



CURRENT EXHIBIT

From Grief to Grace Paula Gasparini-Santos

Thursday, May 23 - Saturday, June 29

Kindly Presented by

Katee Tully & Janet Hinkle

From Grief to Grace features paintings depicting the psychological and relational experience of grief. Paula Gasparini-Santos defines grief as the meeting of the unknown, not exclusive to loss through death, but rather the thing that occurs within us when life changes and we meet fear at the edge of the unknown. When chapters close, when relationships end, when we meet death and loss, when we are faced with choices and sacrifices -- all of it requires us to have intimacy with grief. Through visual exploration and poetry, this exhibition invites the audience into a dialogue, self reflection, and expression of their own grief.

UPCOMING EXHIBITS



Forever Side by Side

Randy & Debra Brien

Thursday, July 11 - Saturday, August 17

Opening Reception

Thursday, July 11, 5:00 - 7:30PM

At LeMoyne Arts, Randy and Debra Brien return with 'Forever Side by Side,' their third exhibition featuring acrylic and oil works on canvas, where each artist uniquely interprets the same subject in their distinctive styles.



Her Temple

Featuring Isabella Al-Sharif

Thursday, August 22 - Saturday, September 21

Opening Reception

Thursday, August 22, 5:00 - 7:30PM

Her Temple, featuring painter and poetess Isabella Al-Sharif, is an enchanting exhibition that embodies portraits of strength, power, and multidimensional layers of feminine divinity. Through intricate brushwork and ethereal gold leaf, her portraits evoke reverence and empowerment, weaving a thread of unity between women of all races, backgrounds, and ethnicities. As viewers immerse themselves in this visual odyssey, they are invited into a world where unity, strength, and spirituality intertwine in poetic harmony, bridging the gap between observer and artwork.

Letter from our President

Dear Friends of LeMoyne,

We hope this letter finds you safe and sound. Many arts organizations and artists in our community have experienced catastrophic losses following the May 10th tornadoes that ravaged Tallahassee. Please know, LeMoyne stands ready to assist with venue and studio space. For more information, please contact LeMoyne Executive Director, Arielle Raff.



Sadly, on April 28th, LeMoyne lost its dear friend, longtime teacher, and resident potter – Nancy Jefferson. For more than 15 years, Nancy shared her time and talents with children and adults through LeMoyne ceramic classes and workshops. Her studio was always filled with friends, music, and laughter. She will be tremendously missed and forever treasured.

In recognition of Nancy's many contributions to LeMoyne and the art community, we dedicated her longtime studio in her memory on Sunday, June 2nd. Thank you for joining us to celebrate Nancy's remarkable life.

While we're reeling from these devastating events, we take comfort in knowing there are more good times to be had like what we experienced at the incredible 2024 Chain of Parks Art Festival. A heartfelt thank you to all who sponsored and attended and hats off to the extraordinary team of Kelly Dozier, Powell Kreis, and Sheri Sanderson! Year after year, under their guidance, the exemplary fine art, first-class entertainment, and culinary delights continue to make Chain of Parks one of the best art festivals in the nation.

Let's lean in, continue to help one another, and look forward to bright days ahead.

-Stephanie Whitfield, Board President

Letter from our Executive Director

Dear Friends,

In this issue, we celebrate the life and art of our beloved Resident Potter, Nancy Jefferson. LeMoyne is Tallahassee's oldest establishment for the visual arts, and cannot be separated from the legacies of the outstanding individuals who have dedicated their time, treasure and talent throughout the years. Graceful growth and adaptation can be challenging, but our Art for Always Master Plan Project is an excellent example, and was recently recognized by the 2024 Tallahassee/Leon County Historic Preservation Award of Excellence for Adaptive Reuse. LeMoyne is taking a sustainable approach to repurposing our historic buildings and rising to meet the needs of our artists and community.



-Arielle Raff, Executive Director

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LeMoyne's 24th annual Chain of Parks Art Festival was a huge success thanks to our wonderful participating artists, vendors, sponsors, volunteers, organizing committees, city workers, entertainers, and a sea of enthusiastic visitors!

