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'Charlie Revisited' by Georgia artist Forrest Ridenhour will be a part of the new exhibit at the Georgia Museum of Agriculture Gallery beginning May 1. The exhibit spotlights the work of disabled artists and craftsmen within the state.

Disabled Artists Exhibit Begins May 1 at Georgia Museum of Agriculture

TIFTON—Fifty works of art crafted by artisans with disabilities will be on display at the Gallery at the Georgia Museum of Agriculture and Historic Village at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College beginning May 1. Museum Assistant Director and Curator Polly Huff said
the exhibit includes paintings, photographs, woodcarving, clay pottery, mosaics, textiles and other works.

“All the pieces in the exhibit are by artists who refuse to allow a disability to hinder their artistic expression,” Huff said. “We are honored to have the opportunity to host this special exhibit and to spotlight the Georgia artists who are featured in it.”

The Pilot Clubs of Metropolitan Atlanta founded Georgia Artists with DisAbilities, Inc., in 1985. Disabled artists throughout Georgia have the opportunity to display and sell their original art. They are eligible to compete for awards and have the opportunity for their artwork to be displayed in a statewide tour and exhibit.

The nine-city tour kicked off in Moultrie in September, 2013 and ends in Douglasville in July. The exhibit will remain at the Museum through May 31. The Museum Gallery is open Tuesday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The mission of Georgia Artists with DisAbilities is to provide avenues through which Georgia artists with disabilities can display their artistic accomplishments in all disciplines of the arts and to create public awareness of the artistic skills these artists have developed by overcoming the obstacles of their disabilities.

"Georgia Artists with DisAbilities continues to be an avenue that allows hundreds of disabled artists to achieve recognition and commercial opportunities for their unique pieces of art," said Glynice Hayes, GAWD chair. "We're proud to be an advocate for the disabled in communities across Georgia and honored to put their art on display every year for the public to see and enjoy."

For more information about Georgia Artists with DisAbilities and to see the remaining stops on this year’s exhibit tour, interested persons can visit www.georgiaartistswd.org.
Admission to the Museum Gallery is included in the Museum’s general admission and is free to Season Pass holders. Season passes can be purchased Monday through Saturday in the Country Store. Huff is available for more information on the exhibit at phuff@abac.edu.

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