

A quarterly newsletter highlighting exhibits and events - Fall 2021

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CURRENT EXHIBIT



**Figure in Form:
Barbara Balzer & Lesley Nolan**

September 9 - October 9

LeMoyne Arts is thrilled to showcase new works from celebrated ceramicists, Barbara Balzer and Lesley Nolan, as they explore human nature and form in unique and masterful ways. Accompanying the sculptures is a selection of abstract 2D works from local and regional artists. Together, the work transforms the gallery into a surreal setting that encourages the exploration of symbolism, whimsy, and the corporeal form.

UPCOMING EXHIBITS

WOMEN AMONG US
PORTRAITS OF STRENGTH



**Women Among Us:
Portraits of Strength**

October 14 - October 30

Opening Reception

Thursday, October 14, 5:00pm-7:30pm

Muffins & Mimosas

Saturday, October 23, 11am-12pm

Featuring 17 photographic portraits of local, professionally accomplished women aged 65 or older, accompanied by haikus and biological narratives about the subjects. In a concerned effort to convey the depth and richness of their experience, all 17 women took the time to share their stories, each as individuals and as the women themselves. The collection is a collaboration by Becki Rutta, Mary Jane Ryals, Lynne Knight, Eleanor Dietrich, and Linda Hall.



Art & Soul
CELEBRATION

Live Auction & Garden Party

October 21

Online Only Auction

October 12 - October 22

The Art & Soul Celebration provides vital funding for LeMoyne Arts educational and community outreach programs. Join in on the fun and start bidding on October 12 by going to our website: lemoyne.org/artandsoul. Bid on art by artists such as: Salvador Dali, Roland Hockett, Linda Van Beck, Quincie Hamby, Kelly Rysavy, Anne Hempel, Dan Taylor, Barbara Balzer, Lesley Nolan, Jaime Hernandez, and more!

Live & Online Auction – FINAL bidding on Thursday, October 21 at 7:15 pm
Online Only Auction – FINAL bidding on Friday, October 22 at 6:00 pm
Auction preview at LeMoyne Arts, 125 N. Gadsden St. Tallahassee, FL 32301

Thank You to
Stephanie & Paul Whitfield
for sponsoring our previous exhibit
"Color Theory: An Exploration of Pigments"

Thank You to Our Reception Sponsor
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Letter from Our President



"[The arts] are a very human way of making life more bearable. Practicing an art, no matter how well or badly, is a way to make your soul grow...."

-Kurt Vonnegut, *A Man Without a Country*

As Kurt Vonnegut knew so well, visual arts are a fundamental component of the human experience, reflecting the world and the time in which we live. Art can help us understand our history, our culture, our lives; relate to the experience of others; and bring that beauty so necessary to us in times of struggle. Art can alleviate anxiety, depression, and stress. Art can change a person's outlook and the way they experience the world.

In my last letter to members, I spoke of the rebirth, revival, renewal, and renaissance being accomplished here at LeMoyne. Today more than ever, we need the arts to bring comfort, beauty, and opportunities for expressing our feelings in today's chaotic world. This is why the support we have received for LeMoyne's current programs and projects is so vital and why we strive to make LeMoyne and the arts more relevant to everyday life in our community. Our staff is working to bring the best art experiences to you, our members, and to our visitors—through shows like our upcoming, thought-provoking exhibit *Women Among Us: Portraits of Strength*. Our revitalized gardens, our new education center and expanding arts education offerings, our growing ceramics and pottery program are all examples of how LeMoyne brings beauty and self-expression into our lives and helps us look at our world in a new, fresh way.

Board Member Paula Fortunas is doing an amazing job as Chair of LeMoyne's Capital Campaign, leading our successful fund raising efforts generating more than \$1.8 million to date, more than half way to our near term goal. Thanks to our many generous donors, we are rapidly moving forward with design and permitting for our Art for Always project. We welcome seven new board members and appreciate the fresh perspectives and energy they bring to LeMoyne's endeavors.

I invite you to enrich your life by making LeMoyne's projects, programs, and events a vital part of your current and future activities. Enjoy a Saturday of Muffins and Mimosas, celebrate Art and Soul with us on October 21st. Do your holiday shopping at our Art Deco the Halls starting on November 26th. And most importantly, save the date of Tuesday, October 26th and keep an eye out for our invitation to LeMoyne's annual Member Meeting and Social.

Thank You to Our Grantors for Their Support



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ART FESTIVAL

Mark your calendars for the
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Art for Always Capital Campaign Report

The Art for Always Capital Campaign is experiencing remarkable success. As we go to press, LeMoyné has received just over \$1,855,000 in cash and pledges toward the overall goal of \$2,700,000 -- \$2,200,000 will be used to create the region's premier art education center, to enhance and revitalize the present gardens and galleries and increase ADA accessibility. The remaining \$500,000 will be used to establish a facilities endowment.