The festivities kicked off with a powerful event from FSU's Opening Nights where Presenting Artist Dean Mitchell discussed the complexities of navigating the art world as an African American artist, highlighting his notable success against the odds. Presented by the Laurie and Kelly Dozier Endowment for Opening Nights and Chain of Parks Art Festival Collaboration.

During the Festival weekend, attendees were delighted as they viewed art from their favorite returning artists and dozens of new exhibitors. Meeting friends, dancing to live music, savoring delicious food, and posing for unique art photo ops make the Chain of Parks Art Festival a favorite experience for so many. The additions to the Chalk Art Oasis, the spotlight on Folk Artists, and the Rickards Raiders' marching band procession on Sunday thrilled those who attend every year.

Presented by Mad Dog Construction, the Chain of Parks Art Festival is a much-loved celebration of regional fine arts and culture that invites the broader Big Bend community to connect with the arts. Chain of Parks also supports LeMoyne Arts' year-round programming and educational offerings to help this connection flourish.

"This is my first time coming to this festival," said one of our exhibiting artists, "and I am very impressed by how well the festival is organized. The people of Tallahassee are very welcoming and interested in the art. I've done very well and enjoyed meeting many lovely people this weekend. I look forward to coming back if I am accepted."

We will celebrate a beautiful weekend of art again next year! The 25th annual Chain of Parks Art Festival will be April 26 & 27, 2025. We hope to see you there! Want to get involved? Please email powell@lemoyne.org to learn more.

1) Festival visitors exploring and shopping along Zerbe Lane. 2) Volunteers Cheyenne Alderson and Tracy Marie Powell return for their fourth year of volunteering at the Festival. 3) FSU's Opening Nights event, featuring Presenting Artist Dean Mitchell. 4) Sunday afternoon festival-goers were treated by an energetic procession performance through the parks by the Rickards High School Raiders Marching Band!

Photos by Bob O'Lary



In Memory of Nancy Hopson Stahr Jefferson

On Sunday, June 2, 2024, more than 100 friends and family gathered in the gardens of LeMoyne Arts to celebrate the life of longtime teacher and LeMoyne Resident Potter, Nancy Jefferson.

For more than fifteen years, Nancy shared her remarkable talent with students of all ages through LeMoyne ceramics classes and workshops. Inspired by nature, her work with porcelain, raku, smoke saggar and sawdust alternative firings was exceptional. Nancy was a Chain of Parks Art Festival staple whose art was always highly anticipated.

It was a beautiful day and the gardens were resplendent with blooms and bouquets. As guests arrived, they were offered a small round red dot to wear in sweet tribute to Nancy's signature red dot that graced her artwork. The celebration began with music performed by her dear friends, Adrian Fogelin and Craig Reeder of Hot Tamale, and the crowd was delighted with memories shared by Nancy's sister, Catherine "Cappie" Daly Jefferson. Two of Nancy's nieces and their families traveled from Lexington, Kentucky and Atlanta, Georgia.

Guests were moved to laughter and tears by loving tributes from Adrian Fogelin, Gregg Matthews, Cynthia Paulson, Mary Donahue, Liz Smith, Ryan Sullivan, and Mary Sterner Lawson.

In recognition of Nancy's many contributions to LeMoyne, Stephanie Whitfield, President of the LeMoyne Board of Directors and a student of Nancy's, dedicated the artist's longtime LeMoyne studio in her memory. Always filled with friends, music, and laughter, the Nancy Jefferson Pottery Studio will serve as a lasting memorial to our beloved Nancy and the lovely times shared there by so many.

The celebration closed with an original piece, "The Pottery Song," written by Adrian and Craig in memory of Nancy. Set to the tune of "Hang on Sloopy," the upbeat ditty inspired guests to grab maracas and shakers and joyfully remember Nancy.

Many thanks to Nancy's dear friends, Cynthia Paulson and Adrian Fogelin, the staff of LeMoyne Arts, Nancy's family, and a host of friends who contributed to the gathering to celebrate her artfully beautiful life. She will be tremendously missed and forever treasured.



