud of our top 10 rankings over the years: #1 in 2017, #5 in 2018, #3 in 2019, Top 10 in 2020-2021, #7 (#1 in Florida) in 2022, #7 (#1 in Florida) in 2024, and **#3 (#1 in Florida) in 2025**. Additionally, we are proud to be voted Tallahassee Magazine's 2025 **"Best Local Event."**



"The Chain of Parks Art Festival has become a treasured tradition for Tallahassee," said former Chair, long-time Festival Steering Committee Member, Kelly Dozier. "Its continued growth and national recognition are a testament to our community's passion for the arts."



Photo by Bob O'Lary

The festivities begin early with the **Garden Guardians** upcycled sculpture exhibit in LeMoyne's Simmons Dozier Garden from **March 17 through April 17**. The exhibit will then be transferred to the Festival for a special exhibit conclusion and silent auction.

To kick off the long Festival weekend, a special presentation will feature nationally recognized painter **Noah Verrier** on **Thursday, April 16**, in partnership with **FSU's Opening Nights**. Tickets available through **ON**.



NEW! Saturday's Puppet Procession, Envisioned by Linda Hall and Doug Schrock



AFTERNOON PROCESSIONS THROUGH THE PARKS:

The weekend's programming offers an immersive experience that extends beyond fine art to showcase various exciting art forms. On **Saturday, April 18, at 2:30 p.m.**, visitors can witness a whimsical theatrical procession of larger-than-life puppets and masks envisioned by local artists **Linda Hall** and **Doug Schrock**, accompanied by musicians and community artists. This performative parade will wind through the parks, concluding with an interactive play in the Children's Park.

On **Sunday, April 19**, the energy continues at **2:30 p.m.** with a celebratory performance by the **Rickards High School Marching Raider Band**, showcasing the immense talent of local Leon County students.



Photo by Bob O'Lary



Photo by Susan Baldino

FREE FAMILY FUN!

Families and art lovers will find areas within the Festival to explore throughout the weekend. **The Children's Park**, in partnership with Leon County Schools, offers free interactive art studios, educational tents focused on Tallahassee's local heritage, and live historical reenactments.



Photo by Bob O'Lary

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!

Meanwhile, the **Chalk Art Oasis** features a decorated space filled with interactive activities and four professional street artists creating 3-D anamorphic art on the pavement, underwritten by Visit Tallahassee and generously hosted by Ron Sachs and Gay Webster Sachs.

The Festival also highlights community organizations and local sustainability efforts at the **Community Corner**. Drop off your dry-good donations at the Second Harvest of the Big Bend's four official donation drop-off locations at the Community Corner, the Chalk Art Oasis, Center Court, and the LeMoyne Arts front porch.

For those looking for a culinary experience, the event features a wide array of **local food vendors** as well as adult libations, including **PROOF Brewing's** craft beer at the **McKibben Hospitality Bar**.

Mark your calendars for April 18 and 19, 2026, and visit www.ChainofParks.com for more information and volunteer opportunities. Follow @ChainofParks on Facebook and Instagram for the latest updates.

LeMoyne Remembers

Linda Van Beck



It is with great sadness that we share the passing of long-time LeMoyne member, donor and artist, Linda Van Beck. Linda painted her relationship to the natural world. Over the years her style and palette varied but the intent remained the same – to move the viewer to feel a oneness with nature.

Since the early 80's, Van Beck painted her front yard - lower Lake Lafayette. Her last series, previously exhibited at LeMoyne in 2011, dealt with winter and the history of the lake and later, confronting the issue of degradation of the lake filling in. She transferred the concept of the seen and unseen, creating two large works showing the underwater vegetation that is slowly destroying lower Lake Lafayette.

Van Beck spent many years dedicated to the growth and development of LeMoyne's Permanent Collection, specifically collecting works by Karl Zerbe, George Milton and Nancy Reid Gunn, artists who made LeMoyne Art Foundation their artistic home in the 1960's through the 80's. Van Beck amassed a collection of Karl Zerbe paintings named "Civil Right" a group of brush drawings and acrylic collages inspired by the Albany Movement, a series of civil rights protests in nearby Albany, Ga., in 1961 and 1962.

