Artist Series to feature harpist Jan. 16

The Chipola Artist Series will present harpist Anna Maria Mendieta Thursday, Jan. 16, at 7 p.m., in the Center for the Arts.

Leading the audience through the right turns, dips, and smoky cafes of Argentina, harpist Anna Maria Mendieta’s Tango del Cielo (Tango from Heaven) is a fresh innovative presentation of the passionate and sensuous music of the Tango and Spanish Flamenco. Complete with Latin instruments and Flamenco dancers, the theatrical music and dance program is a must see.

Tickets are available online at www.chipola.edu and in the Center for the Arts Box Office Jan. 13-15, from 2 to 5 p.m. and one hour before show time. For info 718-2277.

Graceville Artist’s work on display at Chipola

Graceville artist Keith Martin Johns will display original works highlighting the natural beauty and culture of Florida in an exhibition in the Chipola College Center for the Arts, Jan. 16 through Feb. 14.

For more than 30 years, Johns has painted exquisite and timeless landscapes filled with wildlife and birds through the backwaters of rivers and creeks to wetlands and coastal beaches. His Florida Collection of more than 350 images has been a lifetime endeavor to capture the worth, value and expression of the familiar Florida background in which this fourth generation native grew up.

Johns’ work also represents the pioneer spirit of people who forged out agriculture in the citrus, fishing, cracker cattle and horse industry. He operates a gallery in Graceville. More information and photos are available at www.keithmartinjohns.com

The exhibit opening coincides with the Jan. 16 Chipola Artist Series event, Harpist Anna Maria Mendieta. Viewing also is available by appointment, by calling 718-2277.
Baseball Alumni weekend set for Feb. 7-8

Chipola baseball alumni, their families, and fans are invited to participate in the 2014 Chipola College Baseball Alumni Weekend set for Feb. 7 and 8. The weekend begins with two Chipola baseball games on Friday, Feb. 7. Chipola plays Shelton State at 10 a.m. and Walters State at 1 p.m.

A Golf Tournament featuring a four-person, scramble format tees off Friday at 12:30 p.m. at Indian Springs Golf Club. All golfers are invited to tee it up with current and former Major League Baseball alumni, sponsors and guests. A casual Alumni Social is set for Friday, Feb. 7, at 7 p.m.

Saturday’s events kick-off with Chipola vs. Walters State at 10 a.m., followed by the annual Alumni Home Run Derby, Jersey Retirement Ceremony for 2013 MLB All-Star Patrick Corbin, a silent auction during the derby and MLB/MiLB autograph session to follow.

The annual Alumni Dinner will begin at 7 p.m. Saturday with special guest speakers and entertainment to be announced. Head Coach Jeff Johnson and members of the Alumni Committee—Nathan Marks (00’), Andrew Gay (07’), Jason Barber (06’)—invite all former players and Chipola alumni to join them in supporting and participating in the weekend’s events. Chipola head coach Jeff Johnson, says, “We want to stay in touch with as many of our alumni and fans of our program as possible. We invite everyone to participate in our Alumni Weekend to have a great time and support our Chipola Indians.” For information, visit www.chipola.edu or phone Coach Johnson at 850-718-2237.

Chipola hosts Northwest FL Saturday, Jan. 18

Chipola hosts Northwest in a pair of big conference games Saturday, Jan. 18. The women’s game tips off at 5:30 p.m., with the men’s game slated for 7:30 p.m.


Chipola opened conference play Jan. 4 with a pair of wins at Pensacola. The Lady Indians recorded a 91-76 win over the Lady Pirates. Evelyn Akhator led Chipola with 19 points with 10 rebounds. Brianna Wright scored 18 and pulled down 13 rebounds. Janisha Lindsey scored 15 with 4 assists. Tiffany Lewis scored 12 with 5 rebounds and 3 assists.

The Lady Indians (12-1, 2-0) were ranked second behind Gulf Coast in the latest FCSAA State Poll but are sure to move up in the Jan. 14 poll. The Lady Commodores entered the Chipola game unbeaten but slipped to 12-1 and 0-1 in league play.

The Indians scored a narrow 77-76 win over the Pirates on Jan. 4. Cassell led the Indians with 22. Morris scored 20 with 3 assists. Bowers had 11 points and 9 rebounds. Free throws proved to be the difference with the Indians shooting 24 of 27 from the line while the Pirates converted only 15 of 28.

Coach Patrick Blake has guided the Indians to a 16-1 record and the top spot in the FCSAA State Poll with Chipola’s only loss coming at the hands of Indian Hills Community College, the top-ranked team in the national poll. Chipola is ranked fifth in the national poll.