Thank you to those who have donated to the Nancy Jefferson Pottery Studio in Nancy's memory.

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1) Nancy Jefferson and Linda Vannoy laugh together during class in the Nancy Jefferson Pottery Studio. Photo by Alicia Osborne. 2) The commemorative plaque for the Nancy Jefferson Pottery Studio underneath the LeMoyné Arts Gallery. 3) Nancy Jefferson demonstrating the Raku firing process. 4) Nancy Jefferson, Steve Edgar, and Adrian Fogelin pose for a photo in Nancy's booth. 5) Nancy kayaking. 6) Nancy poses with her students and friends during her opening reception earlier this year. Pictured Left to Right: Linda Vannoy, Erica Vander Meer, Camilla Hornung, Nancy Jefferson, Eryn Jones, and Carissa Katzmar. Photo by Bob O'Lary. 7) Nancy working diligently on her craft. 8) Nancy and Adrian Fogelin at Nancy's exhibition at LeMoyné Arts. 9) Nancy's art market booth overflows with color and inspiration from her time in the Florida Keys.

LeMoyné Remembers



Anneliese Reich Oppenheim, 76, passed away peacefully at home, surrounded by loved ones, on Saturday, May 18, following a long and debilitating illness.

Anneliese came to the U.S. in 1968, arriving in New York City at the age of 20 from Fritzlar, Germany, where she was born and raised. She learned English while serving as a nanny and relocated to Tallahassee in 1975 to attend Florida State University, where

she earned her Bachelor of Arts and a Master's degree in Art Education. Anneliese's love for art permeated every aspect of her life. She was a natural artist, skilled in many artistic pursuits, including drawing and painting, and in recent years created beautiful mosaic tile work. She was a longtime member of LeMoyné Art Foundation and served as its President in 2001, advocating for funding for the arts and supporting many local artists and events. She loved flowers and flower arranging and gifted her talents at the weddings of many family members and friends.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Anneliese's memory may be made to LeMoyné Arts Foundation at 125 N. Gadsden St., Tallahassee, FL 32301, or online at www.lemoyne.org.



Lina Clifton Smith Knox, daughter of Julian Vereen Smith and Sara Moor Smith, wife, mother, grandmother, sister and beloved friend died peacefully on March 28, 2024, surrounded by family. Lina's radiant personality, generous spirit, inclusion of all, and positive and joyous attitude was a light to everyone who knew her and called her friend. Her love and dedication to family, friends, church, and community is her greatest legacy.



Denise Choppin, artist, July 18, 1952 - January 28, 2024 Denise began art study when she was six years old. Her formal training included a BA from Eckerd College, and an MFA from Florida State University, as well as independent studies at a printmaking studio in Florence, Italy. Denise was a longtime exhibiting artist at LeMoyné Arts participating in the Chain of Parks Art Festival, the Annual Holiday Show and many exhibits.

As this edition of LeNews was headed to print, we received the sad news that longtime LeMoyné supporter and Chain of Parks Art Festival sponsor and volunteer, Charles Tunnicliff, passed on June 6, 2024. We will honor Charles and his substantial service to LeMoyné in our next newsletter.

LEMOYNE CREATES AFRICAN AMERICAN TRIBUTE GARDEN

In keeping with its long history of inclusion, LeMoyné Arts has launched its participation in the City of Tallahassee's 200th Anniversary Celebration by dedicating its newly created "African American Tribute Garden" to those who were at the forefront of desegregation and the exercise of civil rights in Tallahassee.

"The African American Tribute Garden's theme is 'Together in the Struggle for Social Justice' and the garden itself is foundational and essential to the full realization of LeMoyné's Art for Always master plan and its associated capital campaign," said Paula Fortunás, LeMoyné Board member and campaign chair. "This theme will be repeated in the recognition plaque to be installed in the garden and will carry the names of the people and families who engaged in the early days of the struggle and those who, in present day, have contributed to the garden project." The fundraising goal is \$20,000.

