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Springing Into the Arts

VALDOSTA (March 20) – The Turner Center for the Arts is hosting its seventh annual Spring Into Art Show from April 1, to May 31, benefitting the center’s afterschool program, Grassroots.

Each of the five galleries at the Turner Center will be filled with artwork by more than 25 local artists and pieces created by children in Grassroots.

The opening reception will be held on April 1, at 6 p.m.

The Spring Into Art show is free to the public, but donations are greatly appreciated. Each piece of artwork is for sale. Merchandise is available in the gift store.

“Ten percent of each piece sold will go back to artist,” said Tom Jones, director of operations for the Turner Center. “The rest of the profit is going directly to the Grassroots program. We’re estimating 50 more children joining the program in August, the largest increase since we started the program in 2001.”

More than 500 children have been involved in the program in the Lowndes County area.

Each child expresses his or her creativity and individuality through visual art, music, and theater. A noticeable difference has been seen in their behavior and improved grades at school.

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“We are very excited this year about the Spring Into Art show, said Merry Jo Kurrie, president of the Turner Center. “The show is bigger than ever this year and we hoping to raise even more money for Grassroots.”

The Grassroots program meets on Monday and Wednesday each week at the Turner Center. To find out more about the program, please contact Anthony Miller, director of Grassroots.

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