Gifts in any amount are most welcome or you may want to capture the spirit of LeMoyné by contributing at a level that will name a specific location in the new art education center, the gardens, or other designated area. To help with your decision, LeMoyné representatives will be happy to give you a guided tour of LeMoyné, the gardens, and the new building or visit with you in your home or office.

If you wish to make a secure online donation, please visit <https://www.lemoyne.org/art-for-always>. Contributions by check should be mailed to LeMoyné Arts, 125 North Gadsden Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32301. Please enter Art for Always on your check's memo line.

To make donation inquiries, please either call, text, or email Paula Fortunas at 850-933-2770 or paula.fortunas@gmail.com

Sharing a Vision

During the month of August, LeMoyné staff and leadership staged four "Art for Always Vision Sessions." The purpose of these meetings? To share the vision for the new education building and expanded site plan, and to solicit feedback and ideas from the community. The sessions were facilitated by Board Lead Director Kelly Dozier, Facilities Committee Chair Mary Jo Spector, and Operations Director Arielle Raff. Community members were invited to attend the event posted on COCA, Eventbrite, Facebook, and the LeMoyné Website. Staff, Board, Members, Donors, Artists, and Art Instructors were specifically invited via email to share their ideas. Participants contributed great feedback, positive comments, and articulated concerns and needs. The meeting notes were thoroughly transcribed and compiled, then sent to the design team for review. Discussion is currently underway, but LeMoyné is still welcoming feedback that may affect or inform the final plans. A virtual new building tour and recording of the site plan presentation are available on our website. Questions, comments and feedback are welcome – please send your thoughts in an email to arielle@lemoyne.org.



Dr. Charlie Rockwood & Board Members



The LeMoyné Arts' Executive Committee celebrates a successful closing of 131 N. Gadsden St.



The future home of LeMoyné Arts Education Center dons a new sign tracking progress toward the fundraising goal of 2.7 million.

LeMoyne Arts' Summer Recap!



1) Campers pose for a group photo at LeMoyne Productions Summer Camp where they made art based off of movie genres. 2) Gallery Assistant, Caroline Kuhlmeier, shows the Oasis Girls Can Do Anything Summer Camp around "Color Theory: An Exploration of Pigments". 3) Art therapist, April Fitzpatrick, leads a workshop with the Oasis Girls Can Do Anything Summer Camp where they create masterpieces with salt and pastel. 4) Jae House gives an artist talk about his visual EP "Fool's Journey" in the Helen Lind Memorial Garden during our "Color Theory: An Exploration of Pigments" Exhibit. 5) Board member, Dan Taylor, enjoys a refreshing local brew provided by reception sponsor DEEP Brewing Co. 6) FSU Museum of Fine Arts' own Dr. Preston McLane holds the audience's attention with his lecture on color theory and its application through art history. 7) Barbara Balzer & friends enjoy the opening reception of "Figure in Form: Barbara Balzer & Lesley Nolan". 8) Lesley Nolan, ceramicist, and Leslie Anderson, painter, pose for a picture next to both of their pieces at the "Figure in Form: Barbara balzer & Lesley Nolan" opening reception. 9) Hot Tamale, Tallahassee rock the Meginnis-Munroe house down at the "Figure in Form: Barbara Balzer & Lesley Nolan" opening reception.



Helen Lind Sculpture Garden

New Life for LeMoyne's Fountain

The sparkling fountains of the Helen Lind Garden are a prominent feature of the visible renewal of LeMoyne Arts. Lovingly cared for by volunteer Mary Adelson for years, this summer, when an outdoor sculpture in LeMoyne's Helen Lind Garden needed major repair and restoration, metal sculptor Mark Dickson was the man for the job. With extensive experience forging, casting, welding and working with various metals, Mark came highly recommended by fellow artists from the FSU Master Craftsman Studio. Luckily for LeMoyne, Mark had a brief opening in his schedule and was able to work quickly to restore the copper and cast bronze sculpture to its original beauty.

"Memorial Fountain," part of LeMoyne's permanent collection, features a lively bubbling fountainhead, with three streams of water gently tumbling past a gracefully curved cast-bronze stem, to merge into a shimmering sheath against a smooth copper exterior. The sculpture was originally designed by William Watson, and adapted and cast by Frank Colson. It has graced LeMoyne's garden for over 50 years since its dedication in memory of Joseph P. Jefferson in 1969.

Years of exposure to the elements and relentless contact with treated fountain water had caused the copper to wear thin, leaving the structure and joints weak. Mark cut a new, stronger copper base, welded it invisibly inside the body of the sculpture, reattached the stand with silver solder, and mechanically reinforced it with 9 copper rivets. Using a CNC plasma torch, he produced a new copper ring to replace the thin and worn collar. The parts were TIG brazed together, and the whole piece was carefully treated with various patinas to achieve a beautiful turquoise and teal surface with variations in color and texture. LeMoyne can proudly say that Memorial Fountain is as beautiful now as the day it was dedicated.