The centerpiece of the African American Tribute Garden is the sculpture "PLUS" — created in 1969 by FSU professor and internationally renowned sculptor Fred Holschuh to honor and memorialize Irene Olivia Colbert Edmonds (1908-1968), a prominent Florida A&M University humanities and theatre professor. "PLUS" was donated to LeMoyné by Edmonds' family and friends.

"Historically speaking, this may be the first instance of a sculptural installation dedicated to publicly recognize an African American hero in the Tallahassee Community," said Arielle Raff, LeMoyné Arts Executive Director.

Special Fundraising Initiative

LeMoyné's African American Tribute Garden fundraising initiative is chaired by Carol Neyland. A native Tallahasseean, Neyland's parents were Dr. Joseph Awkard and Dr. Julita Awkard — both of whom were highly regarded members of the Florida A&M University faculty.

As a former participant in the children's theater, Neyland remembers Irene Edmonds very well. Commenting on the fitting location of the Tribute Garden—which is adjacent to the Unity Footbridge—Neyland reflects: "Behind the scenes, the Edmondses built bridges for our community so that we could live in a fair and equal world, not just one located on the south side of town. Our parents were also building bridges in this quest for equal rights. It wasn't until 1963 when, at the age of 10, I was called upon to help desegregate Blessed Sacrament School, that I realized that the Edmondses and our parents tried to provide us with all the opportunities that were withheld from us," continued Neyland, "and it seems it really does take a village to raise a child. With this in mind, it is fitting that, as we dedicate the African American Tribute Garden at LeMoyné and re-dedicate the PLUS sculpture to Mrs. Edmonds, we honor our parents, too."

How to Support the Tribute Garden Project

"The continued support and participation of the Tallahassee community is the key to making this African American Tribute Garden successful," stated Neyland. "Their continued involvement and patronage are critical as LeMoyné Arts continues to grow, to increase in its diversity and outreach, and to move forward, creating community through art."

To learn more about contributing to the African American Tribute Garden project, please contact Arielle Raff at 850.222.8800 or Arielle@lemoyne.org or Paula Fortunás at 850.933.2770 or paula.fortunagas@gmail.com.



The African American Tribute Garden, "Together in the Struggle for Social Justice," LeMoyné Arts' salute to Tallahassee's Bicentennial.



The Unity Footbridge connecting past resolve to present day determination in LeMoyné's revitalized and expanded gardens and grounds.



LeMoyné Arts is Honored to Receive a 2024 Tallahassee/Leon County Historic Preservation Award for Adaptive Reuse!

LeMoyné's Art For Always Master Plan Project is the realization of a decades long vision for major facility improvements and expansion. LeMoyné made improvements to the 1854 Meginnis Munroe House, procured and converted 121 N Gadsden law office into a new Art Education Center, is converting the Call St. property into The Studios of LeMoyné, and has greatly expanded and enhanced the sculpture gardens.

The adaptive reuse of these properties has significantly strengthened our ability to accomplish our art education mission, retained and enhanced the property's historic features, furthered our compatibility with the surrounding historic district, and enriched our standing as a valuable community resource. Thank you, Tallahassee Trust for Historic Preservation!

Left to Right: Shannon Kuch, Barbara Clark, Arielle Raff, Mary Jo Spector, Kelly S. Dozier, and Stephanie Whitfield.

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Kelly Dozier and Dan Taylor, for leading Leadership Tallahassee's visit to LeMoyné Arts.

Mary Dorsey, for donating wine glasses.

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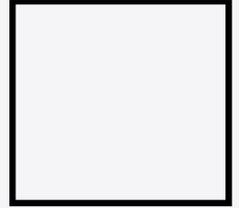
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LEMOYNE ARTS' CERAMIC STUDENT GOES THE EXTRA TILE!

Through hard work and dedication, David Orozco was able to decorate his shed with handmade, custom tiles he made in Laurel Blackthorne's ceramic classes! Orozco made over 150 tiles for his shed with more on the way for his fireplace.