Sweet Potato Pie to Open Artist Series

The Chipola College Artist Series opens Thursday, Aug. 29, with Sweet Potato Pie, performing Americana, Bluegrass, Country and Gospel music.

The group has created a new musical style called “sweetgrass,” which includes elements of country, classical, blues and bluegrass.

Single event tickets are $14 for adults, $10 for children under 18, with special pricing for Chipola students and employees. Individual tickets for the first event go on sale Aug. 26.

Artist Series season tickets are on sale online at www.chipola.edu and at the Center for the Arts Box Office through August 28. The Box Office is open Monday through Wednesday from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Online tickets may be printed at home or with an order confirmation. Will-call tickets will be available at the box office the night of the show.

The series continues with Voices of Lee, a 16-member a cappella vocal ensemble from Lee University in Cleveland, TN, on Oct. 4.

On Jan. 16, 2014, concert harpist Anna Maria Medieta will present the passionate and sensuous music of the Argentine Tango and Spanish Flamenco complete with Latin instruments and flamenco dancers.

Art Show of Re-Purposed Theatre Sets to Open at Chipola

Artist and woodworker Ethan Sawyer is taking used scenery material from Chipola College’s last theatre season and creating an inspired art collection.

The opening for Ethan Sawyer’s “After the Fly Loft,” is Thursday, Aug. 29, at 6 p.m., in the Chipola Center for the Arts Gallery. The opening is planned in conjunction with the first Chipola Artist Series event, Sweet Potato Pie, the same night at 7 p.m. Artist Series tickets are available at 850-718-2277 or online at www.chipola.edu/fine-and-performing-arts.

Sawyer’s project is a collaboration of the Center for the Arts Gallery and Chipola Theatre. He is creating his art from used materials while working with Chipola students and Technical Theatre Director Connie Smith in the technical theatre shop. Together, they recently removed the last set pieces that had been suspended in the theatre fly loft since the season ended in May.

Sawyer learned cabinetry and furniture-making at Wallace College in Dothan.

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Ward is Chipola’s Career Employee of the Year

Evelyn Ward, Chipola College’s Director of Fine and Performing Arts, has been named the college’s Career Employee of the Year for 2013.

Ward served for 17 years as Publications Coordinator for the college prior to her move to Fine Arts in July.

Ward has been very active in the Association of Florida Colleges serving as state president in 2011. She was awarded the Honorary Life Membership Award, the highest honor the Association bestows. The award recognizes significant, long-term contribution to AFC and the state college system. Ward also was acknowledged by the Chipola Chapter as their Un-sung Hero for her service behind the scenes.

For her publication design work, Ward has won numerous Exemplary Practice Awards from AFC’s Communications and Marketing Commission. This year, she won a First Place Award for Specialty Advertising/Promotion Items for the Center for the Arts Grand Opening bookmark souvenir and Best Bang for the Buck Award for the 2011 Chipola Yearbook. For her publication design work, Ward has won numerous Exemplary Practice Awards from AFC’s Communications and Marketing Commission. This year, she won a First Place Award for Specialty Advertising/Promotion Items for the Center for the Arts Grand Opening bookmark souvenir and Best Bang for the Buck Award for the 2011 Chipola Yearbook. She also won a Second Place award for the redesign of the Chipola Workforce Development brochure.

Her former supervisor Dr. Bryan Craven, Director of Public Relations, says, “Evelyn is one of the most valuable employees on campus. She does an incredible amount of work to support all college programs and organizations. She has earned the respect of her colleagues and those at other colleges throughout the state.”

Ward and her husband Randy both graduated from Chipola. Their children, Andy and Kendyl, also are alumni of the college. The family is active in the First Baptist Church of Marianna. Ward also directs the handbell choir at the First United Methodist Church in Sneads.

The Employee of the Year award recognizes the exceptional work of Chipola’s career service employees. Candidates are nominated by fellow employees for exhibiting courtesy, motivation and professionalism. Annual winners receive a $1,000 bonus, reserved parking for a year, a one-year membership in AFC, and a $100 gift certificate from the college Book Store.

Chipola Employees Awarded For Service

Employees of Chipola College were recognized for years of service during the first staff meeting of the school year on August 12. Employees were awarded certificates in five-year increments. The following were recognized:

- **5 Years**: from left: Darrell Brooks, Stacey Hutson, Donna Chandler, Dr. Steve Givens, Elissa Severson, Loy Harris, Kelly Lamier and Richard Vann. Not pictured is Shawn Keith.

