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Georgia Southern University BFA candidate, Linda Hupman, will open her *Senior Jewelry and Sculptural Exhibition* on Monday, April 24, 2006, at the Averitt Center for the Arts in downtown Statesboro. The exhibition will be presented in the Youth Gallery on the 3rd floor. The Betty Foy Sanders Department of Art sponsors the exhibition, which will continue through Friday, April 28, when a closing reception will be held.

Hupman will complete her Bachelor of Fine Arts degree, with an emphasis in jewelry and metalsmithing, at Georgia Southern University in May. Previously, she earned an Associate of Arts degree in computer animation, with a minor in film. Hupman hopes to continue her education as well as create work in her medium.

Hupman's *Senior Jewelry and Sculptural Exhibition* is a culmination of her research and an exploration of form and color in the creation of this body of work. Her pieces, which are handcrafted, reflect her love of intricate designs and most are inspired by nature. Hupman works primarily in fine and sterling silver and many of her pieces also include the use of vitreous enamels, cloisonné wire and semi-precious stones. She often incorporates the use of paper and board to create unique environments on which to display her work when the pieces are not being worn.

Hupman states, "My concentration in jewelry has allowed me to use metal as a form of expression that involves the use of my hands and whole body and to explore my love of intricate designs. "

The exhibition is free and open to the public. The Averitt Center is open Monday through Friday from 9 am - 7 pm.

For more information, contact the artist at Lindah@frontiernet.net.