Arts Fest 2016
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The Betty Foy Sanders Department of Art (BFSDoArt) has had the pleasure of hosting ArtsFest for Bulloch County residents for more than three decades. Over that same timeframe, the Department's mission, curricula, programmatic scope, and degree offerings also has grown and changed. Consequently, the Department will not be hosting ArtsFest in April 2016. For nearly 30 years, we have enjoyed bringing the festival to the local community, but it's time for us to pass the torch. We are actively engaged in conversations with an area arts organization, which is considering their own art-focused, springtime festival, and we are pleased to collaborate with them as they begin this new adventure.

The Department currently is discussing how to expand its current community involvement through potential partnerships with Bulloch County schools that will offer special events and invitations that introduce area students to a "pre-college" visual art and design experience. This unique opportunity also will provide area high school students with an opportunity to shadow our current students, potentially earn college credit, and get acquainted with our program offerings, facilities, and faculty. The Department also will continue fostering its relationship with the Averitt Center for the Arts in Statesboro, where we currently partner to host BFSDoArt student exhibitions, sales like "All Fired Up", and department-sponsored Averitt student exhibitions.

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