

SummerStock Crew Makes Sure Audrey II is Ready for Her Stage Debut

When SummerStock's "Little Shop of Horrors" opened its run on July 14, audience members saw Audrey II grow from a tiny plant in a small tabletop pot to a large, man-eating monstrosity with a personality.

What the audience did not see were all the hours of work involved in making sure Audrey II, in her various stages of growth, was ready for the stage.

Between July 1 and July 14, crew members worked tirelessly replacing teeth, adding padding, fixing hinges, reinforcing wire, painting plant parts and cleaning leaves – all while working around rehearsal

schedules – to make sure four versions of the puppet were ready for opening night.

Scenic designer Alexander K and props mistress Jaclyn Affatato worked together to bring Audrey II back to "life" after the four versions of the



Jaclyn Affatato, SummerStock props mistress, center, gets some help from other crew members while repairing a puppet for the show.

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Mallett Awarded Emeritus Professor Title

On July 14, Jerry Mallett, Ed.D., was awarded the title of Emeritus Professor of Education by the University.

Mallett retired in 2007 as professor of education and director of the Mazza Museum and continues to serve as curator for the museum. Mallett taught at the college level for nearly 40 years.

Mallett has received many honors for his accomplishments and has published 54 books. Approximately half of those are for children, and the remainder are professional books for teachers and librarians.

"Jerry has been a wonderful colleague and a valued mentor to

many young faculty members," said Julie McIntosh, dean of the College of Education. "Granting Dr. Mallett emeritus status is but one way to recognize his remarkable contributions as a professor to The University of Findlay."



Dr. Julie McIntosh and Dr. Jerry Mallett pose for a photo after Mallett was presented with a plaque noting his designation as Emeritus Professor of Education.

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Equestrian Photographs in Gallery July 26

Equestrian photographs by UF alumna Margie Shoop will be on display July 26 – Aug. 13 at The University of Findlay's Lea Gallery, located inside the Virginia B. Gardner Fine Arts Pavilion. The gallery is open from 8 a.m. – 8 p.m. daily.

An artist's reception will be 7 – 8:30 p.m. Monday, July 26, in the Lea Gallery.

"I have a strong desire to capture the horse as a creature that looks back at us in work, in rest and in play," said Shoop. "... They are mostly silent, and they don't have a voice or a forum to leave their legacy ... I am a witness to their lives at certain moments others may

never have seen. Enjoy and understand this wonderful creature before us."

A native of northwest Ohio, Shoop has been creating equestrian art since she was in elementary school and has been riding horses since she was 12. Her first camera was a 35-millimeter Pentax k-1000; she now shoots with a digital Canon 5D Mark II.

Shoop's 22-year-old gelding is a Morgan named Baron's Hazy Shade. Shoop rides in the English and dressage disciplines for enjoyment. She does not compete in the show arena.



"Junior," by Margie Shoop

Shoop is a digital project manager at Hart Associates in Maumee. She is married and resides in Findlay.

Crew Makes Sure Audrey II is Ready

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plant had sustained extensive damage before arriving at the University. Crew members helped complete major repairs to all four puppets.

Audrey II #4, which is the largest of the four puppets, has a galvanized steel frame and had suffered serious injuries after being accidentally set on fire while being used by a previous theatre company. Affatato restructured much of the puppet and made it more user-friendly for puppeteer Seth Dempsey, who also is scenic carpenter, by adding padding over exposed chicken wire and padding to steel bars inside the jaw.

Fabric also was added to the top and bottom jaw of the puppet to prevent the audience from being able to see Dempsey operating the puppet.

Although Audrey II #4 is the heaviest of all four puppets, Dempsey says Audrey II #3 is the most difficult to operate because the script requires him to be still for a long period of time in an awkward position.

"Little Shop of Horrors" runs through Sunday, July 18. Call the UF Box Office for tickets at ext. 5335.



Left, Audrey Jr. #4, the fourth puppet to appear in "The Little Shop of Horrors," arrived at UF badly damaged, with exposed chicken wire, a broken hinge and fire damage.

J. Affatato

New Offices in AMU

The offices of Student Activities, Commuter Student Services, Campus Program Board (CPB) and Facilities Scheduling, have completed their moves in the Alumni Memorial Union.

The Office of Student Activities and Commuter Student Services, as well as CPB, are now located where the game room used to be in the AMU. Renovations to the former game room expanded the space and made

room for a large student organization work and meeting room.

The Office of Facilities has moved to where the student activities office was located, and the old facilities office resumes as the Terry Conference Room. The game room will be relocated to the new recreation center in the Koehler Complex when it opens at the beginning of the fall semester.

Students to Begin Returning July 31

Saturday, July 31, 8 a.m. – noon,
resident directors

Sunday, Aug. 8, 9 a.m. – noon,
resident assistants

Monday, Aug. 9, 1 – 3 p.m., **band drum line**

Wednesday, Aug. 11, 8 – 10 a.m.,
new band members; 3 – 5 p.m.,
football

Saturday, Aug. 14, 9 – 11 a.m.,
women's volleyball

Sunday, Aug. 15, 1 – 3 p.m.,
upperclassman band members,
cross country, women's soccer and
men's soccer

Wednesday, Aug. 18, 5 – 8 p.m.,
new students attending the Aug.
19 registration, orientation leaders

and **Sigma Kappa**

Thursday, Aug. 19, 5 – 6 p.m.,
pharmacy, occupational therapy

Friday, Aug. 20, open at 9 a.m.,
new students who attended an
earlier summer registration

Saturday, Aug. 21, open at 9 a.m.,
upperclassmen



Far left, Dale Brougher, Ph.D., professor of religion, measures a board while working on a local Habitat for Humanity home. Left, Charles Webb, admissions counselor, smiles for a photo with Katherine Fell, Ph.D., president, at a welcome reception July 2.