In 2015 Van Beck organized an exhibition of LeMoyne's "Civil Right" Collection at Valdosta State University which featured Zerbe's broad transition of styles, from Picasso-like line drawings, 1940s style realism, cubism, abstract expressionism to a pop art sensibility of the 1960s. "This exhibition is very important to our community, as it is a record of the activism of South Georgia and North Florida citizens who risked so much – literally their freedom – to make civil rights a reality in our region in the early 1960's, remarked Julie Bowland, Fine Arts Gallery director, Department of Art professor at VSU during the exhibition.

Linda Van Beck contributed much to the arts at LeMoyne Arts and Tallahassee. In recognition of Linda's years of service to the arts community, the Chain of Parks Art Festival named one of the lanes within the festival, the Linda Van Beck Lane. In 2023, LeMoyne honored Van Beck's lifelong dedication to the arts by naming its new permanent collections space, The Linda Van Beck Permanent Collection Vault. Her art and heart live on through her artworks hanging in many homes and businesses.

Linda Van Beck is remembered by Michael Giltz, Doris Partridge, Colleen Castille, Anthony & Gail Quickle, and The DRF and Path Pro Teams.

Mary Elizabeth Eason Dorsey



Mary Elizabeth Eason Dorsey passed away peacefully at the age of 82 after a brief illness in Tallahassee, Florida, on February 12, 2026.

She was born on March 20, 1943, in Atlanta, Georgia, and attended Leon High School in Tallahassee where she contributed admirably to the civic culture of the school. She graduated in 1961 and later attended Florida State University.

A natural self-starter, Mary moved to Fort Lauderdale in 1967 with her young son, Bartow, by her side. In 1971, she married John Dorsey and soon they welcomed their daughter, Mary Jeannette Dorsey. Mary and John shared a long and happy marriage until his passing in 2023. She was quickly embraced as a loving member of the Dorsey clan.

While in Ft. Lauderdale, she built a successful career, rising from administrative roles to executive positions in banking with Barnett Bank of Florida and later in economic development with Broward County. She was also involved in fund raising activities for several charitable organizations. Together, she and John built and operated J. Dorsey Real Estate and Appraisal before retiring and returning home to Tallahassee.

Mary was very kind and always put others before herself. She was very funny as humor was a very common thread throughout every chapter of her life.

Mary expressed her love and creativity through knitting and needlepoint, happily sharing scarves, Afghan blankets and pillows with family and friends. She also found great joy in raising a beloved line of miniature dachshunds, Gizmo, Junior, Pepper, and Bailey, who brought her endless companionship and delight.

Her proudest accomplishment was her children, Bartow and Jeannette. Mary was very generous, especially putting her children first in every way.

Mary was preceded in death by her daughter, Jeannette; her siblings, Harriet ("Nonie") Schoelles of Apalachicola, Florida, and Lewis Eason of Quincy, Florida; and her husband, John Dorsey. Mary is survived by her son, R. Bartow Rainey, Jr. of Tallahassee.

Her gracious spirit and natural elegance left a lasting impression on all who knew her. She leaves behind a legacy of love, laughter, and quiet kindness.

Mary Dorsey is remembered by Anna Smith, Susannah Dozier, Tracy Proctor & Frank Douglas, Cori & Shane McGooden, Chris & Sandy Connell, Kevin Purinai, and Judi & John Mahorner.

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LeMoyne is pleased to announce the addition of the Mika Fowler Letterpress Studio to the Studios at LeMoyne on 417 E. Call Street. Workshops and classes are enrolling now at lemoyne.org/education. Please stay tuned for the Grand Opening Celebration, date to be announced soon. LeMoyne sincerely thanks printmaker, teacher, and donor Mika Fowler.



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