All Conference games will be broadcast on WJAQ-100.9 FM and on the web at PSBLIVE.com. For the latest news about Chipola Athletics, visit www.chipolaathletics.com.
Library recognized for exemplary practice

The Chipola Library was recently presented the Learning Resources Commission’s Exemplary Practice Award from the Association of Florida Colleges.

Renee Scott Hopkins, Chipola Coordinator of Library Cataloging and Library Materials, and Casey Bush, Teacher Education assistant professor, presented the practice, “Why is Amelia Bedelia in a College Library?” at the AFC state conference in Orlando.

The K-12 Collection in the Chipola Library serves students in the Teacher Education Program. The collection was created to provide students with hands-on experience with children’s and young adult library resources. The presentation included a discussion of the collaboration between the Chipola Library and the faculty and students of Teacher Education Program and how assignments were successfully tied into the collection. The presentation also included video clips of Chipola teacher education graduates using the library in the schools in which they teach.

Hopkins said, “The premise for the creation of the K-12 Collection was the goal of providing teacher students with hands-on experience with library resources so that they would understand the importance of the school library/media center within their future workplaces. The goal has expanded to include the importance of reading within the classroom and beyond.”

Library staff also created the Teacher Education Collection that includes books pertaining to curriculum development, classroom management, instructional activities, and lesson planning together in close proximity to the K-12 Collection, making it easier for the Education students to make use of Library resources.

Working with Casey Bush and others in the School of Education, Hopkins established a 2,000-book collection in the library and created student instructional units in Library assignments. This led to frequent use of the library by faculty and students.

Dr. Sarah Clemmons, Chipola Senior Vice President, said, “Mrs. Hopkins’ commitment to education and excellence extends beyond her service to the Chipola Library to having a substantial impact on the Teacher Education Program. Through her efforts, Hopkins ensures that Teacher Education graduates are proficient in technology and research, and will advance the frequent use of the Library in schools.

Chipola college to offer basic law enforcement academy

The Chipola Criminal Justice Training Center will offer an evening Law Enforcement Academy beginning Feb. 3. The qualification deadline for this program is Jan. 24.

Classes will meet weeknights from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. The course is 770 clock hours in length.

Students who have completed the State of Florida, Law Enforcement Basic Recruit Training Program and have passed the state certification exam may petition to have clock hours converted as transfer credit toward the Associate in Science in Criminal Justice Technology Program offered at Chipola College.

Candidates must be at least 19 years of age and earn a passing score on the Criminal Justice Basic Abilities Test (CJBAT). The Criminal Justice Basic Abilities Test (CJBAT) is offered at the Public Service Building on Chipola Campus every Tuesday at 12:30. Cost of the test is $45.

Applicants must have a standard high school diploma or its equivalent and must undergo a medical physical examination, background check and drug screening. Financial Assistance is available based upon need and eligibility.

For information regarding the application process, contact Steven Stewart, Law Enforcement Coordinator, at 718-2286.
Chipola nursing to host site review for National Accreditation

The Chipola College Health Sciences Department will host a site review for initial accreditation of its Associate Degree and Baccalaureate Degree in nursing programs by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN).

The public is invited to meet the site visit team and to share comments about the programs in person at a meeting scheduled at 3:30 p.m. on Jan. 28, at Chipola College, Health Sciences Building (Q).

Written comments are also welcome and should be submitted directly to: Dr. Sharon Tanner, Chief Executive Officer, Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing, 3343 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 850, Atlanta, GA 30326. Emails may sent to: sjtanner@acenursing.org

Chipola College recently hosted a luncheon meeting for members of the Workforce Development Advisory Council. More than 100 area professionals and business leaders serve on 10 separate advisory committees for each of the college’s technical programs.

Members of the Business and Information Technology Advisory Committee are from left: (front) Jack Mason, Dr. Cathryn Meegan, April Alday, (back) Nina Adams, Sara Applewhite, Larry Meese, Dr. Jim Froh, Dennis Everett and Marcus Dabai.

Chipola College will offer a small business seminar, “Optimizing Your Website,” Friday, Jan. 17, from 9:30 a.m. to noon, in Room M-108 of the Business and Technology building (M).

Holly Pituch of Clever Girl Marketing will lead the seminar. Pituch has worked as a marketing professional for over 10 years both in the corporate arena, building a marketing division for a large company and as an entrepreneur, helping small businesses realize their full marketing potential. The seminar will cover a number of ways to improve online media presence. Topics will include Facebook, Google+, Google AdWords, Google Places and how these tools affect search engine ratings to help surfers find a business online.

Cost of the seminar is $15. Registration deadline is Jan. 15. Participants may register online at www.northfloridabiz.com. The first six Chipola students to sign up will receive free admission. Students should contact Elissa Severson at 718-2441 or sign up in Building M, (108).

For information, contact Severson at 850-718-2441 or email seversone@chipola.edu