Polelle Uses Travel Experience to Renew Interest in Holocaust History Course

This fall, Mark Polelle, Ph.D., chair of the department of history, law and political science, will teach Topics in History: The Holocaust, a course that hasn't been offered for many years, but continues to be of interest to students of all majors.

"We're meeting students' interests, needs and demands," said Polelle. "This topic comes up again and again as something that is of perennial interest to students." Polelle hopes to offer the course on a more regular basis.

Polelle's interest in teaching the course was renewed after an educational trip last summer to Europe with the Holocaust Educational Foundation, a nonprofit organization that preserves and promotes awareness of the Holocaust. The tour group leader is a Holocaust survivor.

Polelle noted that having had the opportunity to be on site will make a difference in how he teaches the class. "Being there makes a stark difference because of the overall enormity of the situation," he said. The group visited death camp sites such as Treblinka in Poland and Auschwitz in Germany, which Polelle says created "searing images." Those images included a giant mausoleum filled with tons of ashes from human beings who had been killed at Treblinka and the inmate barracks and gassing chambers at Auschwitz.

With his geography background, Polelle noted that his trip helped him to understand why the Holocaust took place where it did. That portion of Eastern Europe is an isolated area between Russia and central Europe, which made the

Nazis' mass murders less noticeable than if they had been carried out in more populated areas.

"You can see, geographically, how scarily ambitious the Nazi plans were," said Polelle. "... the Holocaust was the tip of the iceberg to what they were planning."

The group also stopped in Berlin and saw the Wannsee Villa, the site where, in early 1942, Nazi officials met and documented their plan to eliminate the Jewish people in Europe and Russia.

The course offered this fall qualifies as a general education fulfillment.

Those who are interested in learning more about the Holocaust Educational Foundation are welcome to contact Polelle at ext. 5954 or polelle@findlay.edu.

UF Students Travel to Ebetsu, Japan, for Pre-Veterinary Study Tour

Seven students who participated in the Second Annual Rakuno Gakuen Pre-Veterinary Study Tour arrived home on June 14 after a three-week stay at Rakuno Gakuen University (RGU) in Ebetsu, Hokkaido, Japan, and a four-day visit to Tokyo.

The study tour is an exchange through which students from Rakuno visit Findlay in the spring, and students from Findlay visit Rakuno in the summer.

Hiroaki Kawamura, Ph.D., chair of the department of language and culture, traveled with the UF students and is a liaison between the two universities. The exchange program, which began in 2008, is anticipated to take place annually.

While in Japan, students attended lectures on small animal medicine, large animal production and medicine, wildlife medicine and many other topics. The students participated in hands-on experiences while spending time at

the Rakuno Gakuen Veterinary Teaching Hospital and Rakuno Gakuen Dairy Science Farm.

At the small animal clinic, students gained knowledge of procedures in ophthalmology, orthopedics and ultrasound. RGU is well known for its dairy science program, which consists of a working dairy herd of about 200 cows.

The students also participated in procedures such as artificial insemination (AI), milking, body condition scoring and hoof trimming.

The wildlife portion of the trip included students practicing use of global information systems (GIS) technology, visiting a zoo and viewing the veterinary necropsy room and surgery suite, and getting up close to two Komodo Dragons.

Students learned about Japanese culture by participating in a tradi-



UF students pose for a photo with Dr. Nakade (center) and Japanese veterinary students at the Veterinary Teaching Hospital at Rakuno Gakuen University.

Photo provided by T. Roof

tional tea ceremony, learning and observing yosakoi dance and wearing traditional kimono and yukata.

The students commented on how much they learned about effective intercultural communication skills and gained an appreciation for different cultures.

With questions about the program, please contact Kawamura at 419-434-4619 or kawamura@findlay.edu.

By Theresa Roof

Faculty Accomplishments, Achievements

Sri Melethil, J.D., Ph.D., professor and chair of pharmaceutical sciences, has been elected to Fellow status with the American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists. AAPS is a professional organization of scientists who have dedicated their careers to drug discovery, development and the manufacturing of pharmaceutical products/therapies through advances in science and technology.

Sue Stevens, Ed.D., director of the athletic training program,

served as a faculty mentor for two student projects that were presented at the National Athletic Trainers' Association Annual Meeting in Philadelphia in June. Stephanie Smith, Kali Conger and Katherine Greisiger, all 2010 graduates, presented "Acute Effects of Pre-Practice Stretching Protocols on Hamstring Flexibility in Collegiate Football Players." Crista Manley and Christina Ricketts, 2009 graduates, presented "Short-Term Effects of Self Myofascial Release on

Hamstring Extensibility: The Stick ® vs. Foam Roller."

Christine Tulley, Ph.D., associate professor of English and director of writing, recently completed a semester-long sabbatical as the Visiting Scholar in Digital Media and Composition at The Ohio State University. Tulley gave a keynote address on "Classical Rhetoric and Multimodality" and was interviewed about her research in a video available on YouTube.

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