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The Georgia Southern University Betty Foy Sanders Department of Art (BFSDoArt) and The Averitt Center for the Arts will present Emily Oren's solo exhibition, "Piece of Mind" Oct. 6-27 at the Averitt Center's Rosengart Gallery, 41 West Main Street, Statesboro. A reception for the show will be held during First Friday from 5 to 7 p.m. on Oct. 6.

"I'm very much looking forward to Oren's exhibition," said Georgia Southern Gallery Director Jason Hoelscher. "Emily has a very distinct outlook on her art, which she manifests in ceramic form that, quite frankly, is unlike just about any other ceramics I've seen. Going beyond the typical functional

versus aesthetic divide, these works are at once haunting, beautiful, challenging and gorgeous, like 3-D illustrations that assert their presence in any room they're part of."

Oren, who received the Judge's Choice award in the BFSDoArt's Undergraduate Juried Exhibition in the spring, plans to graduate in December. She is pursuing a Bachelor of Arts with a concentration in studio art and a minor in psychology.

"My goal with my art is not only to confront the stigma of mental illness, but to also connect with others by bringing to life what is rarely seen on the surface," Oren said. "I love breaking the mold, embracing the ugly and yelling things people don't talk about. I am best able to do that through my sculptures, and I will never stop, no matter how much the subject is avoided among people."

The BFSDoArt is committed to offering quality undergraduate and graduate degree programs that prepare students to become professional artists, designers, art historians and industry leaders. The BFSDoArt is recognized as an accredited member of the National Association of Schools of Art and Design (NASAD). For more information, visit GeorgiaSouthern.edu/art.

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Georgia Southern University's Center for Sustainability is gearing up for its fifth annual GreenFest event which will take place in downtown Statesboro on Saturday, Oct. 7, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in downtown Statesboro.

GreenFest, which attracts more than 1,500 visitors annually, will showcase all the region has to offer for sustainable living. The goal of the event is to educate the public about sustainable solutions throughout the community, and to share green resources and eco-friendly ideas in an outdoor festival atmosphere.

Nearly 40 vendors and exhibitors will share sustainability information and green products to encourage a "green" lifestyle. Festival-goers can enjoy live music, free sustainability workshops, children's activities and more.

Featured workshops this year include rain barrels (make your own – pre-register [online](#)), green cleaning products, and natural dyes (bring a cloth item to dye). The weekly Mainstreet Statesboro Farmers Market will also offer festival visitors fresh and delicious local produce, baked goods and more. Smoothie King will host the "blender bike" activity to blend your own smoothie.

Keep Statesboro Beautiful is hosting a service opportunity for beautification along the Blue Mile, so volunteers can get their hands dirty and make a difference in the community. Check in on the courthouse lawn to participate.

Georgia Southern's Southern Adventures will offer bicycle rentals at a discounted price in honor of the event to anyone who needs transportation to GreenFest. For just \$5, students can rent a bicycle for entire weekend just by mentioning GreenFest at the door.

Entries in the third annual Pallet Challenge will also be on display during GreenFest along Siebald Street, and winners will be announced at noon. Last year's competition drew entries from as far as Savannah and included pallet planters, picnic tables, coolers and even a pallet car.

For a full schedule of the GreenFest events and to register for the Pallet Challenge and other various activities, visit

<http://academics.georgiasouthern.edu/sustainability/events/greenfest/>.

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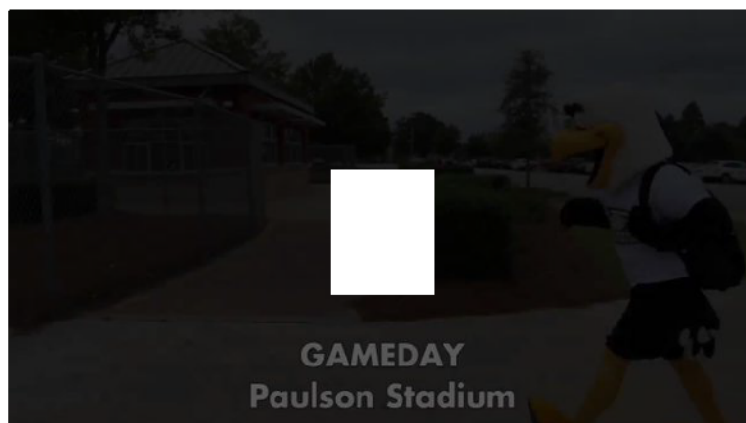
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