

ARTS & LEISURE

Coffeehouse brings taste of culture to Brevard

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When I first walked into Essence of Thyme, the smells of fresh brewing coffee and baked muffins hit my nostrils, sending my tastebuds into overdrive. The atmosphere was especially cozy and inviting, with its cheerful lighting coming in from the front glass windows and calming background music of Bach. The people working there were openly friendly and worked hard at making their customers feel right at home.

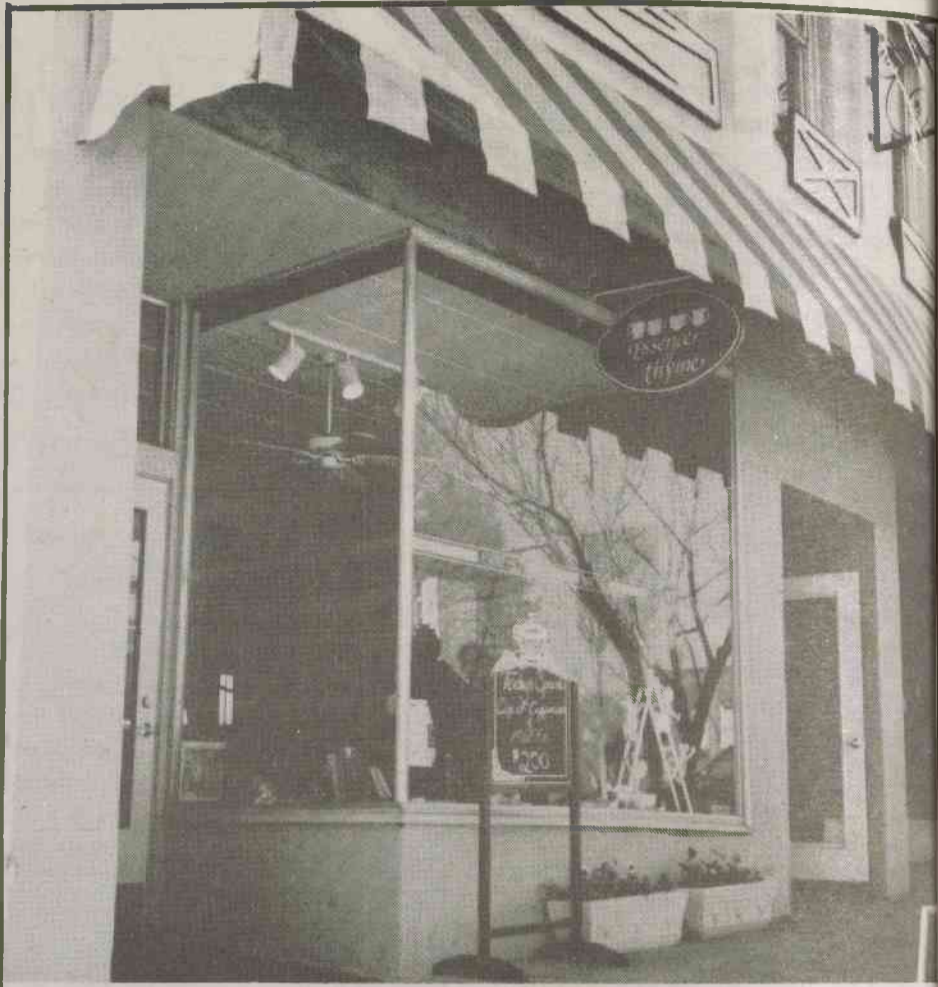
Essence of Thyme first opened on December 3 of last year, on the Night of Twilight Tour. The owner, Mary Dehon, decided to open the cafe because she felt that Brevard needed a place where people could relax and enjoy a steaming cup of coffee. "I've lived here for years, always loved this area, and I wanted my own business. I thought Brevard was ready!" They have had a good response from their customers. "People love the atmosphere and enjoy our drinks and music."

Their menu offers many varieties for those connoisseurs of coffee. The all-time favorites are cappuccinos, with an array of flavors to choose from such as Almond, Vanilla, Chocolate Mint, and Cinnamon. Other favorites include their Italian sodas, Granita drinks, and their Dreamsicle drink. They have TCBY yogurt, hot apple cider, and even

a genuine Root Beer Float, all affordable with the change you can find in those sneaky, change-grubbing cracks in your car or couch. Not only do they serve beverages but also delicious pastries to munch on. They serve lunch Monday-Friday from 12-3 pm where you can order croissants, soup, quiche, or salad; the menu varies.

In addition to filling up your tummy, you can also enjoy the entertainment they provide on week-ends. Every Friday, you can be guaranteed a seat in front of live musicians: guitarists, harmonicists, and even a harpist. They hold poetry readings on Saturdays from 12-3 pm, a pleasant way to spend a lazy Saturday afternoon. Something new to the cafe is Open Forum (a sort of Open Mic), which will be held every second Saturday of the month at 1 pm, the first being on April 8. This gives artists a chance to share their philosophical thoughts-ideas, poetry, readings, interpretive dance, and, of course, music. If interested, call the Performance Art Class at 704-884-6661.

Essence of Thyme is a wonderful way to spend some of those rare relaxation times. With only a few bucks, you are sure to enjoy a moment of quiet repose or can take advantage of the entertainment they offer. Some go to meet new friends, some go to study peacefully, and some go just to indulge their tastebuds with a tasty cup of java.



Essence of Thyme
Coffee Cafe & Gourmet
37 East Main Street

Film Festival set for April

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Both the French and Spanish Clubs of Brevard will be sponsoring a foreign film festival. The festival will start April 2 with the sequel of the movie "Jean De Florette" which is "Manon Des Sources." The festival will run throughout this semester.

Another film that will be shown is "Jesu de Montreal."

"Manon Des Sources" will be shown April 16 at 7:00 p.m. In time for Easter, "Jesu de Montreal" will be shown in the student Union on Palm Sunday. April 9 at 7:00 p.m.

Japanese, Spanish, and German films will also be shown. The titles of these films are not yet known but will be posted soon.

The other foreign film titles will be announced soon.



Dori Sanders

Renowned author to be guest on BC campus

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Dori Sanders, author of Clover, will be a guest speaker at the Barn Theater on April 6 at 7:30 pm. Featured in The New York Times and People Weekly, this will be an exciting event to those who are interested in writing, or even for those who simply enjoy listening to an interesting past.

Dori Sanders was born in York County, South Carolina, growing up during World War II. As a child, she loved to relate stories, a pastime she still performs to this day. Her father's

farm, where her family still raises Georgia Belle and Elberta peaches, is one of the oldest black-owned farms in York County. Her father was a school principal and an author. She attended York County public schools and later studied at community colleges in Prince George's and Montgomery counties in Maryland. She does most of her writing during the winter months in Maryland, where she is an associate banquet manager of a hotel near Andrews Air Force Base. In the growing season, she farms the family land, cultivating peaches, watermelons, and vegetables, and helps staff Sanders' Peach Shed, her family's open-air stand.

"Death by Chocolate" - a tasty production

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Death By Chocolate, the Spring play this year at Brevard College, is a murder mystery-comedy production which takes place in a health resort owned by Lady Riverdale, the owner of a chocolate company. The play is being directed by Bob White and will take

place in the Barn Theatre from Tuesday, April 25, through Saturday, April 29. The performances will begin nightly at 8:00pm.

The cast includes Amy Bennett, Michael Dunsworth, Aymi Franklin, Meredith Funkhouser, Paul Gerber, Geoff Green, Kevin Kee, Beth Kolousek, Elizabeth Lynn, Raymond Smith, and Lara Sweet.