- **10 Years**: from left: Dr. Irma Cruz-White, Dr. Santine Cuccio, Rebecca Davis, Dr. Chastity Duke, Kristie Mosley, Stacey Gainer, Dr. Karen Lipford, Bobbie Peace and Wendy Pippens.

- **15 Years**: from left: Dr. Gina McAllister, Dennis Kosciw and Tammy Neal.

- **20 Years**: from left: Dr. Bryan Craven, Lucinda Baker, Ann Cummings, Johnny Meredith and Anita Price. Not pictured are Carol Saunders and Janice Holley.

- **25 Years**: from left: Dr. Steve Givens, Elissa Severson, Loy Harris, Kelly Lamier and Richard Vann. Not pictured is Shawn Keith.

- **50 Years**: from left: Darrell Brooks, Stacey Hutson, Donna Chandler, Dr. Steve Givens, Elissa Severson, Loy Harris, Kelly Lamier and Richard Vann. Not pictured is Shawn Keith.

**Appreciation Club Membership Drive**

Local sports fans are invited to join the Chipola Appreciation Club during its Annual Membership Drive.

The Appreciation Club is a tax-deductible organization governed by local supporters. The group helps Chipola and its students by promoting athletics and underwriting scholarships and functions not supported from public funds.

The Standard $250 Membership provides access to Chipola Appreciation Club general seating and Hospitality Room for four guests at all Chipola home men’s and women’s basketball games and admission to all Chipola baseball and softball games.

The Gold $1,000 Membership provides Chipola Appreciation Club reserved seating for four guests and Appreciation Club general seating for two more guests, and admittance to the Chipola Club Hospitality Room. Corporate Sponsorships also are available. A portion of membership dues are tax-deductible.

For information about the Appreciation Club, Call 850-718-2451.
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Sawyer studied Industrial Design at Auburn University and earned a BA in Environmental Studies from Maryville College in Tennessee. Sawyer operates a production/fabrication shop in Montgomery specializing in custom woodwork and the creative reuse of recycled materials.

In addition to other projects, Sawyer has created a shelter and various sculptures for EAT South’s downtown Montgomery urban farm. The project includes recycled barn tin for the roof, a structure designed to catch rainwater to water an orchard, and a partially timber-framed, partially traditionally-framed pergola.

Evelyn Ward, Chipola Director of Fine and Performing Arts, says, “This project is especially important in our quest for ‘green’ uses of resources. Many parts of a theatre set are often discarded. Ethan is showing our students a way to take what would have been waste and repurposing the materials into beautiful pieces of art to be enjoyed by all.”

The exhibit will be on display through Oct. 31. The gallery is open weekdays, by appointment. Call 850-718-2277. Additional information about Sawyer’s work is available at www.forestfromatree.tumblr.com.

Small Business Seminars

Chipola will offer a series of small business seminars in the coming months. All seminars meet Fridays, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., in Room M-108 of the Chipola Business and Technology building. Mark your calendars for:

“Social Media Beyond Facebook” is Sept. 20. This class provides an overview of new, emerging, and audience specific Social Media Channels. Learn which channels are right for which businesses to engage clients and build client relationships.

“Market Research and Feasibility Analysis” is Oct. 18. Participants will learn to research the feasibility of starting a business, adding products and services to an existing business, and the feasibility of expanding into new market segments.

“Restaurant Fundamentals” will meet Nov. 15. Participants will learn to analyze food costs, develop a winning menu, incorporate cost-saving strategies, and loss prevention. These are tools specific to the food industry and are used by most business owners on a daily basis.

Cost of each seminar is $15. The first six Chipola students to sign up will receive free admission. Students should contact Elissa Severson at 718-2441 or sign up in person in Building M, Office 108.

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ATTENTION

Student ID Cards Are Made During The Following Times:

Monday Through Thursday
9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

RECRUITERS on Campus

Troy Univ PC: Aug. 27 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. in room 119
FSU PC: Sept. 25 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Fall Festival
FSU PC: Oct. 14 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Front of Cafeteria
FSU PC: Nov. 21 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Front of Cafeteria
Troy Univ Dothan: Sept. 25 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Fall Festival
Troy Univ Dothan: Nov. 12 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Front of Cafeteria

The Chipola Public Relations Office offers a Scholarship for a Student Photographer. Interested photographers should contact Bryan Craven at 718-2264 or craven@chipola.edu.