Mark Dickson



Joshua Percy

Garden Fountains Restored

During the sculpture's brief absence, the fountain basins were skillfully restored by Joshua Percy, LeMoyne's fountain repair and maintenance professional. Joshua's knowledge and artistic sensibility are complemented by his cheerful demeanor and absolute love of water. Standing in a pair of wet sneakers, Joshua installed the restored sculpture, re-plumbed the fountain, and adjusted the pump. As the water flowed over the newly patinaed surfaces, he made sure that the gently bubbling sounds were just audible enough to be pleasing to the ears of nearby visitors to the garden.

Fall Art Classes & Workshops

For more information and registration, please visit LeMoyne.org/education



How to Sculpt a Head Out of a Cube

Workshop w/ Barbara Balzer

One day Workshop
Saturday October 9th, 1pm-5pm
\$70 for LeMoyne Arts members;
\$80 for Non-Members



Fused Glass

6 week course
Tuesdays 6pm-8pm
\$120 for LeMoyne Arts members;
\$130 for Non-Members
\$20 Supply Fee



Creative Photography

6 week course
Wednesdays 5:30pm-7:30pm
\$125 for LeMoyne Arts members;
\$135 for Non-Members
Supplies Not Included

LeMoyne Remembers



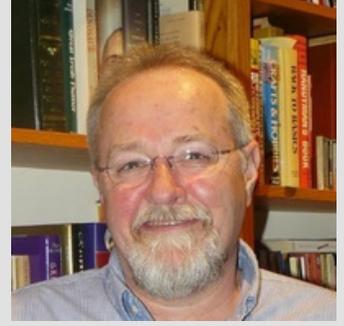
**Nancy Johnson
(1928-2021)**

LeMoyne mourns the loss of longtime member and volunteer, Nancy Johnson. Nancy was a weekly front desk volunteer at LeMoyne who greeted everyone with a lovely smile. She enjoyed seeing gallery visitors and spending time in the gardens of LeMoyne.



**Ann Warner Choppin
(1927-2021)**

LeMoyne mourns the loss of longtime member and supporter, Ann Choppin. Ann was active in many volunteer pursuits throughout her life including LeMoyne Arts, Meals on Wheels, and League of Women Voters among others.



**Richard "Rick" Hilburn
(1955-2021)**

LeMoyne is saddened by the loss of Richard "Rick" Hilburn. Architect, art lover, historic preservation expert and past LeMoyne Board Member, Rick will be missed. Our deepest sympathies to his wife, Mary Frederick, and family.



Thank you to all who have donated in memory of Persis F. Rockwood

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For generations, the LeMoyne Arts Holiday Show has been a must-visit destination for finding unique holiday gifts! This show features local artists who create original, affordable, and giftable items that are perfect for new collectors as well as seasoned art lovers. This year, LeMoyne Arts will travel back in time to the roaring 20s, celebrating the era of creativity, entertainment, Art Deco, jazz, flappers, jewelry, and delectable (prohibited) cocktails! Put on your party hats as we celebrate the magic and joy of this holiday season.

Save the date!

LeMoyne Arts will also be hosting several specialized holiday events including:

- November 26, 9am-11am: Friday Members-Only
- Mimosa Preview
- December 1, 5:30pm-6:30pm: Hanukkah Menorah Lighting Celebration with Rabbis Shields and Garfein
- December 4, 3pm-5pm: Holiday Sing-along & photos with Santa & Santa's helpers from Young Actors Theater
- December 11, 5pm-7:30pm: Roaring 20s Cocktail Party and shopping experience (ticketed event)
- December 18, 11am-12pm: Cocoa & Cookies (with a splash of spirits) and a performance by Young Actors Theater "A Very Tally Holiday Preview"

For volunteer and sponsorship opportunities, please visit lemoyne.org/annual-holiday-show



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Sponsor an Exhibit: LeMoyne holds several exhibits each year and your sponsorship of these exhibits helps us raise the quality of each exhibit to provide the best experience for our visitors and members.

Sponsor a Special Event: LeMoyne hosts at least three special events each year: Art & Soul Celebration, the Annual Holiday Show, and the Chain of Parks Art Festival. Sponsorships for these events support the events and help support programming and outreach efforts throughout the year.

Give to Our Art for Always Capital Campaign: Your gift will go toward LeMoyne's new art education center and to the expansion and revitalization of the Helen Lind Sculpture Garden and the historic Meginnis-Munroe House. ADA accessibility will be increased.

Give to Support LeMoyne's Annual Ongoing Programming and Outreach: Your gift will ensure that the core mission of LeMoyne is secure and strong.

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Contact us at 850-222-8800 or speak to one of our staff members for more information.

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